

**Minutes of Laceby Parish Council Finance and Planning Meeting  
Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane, Laceby on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.30pm**

- 12712 Present:** Chair – Cllr B Metcalf  
Cllr S Greenbeck, Cllr D Johnson, Cllr S Turner, Cllr R Barford, Cllr P Schofield, Cllr R James, Cllr Emerson, Ward Cllr Hasthorpe
- Also present:** Clerk – Nicola Ashton  
Lincolnshire Co-op Representatives x 2  
Members of the public x9 – Covid Tracking in place.
- Apologies:** Cllr J Dixon, Ward Cllr Hudson

The Chair opened the meeting, introduced the Parish Councillors present and welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were acknowledged and accepted. Cllr Metcalf advised that we would deal with the Grimsby West Development, then resume the agenda for the meeting after approving the minutes and the declarations of interest.

**12713 Minutes from the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021**

Minutes from the Finance and Planning Meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 were put forwards for approval. Minutes were proposed by Cllr Greenbeck and seconded by Cllr Turner; Cllr Metcalf ensured all Councillors were in agreement that the minutes were an accurate record of events and with a show of full hands the minutes were approved.

**12714 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations**

Cllr Metcalf asked if anyone had any declarations of interests or dispensations to declare. Cllr Emerson declared an interest in the Lincolnshire Co-operative Plans for the Nags Head and Waterloo as an employee of the Lincolnshire Co-op. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that he would not be able to comment regarding the Planning items on the agenda, or during the public forum during which planning items were to be discussed. These were accepted and recorded.

**12715 Public Forum**

**Grimsby West Development**

Cllr Metcalf explained that LPC had received letters from residents regarding the Grimsby West planned development, and that we had also received a statement from NELC. Cllr Metcalf explained that the statement had only been received the previous day and shared the contents of the letter with all present (copy attached). Upon completing the reading of the letter, Cllr Metcalf asked if any member of public wanted to take the floor.

Lindsey Downes (LD) introduced herself as the administrator for one of the facebook groups developed to object to this development, She asked if LPC were willing to support the objection to the plans of NELC. She advised that the levelling up bid had already been submitted despite NELC stating that there would be a consultation. She acknowledged that the Local Plan was a statutory document, however queried the robustness of that document in regards to the stakeholders that had not been consulted with prior to it being agreed. LD went onto explain that there was a significant concern regarding the impact of the development on green spaces, the chalk stream and blow wells, the environment, the noise and disturbance, traffic generation and pollution as well as the impact it will have on the physical and mental health and wellbeing of residents. She went on to add that whilst the road has its usefulness, the basis of its building is unsound and NELC need to stop the development of this space. The national statistics data is acknowledged as widely inaccurate, and there has been a decrease in the population. What use is the phase 1 link road, where there is no phase 2. There has been no consideration of the impact Brexit and Covid have had

and when comparing the number of new homes built in the last year, there is no need for the development of this land. We need to preserve the Freshney Valley.

Concerned resident 1 added that as a resident parallel to the proposed build, if there is a development there, why are there so many houses planned? Where are all these people going to work? There is a high level of unemployment in Grimsby, so this quashes that argument. The speed of the road, which will be adjacent to a housing estate is not acceptable. There is already a roundabout at Morrisons, rather than demolish Field House, why not come off there? This development will have a massive negative impact on wildlife; we see them all times of the day – bats, birds of prey, deer, otters, kingfishers, water voles etc. Their habitat will be completely destroyed. The impact this development will have is not acceptable.

Concerned resident 2 added that this is not NIMBY's or disgruntled dog walkers, we just need NELC to think about the legacy we leave for the future. Central Conservatives are destroying the environment and it will destroy this area. We really need the support of LPC on this.

Concerned resident 3 stated that if NELC are looking for local housing, they need to consider the 2000 properties that are currently uninhabited in Grimsby. There is supposed to be a redevelopment project, yet Grimsby has had more houses pulled down per square meter and more empty than ever. Put these houses back into habitable conditions, do not cut across swathes of countryside.

Cllr Metcalf explained that we understand and hear what is being said, however, at present we do not have anything physical to object to, with no plans to review.

LD advised that now is the time to make our voices be heard and our chance to oppose the development.

Resident 3 added that NELC need to evidence how that road increases the need for development; the fact that 2 minutes will be saved on a journey time is not reason enough.

Resident 4 there is a NELC Councillor who is willing to listen to the concerns, this was in the paper last night. Can LPC speak to them?

Cllr James advised that the development has been with senior council members and hasn't been privy to conversations around this development, but advised the group that they were doing the right thing by voicing their concerns now. The levelling up fund will be for the development of the link road to relieve traffic. This was disputed by the group of residents attending – there is no need for a relief road and it will not impact on traffic.

Other points raised by the members of public attending include:

- The plans are flawed and wrong; as an employer, the workers on the Europarc live in town.
- There will be a significant impact on flooding as this land is always under water; it has previously been cited as a flood plain.
- The impact this development will have on the public rights of way going across this land
- Have NELC considered improvements to existing infrastructure and roads rather than destroying an area of natural beauty?
- That NELC would be better regenerating the communities that already exist.

Concerned Resident 2 advised that they have the support of Great Coates Village Council, do the group have the support of Laceby PC?

Cllr Metcalf addressed the meeting and enquired if Laceby PC members support the objection to this development.

Cllr Barford added that as a PC we are elected members of our local community and here to represent the people. He advised that he strongly objects to this development. Cllr Emerson advised that he seconded the proposal to support the group objecting to the plans and express our support and objections to NELC. This was confirmed by a full show of hands by all members of LPC present at the meeting. Cllr Metcalf confirmed that LPC support the group in their objection to this development.

Cllr Barford added that it was great to see people here tonight; please continue to do this, and keep this going and voice your objections.

The group confirmed that no-one they knew of had been consulted on the development, and that they had met with a Freshney Ward Councillor who has now been to see the site and is in support of what the group wants to achieve.

Cllr Metcalf advised that we would now move onto the next item and hear the Lincolnshire Co-op plans for the Nags Head and Waterloo, explaining that the public were free to either leave the meeting now, or remain for the rest of the meeting. The 9 members of public left the meeting.

### **Lincolnshire Co-op re Nags Head and Waterloo Pub**

Matthew from Lincolnshire Co-op explained that following our teams meeting a while ago the company was now in the position to put forwards its plans for the conversion of the Waterloo and Nags Head Pubs. He explained that the strategy has not changed and that the pre-application was now in. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that as a member of the planning committee he would not be able to comment on the discussion.

Matthew went on to explain that the Waterloo will form the main part of the retail space, and that the floors will be levelled up, and the extensions to the rear of the pub demolished and rebuilt. The retail floor space will remain within 280 sqm in compliance with Sunday trading laws. The core Georgian buildings to the front will be retained, and the rear will be newly constructed. The rear of the Nags Head will be the warehouse and office spaces, the front of the Nags Head will be refurbished to a blank canvas; the aim is to attract a drinks operator are restore this part of the building to that of a public house. Although the upstairs would not be used, they will refurbish the windows etc. He advised that the conservation officer had had sight of the plans and was pleased with them.

The rear carpark will remain with 56 parking spaces created along with additional pedestrian walkway with planting. The plan is to make this a community area. There will be access for the delivery lorries directly into the warehouse. The Clerk queried the size of the delivery vehicles citing concern regarding weight and size for the access to the rear of the building around the church corner. Matthew confirmed the site will be serviced by 12.7m lorries, approx. size of a bin wagon.

Cllr Barford queried whether the timing of the deliveries will avoid peak times such as school times? Matthew confirmed they would work around this and aim to have deliveries outside of peak times.

The corporate deliveries will be 5 times a week, with deliveries from Warburtons 3/ 4 times a week.

Cllr Metcalf enquired whether the car park will be available for the village to use as per the current agreement in place for many years? Matthew advised that there were no plans to put restrictions on the car park, however, this is a carpark to support the Co-op shop. There may be time limits in place, but cannot say never; there are 56 spaces and he could not see a problem. Cllr Johnson advised that without the use of the carpark, they will struggle to get residents on side for the plans. It is an important asset to the village. Can we have something in writing to say that residents can use the carpark please? Matthew advised that this was requested formally with details of what we are asking for. The Clerk will do this.

Cllr Emerson explained that as an employee, the Co-op is owned by members and very community focused with support for the local economy. They take on board ideas and work with the community to bring them to life.

Matthew left copies of the plans for the PC to look at before he and his colleague left the building.

#### **12716 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising to pick up at this meeting.

#### **12717 Police Matters**

The Wolds Police Newsletter was shared with those present and it was noted that there were 26 crimes across the Wolds, with 5 in Laceby. Cllr Metcalf asked if there was anything we wished to feedback to the PC's for our area? This was confirmed as no.

#### **12718 Ward Councillors Report**

Cllr Metcalf asked if anyone had anything to ask Cllr Hasthorpe, or whether he had anything to update us with? There was nothing to discuss tonight.

#### **12719 Planning Matters**

Cllr Hasthorpe again advised that he would not be able to comment regarding the Planning items on the agenda.

##### **Lincolnshire Co-op Plans for Nags Head and Waterloo**

Please refer to public forum, minute 12715 for details.

##### **DM/0872/20/FUL – Erection of 1 detached and 6 semi detached dwellings with garages, new access and landscaping (amended site plan and dwelling designs June 2021).**

This application was discussed and amended plans examined. Following discussion, it was identified LPC were not in favour of the development and that the original objections were still in place, this was to be restated to NELC. A full show of hands confirmed this objection.

**Action** Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

##### **DM/0563/21/FUL – erect single storey side extension with ramped access; 11 Willow Close, Laceby.**

The application was discussed and plans examined. It was noted that the extension was to a side not bordering other properties, and would have minimal impact on neighbouring properties. Cllr Barford confirmed that planning had been previously granted, but had now lapsed. Following discussion, it was recognised that there were no objections to these plans and with a full show of hands confirming this.

**Action** Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

Cllr Johnson advised the residents of St Peters and Charles Avenue had now received letters regarding the development of the land around the Pig Farm.

#### **12720 Finance Matters**

##### **Payments for authorisation**

The following items required approval for payment, all were Bacs payments:

Salaries x 3 members of staff for July 2021	£1,507.18
HMRC – Salaries July2021	£288.27
Chairs Allowance – June 2021	£20.00

Clerks Telephone Line Rental	£19.16
Cemetery Waste June/July 2021	£41.86
Clerk Petty Cash	£59.65
Groundsman Petty Cash & PPE	£58.01
Lincolnshire Lowland Search & Rescue	£50.00
Laceby In Bloom	£500.00
Stanford Centre Funding	£2289.34
Allotment Rent	£345.50
Purchase of Bench	£450.00
Cemetery Equipment	£134.56
Clerk Cemetery Training	£90.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,853.53</b>

Cllr James proposed the payments, and was seconded by Cllr Greenbeck; all Councillors agreed the payments be authorised.

Cllr Metcalf advised that the litter picker needed more black sacks – clerk to arrange for these to be delivered.

#### **12721 St Francis Grove Matters**

##### **Hedge Cutting**

3 quotes had been sought, however, only one had been received. Cllr Metcalf advised that the cost to cut the hedge at St Francis Grove Play area and to take away the waste was £250. All agreed this was a reasonable price and a full show of hands confirmed that the contractor cut the hedge.

##### **Other Matters**

Cllr Johnson confirmed that he was currently repairing the little car, and that he had received complaints regarding dog mess.

#### **12722 Church and Cemetery Matters**

##### **Church Hedge**

Again 3 quotes had been sought to cut the Church hedge along Church Lane, and only one received. The cost to cut the hedge and remove all waste was £200. All agreed this was a reasonable price and a full show of hands confirmed that the contractor cut the hedge.

Cllr Johnson asked how far we cut, this was confirmed to the point of the street light; Cllr Johnson will speak to the Church regarding the cutting of the rest of the hedge.

##### **Other matters**

Cllr Greenbeck advised that she and Cllr Johnson had trimmed the trees as advised, however, there were certain branches that could not be reached safely. Cllr Greenbeck asked if the contractor cutting the hedge would be able to trim these branches at the same time. It was agreed that Cllr

Greenbeck could action this work and the contractor be asked to add the charges to the invoice. It was agreed this did not need to be discussed again and Cllr Greenbeck could agree the work.

### **Cenotaph Booklet**

This is still being read through, Cllr Metcalf advised she would like feedback on any improvements or changes to be made. This to be added to the next agenda.

### **Cemetery Matters**

The Clerk has attended Cemetery Management training in June and has identified that there are certain processes not being followed. Whilst some of the training was not relevant to us, there were key processes that we now need to tighten up on including Exclusive Rights of Burial (EROB) and ownership of grave spaces. The Clerk shared details of the correct processes being put into place, and confirmed that she had spoken with Gill at Serenity, who had been incredibly helpful and knowledgeable in providing us with guidance. She had also suggested we speak to Grimsby Crem about their processes.

Cllr Metcalf asked that the Clerk fetch the Cemetery books up to the meeting so that members can see the records that are kept.

**Cemetery Hedges** – The Clerk had tried again to contact the tree surgeon regarding the work discussed last year. As yet no response has been received. Cllr Metcalf advised that the top hedge and the hedge along Cemetery Crescent needed cutting; Cllr Greenbeck advised that a holly tree also needed trimming.

**Action** Clerk to obtain further quotes.

### **12723 Stanford Centre**

Cllr Metcalf advised that the Stanford Centre had had to close last week for 10 days after a child from the school tested positive for covid.

### **12724 Allotments**

The Clerk advised that she had sent 2 notices to improve, 1 notice to quit and a request to remove items from a plot following complaints from allotment holders. Cllr Metcalf advised that the tenant who had received a notice to quit had been to see her, she suggested that she and the Clerk go and see him to discuss the plots. Cllr Barford offer to attend as well if needed.

### **Old Allotments**

The Clerk advised that the old allotments needed cutting back for access, but raised concerns regarding the problems previously encountered and that contractors weren't keen on working here Cllr Metcalf added that we have a duty to ensure that the path through is cleared and kept tidy. Cllr Barford suggested that we put a gate further down the path to restrict access, Cllr Metcalf confirmed that until we know the outcome of the PROW, we shouldn't look to put in a gate that may need to be taken out. Cllr Barford advised that the front gate had been smeared in faeces, and he had been accessing via the rear of the site.

**Action** Clerk to obtain quotes to clear the old allotments.

### **12725 Correspondence**

- The Grimsby West relief development has been discussed within the Public forum.
- Police and Crime Commissioner Survey – this needs to be completed by Sunday 11/7/21, and the Clerk has emailed the link to all LPC.
- Hornsea donation – the Clerk has accepted the donation from the works on the Hornsea Pipeline detailing what they have found as they have done the works. This can possibly be sited at the Stanford Centre?

- Grimsby Road Bench – Cllr Metcalf expressed her apologies regarding the bench that has been sited on Grimsby Road where the old telephone box was. She realised after it had been put in place (for free) that Cllr Turner had expressed concerns. It was acknowledged that it looks nice, although it hasn't been used much. Cllr Metcalf asked the Parish Council to retrospectively approve the bench being sited on Grimsby Road. A full show of hands demonstrated everyone was in favour of this.

**12726 Information Exchange**

Cllr Turner advised that the street sign for Knights Close was obscured by overgrown privet hedge. Can this be cut around so people can see the street sign?

Cllr's Greenbeck, Metcalf and Turner advised that they had been contacted by a Kenmar Road resident who had advised that he was having problems with rats. They had tried to advise him, however he had been quite discourteous in his response. The resident had also tried to contact the Clerk at her other employment, the Clerk advised this was not appropriate but had been unable to contact the resident to advise him that he should contact her via the Parish Council phone and email.

Cllr Barford advised that the work on resurfacing the Butt Lane / Aylesby Road was brilliant, although it was now being used as a race track. He asked if they would be returning to finish the side of the road regarding the soil sitting above the road. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that the soil would settle.

Cllr Metcalf advised that the footpath between the bus stop and bypass was overgrown and grass & briars falling across the path. The Clerk advised that she had reported this on numerous occasions regarding the footpath from the Rookery to Morrisons. She had also raised the Victoria Park Grass, the Bypass central reservations and the PROW's all of which are overgrown and badly cut. Cllr Johnson commented that the grass cutting this year is not very good with many areas where it has been cut poorly and huge areas that hadn't been cut. Cllr Hasthorpe advised we had had prime weather for grass growth; he asked that the Clerk include him in communications and he would follow this up.

**The Chair confirmed the next meeting dates as:**

- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 at 7.30pm
- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm
- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.30pm

**The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm.**

Signed: .....

**Chair**

Dated: .....