

Minutes of Laceby Parish Council Planning Meeting
Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane Laceby on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 7.30pm

- 12403 Present:** Chair – Cllr B Metcalf
Cllr S Greenbeck, Cllr D Johnson, Cllr S Turner, Cllr James, Cllr Schofield, Cllr Dixon
- Also present:** 2 members of public present
Clerk – Nicola Ashton
- Apologies:** Cllr L Emerson

Apologies were accepted.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

12404 Minutes from the 5th November 2019

Minutes from the meeting held on the 5th November 2019 was put forwards for approval, the minutes were proposed by Cllr Greenbeck and seconded by Cllr Turner. Cllr Metcalf ensured all Councillors were in agreement with a show of hands and minutes were approved.

12405 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations

Cllr Metcalf asked if anyone had any interests or dispensations to declare, and Cllr Johnson made a declaration of interest in regards to finance, and Cllr James asked for the following statement to be recorded:

"I am a member of North East Lincolnshire Borough Council's Planning Committee and I am present here in my role as Parish Councillor and not as member of North East Lincolnshire Council's Planning Committee. I am able to participate as the proposal before us does not substantially affect the well-being or financial standing of the Parish Council, and must make it clear that my views and vote are expressed on the limited information before me. I must reserve judgement and the independence to make up my own mind on each separate proposal, based on my overriding duty to the whole of North East Lincolnshire, not just to the people in the parish, as and when I hear all of the relevant information when it comes before me at Planning Committee.

I will not in any way commit myself as to how I or others may vote, or what may be said, when the proposal comes before Planning Committee. I will declare a personal interest in relation to my being a member of the Parish Council when the item is before Planning Committee."

It was acknowledged that there were plans on the agenda submitted by the Parish Council this evening. There were no other declarations of interest or dispensations to be recorded.

12406 Co-option of new Councillor

Unfortunately, there was no response from the person individual interested in joining the Council, it was suggested that this be chased up and placed on the January agenda if appropriate.

12407 Public Forum

Cllr Metcalf opened the meeting to the public forum, asking if there was anything for discussion in regards to tonight's agenda. It was confirmed that the members of the public were here to discuss the Scout Hall which was on the agenda under item 16. There was nothing else for discussion, and Cllr Metcalf closed the public forum and confirmed that agenda item 16 would be moved to be discussed now the forum was closed.

12408 Any Other Business - Scout Hall

The 2 representatives from the Scouts explained that the 1st Laceby Scouts have occupied the Scout Hall on Caistor Road for many, many years now, however they have recently been presented with a

dilemma around the building and its current state. Historically the Scout Group transferred the building to the LA (Local Authority) because they were unable to manage the upkeep and they continued to use the building rented from the LA. Unfortunately, the current lease has not been located and there is work that needs to be done on the building; the Scout Group have carried out a lot of work around the roof, heating, plastering etc but they haven't been able to carry out any work on the structure of the building. The LA are saying that this work is the responsibility of the Scout Group, and through internal discussions the LA could transfer the building back to the Scout Group, but they won't be responsible for the structural state of the building. The Scout Group have requested a structural survey and this is due by Christmas, and this has been paid by Solar Funding; they are now considering whether they need to obtain a mechanical and electrical survey as well. As it stands the hall is structurally sound, it just needs some attention and work to bring it back into a good condition.

It was explained that there were 2 avenues open to them at the moment – they could hand the building back and it would be a loss to the village, or a management committee could be formed to run the building (similar to Stanford Centre). To form a management committee, they would need to prove that it was sustainable – the building is used by a variety of people for craft, fitness, dog training, parties and the scouts – there is definitely proof that it would be sustainable.

The 2 Scout leaders explained that they were here tonight to ask the Parish Council for help and support as the Scout Group do not want to take full ownership of the building, and they will need assistance to create a Management Committee and will work with them, but do not have the time to do it all themselves.

They are currently in a position where it needs work doing on the building, but the Scouts do not want to commit to doing this until the survey has been completed and a decision made as to whether the building can be run by a committee.

Cllr Johnson confirmed that no one wanted to lose the building from the village. Cllr Metcalf suggested that we look to hold a public meeting in the New Year once the survey is back and invite all the groups that use the hall, and the parents of the Scouts to attend and see if a solution can be found.

12409 Police Matters

The Wolds Community Newsletter was shared with all present, and the report discussed, it was discussed that the number of reported crimes had decreased during November. Cllr Dixon asked if the newsletter could be shared on the facebook page – the Clerk confirmed she would do this as well as the website.

12410 Ward Councillors

There were no Wold Councillors present at the meeting.

12411 Planning Matters

DM/0996/19/ADV illuminated signage; McDonalds, Hilmore Lane, Laceby

Plans were considered and discussed and no concerns were raised. Cllr Metcalf asked if everyone was happy with the details presented, all agreed.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

DM/1008/19/FUL – replace floodlights; St Margaret's Church, Laceby

This application had been submitted by Laceby Parish Council to replace the existing sodium lighting that has been condemned with new eco-friendly, lower cost LED lighting. Cllr Metcalf and

Cllr James queried the fee that we had been charged and asked the Clerk to ask if a change of policy had taken place.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning

Cllr Metcalf confirmed that:

- DM/0908/19/FULA– extension & alterations; Middle Cottage, Cottagers Plot, Laceby
- DM/0909/19/FULA – extension & alterations; Yarrow Cottage, Cottagers Plot, Laceby
- DM/0861/19/FULA – extension & balcony; Kingsfield House, Caistor Road, Laceby

The plans had been approved under delegated powers by NELC.

12412 Matters Arising

Church Floodlights

This item has been discussed in previous minute under planning.

12413 Finance Matters

Accounts for payment

The following items required approval for payment, some were Bacs and some Cheque payments:

Salaries for 3 members of staff November 2019	£1397.31
HMRC – Income Tax, Oct 2019	£267.97
Chairs Allowance	£20.00
Clerks telephone line	£24.26
Cemetery Waste collections Nov 2019	£40.18
Groundskeeper & Clerk petty cash	£58.63
Anglian Water – Allotments	£188.91
Lawn Mower repairs	£205.26
Laceby in Bloom – refund re benches	£68.64
Christmas Tree & Carol event	£150.98
Defib Battery	£228.00
Donation to Salvation Army	£200.00
Total	£2982.14

The Clerk confirmed 1 payment was cheque and the rest bacs. Cllr Greenbeck proposed the payments, and was seconded by Cllr Turner; all Councillors agreed the payments be authorised.

The Clerk explained that she had prepared a draft document for Parish Councillors to look at the financial position in regards to the precept which is due to be set in January. The Clerk asked Councillors to take the documents (based on this current year) and fetch back any notes/changes for the January meeting.

12414 St Francis Grove Matters

Cllr Metcalf asked if we had received any dates regarding the exercise equipment meeting. The Clerk will chase this up and look for a date in January 2020.

12415 Church and Cemetery Matters

War Memorial

Cllr Johnson confirmed that the memorial was finished and ready to go in as soon as the weather was suitable. As soon as we have a date, the Clerk to be notified as Cemetery will be closed during the works.

Extension to Water Pipe

The extended pipe will be put in w/c 16/12/19 and will take a couple of days to lay the pipework and connect up. Cllr Johnson advised that the new bench will also be sited within the next couple of weeks, and one will be replacement for the broken one up near the Haagensen Memorial.

Christmas Event 7th December 2019 at 6pm

The tree is up, and a few decorations to finish ready for Saturday; the Rector will be taking the service and we have mulled wine, juice, mince pies, biscuits, carol sheets and candles for the event. Cllr Metcalf suggested that we booked the Salvation Army for the following year as well.

12416 Stanford Centre

Cllr Metcalf confirmed that she was still waiting on the outcome of the grant bid from the Solar Fund for the blinds. Cllr Greenbeck advised to call as it had all been agreed.

12417 Allotments

The Clerk confirmed that there was still no response to the letter regarding a change of use for the old allotments from NELC and had chased this up again. NELC had been in touch to ask about the planting of Laurel trees at the rear of the allotment (access from Aircrobs), Cllr's Metcalf, Johnson and Greenbeck advised that this would be done imminently.

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council now had 2 tenants for the old Allotments, but that they were struggling to gain access due to the fly tipped items from neighbouring property and the overgrowth of plants along the path. Cllr Metcalf advised that we needed to obtain quotes to carry out the clearing of the entrance and a pathway through the allotment so that the tenants can access their plots.

The allotments and Butt Lane have continued to flood and the Clerk had been in contact with NELC who advised (in early November) that as soon as the waters receded, they would send engineers to fit a valve that would solve the problem of the flooding.

12418 Correspondence

Correspondence has been discussed in other areas of the meeting.

12419 Any Other Business

Blue Signs – Cllr Greenbeck advised that there were around 8 buildings that had been identified as having significant historic interest. Cllr Greenbeck requested whether LPC could fund placing these signs, and gaining authorisation from the property owners to do so. Cllr Metcalf advised that this can be discussed further in the new year.

12420 Information Exchange

Cllr Turner advised that she had been chasing up the missing bin from the square and NELC had confirmed that the bin had been removed at the request of a resident, and that NELC had rung an ex-councillor for advice before being told to place it near the Chippy. Cllr Turner advised that she had notified NELC that the bin needed to go back into the square and that businesses were now using the new bin to put their trade waste into. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact NELC

and cc Cllr Hudson and Cllr Hasthorpe into the communication. The bin needs placing between the steps and the green box.

Cllr Turner also advised that she had been approached by residents in regards to the tree that is on the verge and overhangs the entrance to the passage on Grimsby Road near Field Close. The Tree needs cutting back as it is causing a hazard to residents and bin men.

Action Clerk to contact NELC.

Cllr Metcalf asked if anyone had heard anything in regards to the pubs and a change of use, it was noted that any change of use would need to come through the Parish Council, and no one has heard of any interest in either properties. It was noted that there was a degree of fly tipping happening in the carpark at the rear.

The Chair confirmed the next meeting dates as:

- Full Council and Planning Meeting – Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7.30pm
- Planning Meeting (VE Day Celebrations) – Tuesday 21st January at 7.30pm
- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 4th February 2020 at 7.30pm
- Budget Meeting tbc in January 2020 if required

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed:
Chair

Dated: