

Minutes of Laceby Parish Council Finance and Planning Meeting
Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane, Laceby on Tuesday 4th January 2022 at 7.30pm

12810 Present: Vice Chair – Cllr R James
Cllr S Greenbeck, Cllr D Johnson, Cllr S Turner, Cllr R Barford, Cllr J Dixon ,
Cllr L Emerson, Ward Cllr Hasthorpe

Also present: Clerk – Nicola Ashton
1 member of the Public

Apologies: Cllr B Metcalf, Cllr P Schofield

The Cllr James opened the meeting, welcoming everyone to the meeting and wishing everyone a happy new year. Apologies were presented and accepted.

12811 Minutes from the 7th December 2021

Minutes from the Finance and Planning Meeting on the 7th December 2021 were put forwards for approval. Minutes were proposed by Cllr Hasthorpe and seconded by Cllr Turner; Cllr James 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.

12812 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations

Cllr James asked if anyone had any declarations of interests or dispensations to declare. Cllr Hasthorpe requested that it be recorded that as a member of the Planning Committee, he would not be able to comment on any planning applications, recording the statement below:

“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.”

Cllr Hasthorpe also recorded a personal interest in the planning items on the agenda.

The declarations of interest were accepted.

12813 Public Forum

The member of public asked when the advertising signs at the entrance to the village would be removed. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that they would gradually be taken down, however it was not a high priority at present due to covid19.

12814 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising for discussion.

12815 Police Matters

The Wolds Police Newsletter was shared with those present and it was noted that there had been 8 crimes reported in Laceby. Cllr Hasthorpe explained he had spoken to Chief Superintendent Paul French, and that additional patrols had been put in place. The Clerk advised that the crimes residents were reporting on the community fb page were not being reported to the police, which meant that the police could not take action. Cllr Emerson explained that the crimes needed to be reported to allow the police to build a picture of what was happening. Cllr Turner advised that some residents she had spoken to had advised they did not want to report to the police because they were fearful insurance premiums would increase. Cllr Barford advised that this may be the case if a lot of serious crimes were reported, but not with the vandalism the village was experiencing.

Cllr Hasthorpe explained that Healing had a parish newsletter which was distributed to every house in Healing. The advertising offset the costs and school children were paid to deliver the newsletter. Cllr James asked that Cllr Hasthorpe fetch a copy of the newsletter to the next meet and that it be an item on the agenda for discussion.

12816 Ward Councillors Report

Cllr Hasthorpe advised that the path had now been cleared from the Rookery to the Laceby Bypass, all thanked Cllr Hasthorpe for getting this actioned so quickly.

Cllr Greenbeck queried when the next Town and Parish Liaison Committee meeting was, Cllr Hasthorpe advised that if Parishes did not send in items for the agenda, then the meeting will be cancelled.

12817 Planning Matters

DM/1125/21/FUL – erection of conservatory to rear, erection of detached carport, conversion and alterations of barn to living space and installation of 4 roof lights; Waterside Cottage, 28 Phillips Lane, Laceby.

DM/1127/21/LBC - Listed building consent to convert barn from storage/utility to living space, installation of four roof lights, insulation, battening and plastering on the walls. Internal work to block the interior entrance of the doorway on the West elevation of the barn, keeping the door on the external wall for visual purposes. Erection of a concrete and brick two-layer base, timber framed and timber car port with pan tile roof. Erection of a concrete base, half brick walls with timber frame and glazed conservatory to rear; Waterside Cottage, 28 Phillips Lane, Laceby.

Cllr James advised that this was outside the conservation area, but a listed building, and explained that the Heritage Officer had not identified anything regarding the plans. However, the Conservation Officer had advised this be the maximum the building be extended to. The application was discussed and the plans examined. Following discussion, it was identified that there were no concerns.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

12818 Finance Matters

Payments for authorisation

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

Salaries x 2 members of staff for Jan 2022	£1,022.70
HMRC – Salaries Jan 2022	£166.87
Chairs Allowance – Dec 2021	£20.00

Cemetery Waste Dec/Jan 2021/22	£48.00
Clerk Petty Cash	£16.49
Allotment Rental 25/12/21 – 24/3/22	£345.50
Website hosting	£204.00
War memorial booklet	£585.00
Total	£2,408.56

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

Precept

Cllr James explained that due to illness Cllr Metcalf had not had chance to look at the budget for 2022/23, however, based on the reserves that the Parish Council has, she felt it was not necessary to increase the precept this year. Cllr James explained that the Clerk had contacted NELC to enquire whether we could submit the precept slightly later however we have not yet had a response.

Parish Councillors discussed the current reserves, and Cllr Hasthorpe proposed that the council go ahead and set the precept tonight and then arrange to look at the budget at a later meeting when Cllr Metcalf is well. He proposed that the precept remain at the same rate as the current and previous year and that no increase was required. Cllr Barford seconded this proposal and a full show of hands confirmed all in agreement. The Clerk to let NELC know the outcome and add the budget planning onto the next agenda.

12819 St Francis Grove Matters

Cllr Johnson and Cllr Greenbeck confirmed they continued to conduct regular checks on the play and exercise equipment.

Cllr Greenbeck and Cllr Metcalf are due to meet the contractor during January to look at extending the play area and what additional equipment we could look to put in.

12820 Church and Cemetery Matters

Poppies

Cllr Barford advised that the poppies were all now down and that there were only 2 poppies missing. He explained that it had been a mammoth task and that next year he would need additional help to do it all and it was suggested that areas were allocated for people to put those poppies up and take them down again. Cllr Barford also advised that in order to have better coverage for the lampposts, we would need to invest in a further 50 poppies. All agreed that the poppies looked good and that it would be beneficial to purchase some more. The mural at the Immingham Civic Centre was discussed, along with the flower poppies in Great Coates. Cllr James suggested that Laceby PC could build on the display each year and gradually increase the remembrance. Cllr Johnson suggested that we consider poppies projected onto the church; Cllr Hasthorpe advised caution due to cost of the filters.

Church

Cllr Turner explained that one of the lights on the clock tower was out and that the clock was around 8 minutes fast currently. Cllr Johnson advised that the light was broken and full of water, he also explained that it was difficult for the clock to be maintained and that we may need to take this

back from the Church. The problem with repair is the access to the light and its position on the side of the church. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that the clock is the Parish Council responsibility, and so we should be arranging an electrician to sort the light and identify someone on the Parish Council to take over correcting the time. Cllr Johnson advised that he would look into this further, speak to the Church and gain a resolution.

Cllr Greenbeck asked if a time had been arranged with the contractor to look at the grounds work needed at the Cemetery. The Clerk confirmed she will chase this and confirm.

12821 Stanford Centre

It was agreed to defer this agenda item to the next meeting as Cllr Metcalf was not present tonight to provide an update.

12822 Allotments

The Clerk confirmed that all plots were again let and we still had a waiting list.

Cllr Barford queried whether any progress had been made on the allotment footpath. The Clerk advised that she had been asked for historical photo's of the allotment being used as a footpath, the problem being people did not take photo's like they do now. The Clerk has offered anecdotal information and offered to collect statements from residents who used the path over the last 40+ years, however, this was declined by NELC. It was felt that NELC were using stalling tactics. The Clerk advised she will chase again.

12823 Correspondence

The Parish Council had received a letter from the Laceby Poppy Appeal advising that they had raised £7631.53 from a stall at Morrisons, and £3350.46 from the sale of wreaths, and poppies in local shops & businesses, Stanford School and donations, making the total amount raised £10,981.99.

The Clerk has also received communications from resident on Cemetery Road regarding cars parking on the verge and footpaths. This has been reported to NELC.

12824 Information Exchange

Cllr Hasthorpe asked whether there was any news regarding the hedge at the end of Church Lane before the bend. The Clerk advised that she had received a notice from the resident that the hedge would be cut in January and will forward this on.

Cllr Hasthorpe also advised that deliveries for the Co-op would not be as early as 6am due to residents' objections to the noise. There is also a condition that the delivery vehicles will not be able to come in via Aylesby, and so will have to come via the Square, which will ensure smaller wagons are used. It was queried whether the carpark situation had been resolved in regards to it being a village carpark. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that Co-op had done a lot of research and established that as part of the sale it would be their property, but that they would not put any obstacles on the use of the carpark.

It was queried when the Parish Council noticeboard would be back in place and where it would go. Cllr Johnson advised the builders were looking to relocate the noticeboard onto the wall nearest the pub, but that they were waiting for the Conservation officer to visit before they progressed further.

The Chair confirmed the next meeting dates as:

- Jubilee Planning Meeting (sub-committee) – Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 7.30pm
- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 7.30pm
- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 1st March 2022 at 7.30pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

Signed:
Chair

Dated: