

**Minutes of Laceby Parish Council Finance and Planning Meeting
Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane, Laceby on Tuesday 6th June 2023 at 7.30pm**

- 13122 Present:** Chair – Cllr D Hasthorpe
Cllr B Metcalf, Cllr D Johnson, Cllr S Turner, Cllr Barford, Cllr James, Cllr Greenbeck, Cllr Schofield
- Also present:** Clerk – Nicola Ashton
Ward Councillor Hudson
15 members of public
- Apologies:** None

Cllr Hasthorpe opened the meeting, welcoming everyone to the meeting, and explaining that item 4 on the agenda was the public forum. As there are so many people present the limited time needs to be considered when the public forum opens.

13123 Minutes from the 2nd May 2023

Minutes from the Finance and Planning Meeting, Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting on the 2nd May 2023 were put forwards for approval. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Greenbeck and seconded by Cllr Turner, Cllr Hasthorpe ensured all Councillors agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of events and, with a show of full hands, the minutes were approved.

13124 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations

Cllr Barford declared a personal interest in finance (reimbursement), and Cllr Hasthorpe requested the following statement 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 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."

The declarations of interest were accepted.

13125 Public Forum

Cllr Hasthorpe opened the public forum and asked for the first person to introduce themselves before speaking.

Mr S stood up and explained that he was here to represent a number of people and family members in regards to the planning application regarding the removal of the northern buffer zone. He explained that the buffer zone was put there when the 400m was removed in order to protect the new houses. Now the developer wants to remove the condition, and increase the size of the houses which means that there will only be a 72m boundary to the piggery. When the assessment was done in January 2022, there were crops in the field, so there was no muck spreading along this boundary. When the crop goes, there will be muck spread and it will affect those properties.

Cllr Hasthorpe asked all present to ensure their comments are submitted to planning, so that it can be discussed at committee.

Mrs F explained she fully agreed with Mr S, and said that the odour assessment does not take into consideration residents. The work on the site was not supposed to begin until April, yet in March there are pictures of the site flooded in March with work already ongoing. Mrs F asked if the additional 60 houses will see the removal of trees along the boundary of the proposed emergency access route? Cllr Hasthorpe advised Mrs F to put comments onto planning portal.

RC advised that buffers were in place for a reason. That the developers cannot request the council to consider conditions, and then ask for these to be removed after the development has been approved (cited the footpath at Bishops Grange as further example). Adding that NELC were pushing a net zero carbon emissions, but with no trees and ongoing builds this would not be possible. You need trees.

Mr TS advised that with the new Field Head Road development, there was supposed to be no use of Charles Avenue and all traffic was supposed to be via Field Head Road. This isn't happening with workers private vehicles being parked in Charles Avenue. They are leaving equipment outside houses and the state of the road and footpaths is a mess. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that NELC is legally responsible, and that these concerns should be reported directly to them via the portal.

Mr & Mrs C advised that they had come to discuss the Chocolate Storey at the Limes, in order to eradicate misperceptions. Firstly, it was explained that this is not a Factory, but a small kitchen and educational workshop area, and it will eventually be clad in timber. They are working to bring the Limes back to its former glory, and this will take time but include sash windows, brick work etc. They left 2 small boxes of Chocolates, which the Parish Council donated to the Church Fete on Saturday 10/6/23.

Mr G asked the PC where it stood with the additional houses and vehicles, raising that there is so much traffic travelling through Laceby now, and asking what is going to happen with the additional cars the new builds are creating? Cllr Hasthorpe advised that the entrance to Laceby at the Caistor Road junction is under consideration by NELC to be reopened. He advised that no one is going round the roundabout to come into the village, but driving through the village instead. When the entrance was changed, the bypass was 70mph road, and it is now a 50mph road. Whilst NELC are looking at this, it does take time due to the work involved.

As there were no further questions, the public forum was closed.

13126 Matters Arising

- **Church Wall**

Cllr Hasthorpe advised this would be discussed within the Closed Forum.

- **Footpath Blyth Way**

Cllr Hasthorpe advised that the permissions are in place, and we are just waiting for a start date. As the road will need a full closure to do the work, this will be planned around the Co-op development and Church Wall works.

- **Parish Newsletter**

This was discussed with Finn after the meeting closed.

13127 Police Matters

The Wolds Police Newsletter was shared and it was noted that there had been 37 crimes reported across the Wolds, with:

- 11 reports involving male with mental health issues, with local officers and agencies working together to resolve the issues.
- Stolen moped
- Damage to car parked at RBL and female arrested.

- Other crimes involving 2 assaults, 1 malicious communication, 1 harassment, 6 reports of ASB, Issues at St Francis Grove x3, 3 relating to the male with mental health issues, 1 neighbour dispute.

Cllr Hasthorpe noted that this was significantly up on previous reports, but a lot centres on 1 person. Cllr Barford advised that the hedgerow at Butt Lane had been set fire too, but was not on the report? It was logged and a crime number provided.

13128 Ward Councillors Report

Cllr Hasthorpe & Cllr Hudson advised that we had already heard from Mr & Mrs C regarding the Chocolate Factory, and had nothing else to update on.

13129 Planning Matters

- **DM/0470/23/FUL – removal of condition 5 (northern buffer zone); Land at Field Head Road, Laceby**

The application and plans were discussed, and consideration given to the issues raised in the public forum earlier. Cllr Metcalf advised that it was totally out of order and that the proposal should not go ahead, adding that there was no point in obtaining planning with conditions to then remove this condition at a later date. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that the feeling around the table appears to be to object to this application. All Councillors present in agreement (full show of hands), that an objection be sent in requesting refusal of this application.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

- **DM/0502/23/FUL – erect single storey front extension with associated internal and external works; 10 The Mead, Laceby**

The application and plans were examined and discussed by all Cllrs present. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that there were objections on the planning portal, and it was noted that it was close to the boundary line. However, no objections were identified to the application.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

- **DM/0450/23/FUL – demolition of existing living space to rear and erection of rear single storey extension; 21 Charles Avenue, Laceby**

The application and plans were examined and discussed by all Cllrs present. No objections were identified to the application.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

The Clerk advised that the consultation for PROW 116 (Aylesby) was now open.

13130 Finance Matters

Payments for authorisation

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

Salaries x 3 members of staff for June 2023	£1714.82
HMRC – Salaries June 2023	£343.53
Pensions – June 2023	£56.22
Cemetery Waste – invoice for May/June 2023	£52.22
Clerk Phone & Broadband x 2 invoices (April/May and May/June)	£44.44

Stanford Room Hire (March)	£10.50
Service of Church clock	£162.00
Anglian Water (allotments)	£333.24
Internal Audit	£350.00
ERNLLCA / NALC Membership	£937.01
Skip Hire (allotments)	£192.00
Traffic Management (Church Wall)	£420.00
Allotment Tap repairs (reimbursement B Barford)	£7.99
Clerk Petty Cash	£20.24
Groundskeeper Petty Cash	£31.01
Groundskeeper equipment (strimmer)	£105.55
Hedge Cutting St Francis Grove	£250.00
Public and Employers Liability Insurance	£2,020.96
Cromwell Florist	£31.00
Total Payments	£7,082.73

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

Internal Audit, Year End Accounts and AGAR

The Clerk explained that the Year End Accounts, Asset Register, Internal Audit and AGAR had been shared before the meeting. The Internal Auditor found the accounts organised and no changes required. If all Councillors agree with the accounts for 2022/23, then the Excise of Public Rights will begin on the 7th June 2023, and accounts sent to the External Auditor. All Councillors in agreement the accounts the accounts can be presented to the External Auditor and the Excise of Public Rights can begin.

Financial Regulations

The Financial Regulations have been reviewed, and no changes have been made to them. With not changes, these are adopted.

Code of Conduct

Cllr Hasthorpe advised that every member of the Council should have read the new Code of Conduct, adding that it was recommended by NELC that these are adopted. Cllr Hasthorpe requested that all Councillors sign to say they have read them, and with a full show of hands all in agreement to adopt the Code of Conduct.

13131 St Francis Grove Matters

Cllr Johnson advised that the St Francis Grove play area had not experienced any damage or graffiti within the last month. Cllr Hasthorpe commented that this proves the power of CCTV!

13132 Church and Cemetery Matters

The Clerk advised that NELC had changed the cost of Cemetery Fees, and that Laceby PC Fees were up for review. The Clerk explained the proposed amounts. Cllr Hasthorpe raised query regarding the disparity between Parishioner and Non-Parishioner fees, and requested that this be placed back onto the agenda next month for review.

13133 Stanford Centre

Cllr Metcalf advised the Stanford Centre has received a grant of £11,000 to have all the lighting replaced to LED. They are currently waiting for NELC to advise. A further grant application has been made for new chairs and another computer.

13134 Allotments

The Clerk advised that the two allotments have been cleared and the new plot holders are working wonders. Cllr Hasthorpe thanked Cllr Barford for helping to clear the plots.

The Clerk advised that two new tenants had not yet been to attend to their plots and she was receiving complaints about weeds. Cllr Hasthorpe agreed letters be sent to advise plots need to be cultivated.

13135 Laceby Community Collective

Cllr Barford advised there had been a fire set on the hedgerow adjacent to the old bowling green, and that as it was nesting season it had affected the nesting birds. There has also been instances of fly tipping, and the LCC are looking to install CCTV.

The LCC Fete is on the 1st July, and with the National Lottery Grant of £6920, and the LPC & Ward Councillor funding, this will just cover costs. If it is successful this year, it will secure the fete for future years.

13136 Correspondence

Cllr Hasthorpe shared a letter from Mrs G regarding the Unknown Soldiers statues, advising that women should also be represented for their courage and service. Mrs G requested that the statues be in place for the Remembrance Day, and asked it be erected at the centre of the village / close to the Queen's Jubilee bench as she served in the 2nd World War. Cllr Hasthorpe confirmed it was a great suggestion and proposed we install 5 female soldiers (we have 5 male). This was seconded by Cllr Metcalf. Cllr Hasthorpe asked for a show of hands, 6 voted in favour 2 voted against. Proposal carried, Clerk to purchase for the Council.

13137 Information Exchange and AOB

- **Location of Coronation Benches**

Cllr Johnson advised that one of the benches could go in the Cemetery on the turning circle behind the war memorial, and the bench that is currently there could be relocated to another location.

The bench that was going to go on Bishops Grange footpath would likely be damaged by the sap from the trees, so it was proposed that the bench on the Mulberries go here, and the coronation bench go in its place in the Mulberries. Cllr Barford advised we would need to update Alison Homes on the bench, and guarantee that we would maintain it.

Discussed putting a bench along the bypass – Clerk to speak to NELC to see if this is possible with it being a 50mph road.

- **Information Exchange**

- Cllr Turner asked if the grass could be cut at the Victoria Park, the bypass and alongside the Beck on Grimsby Road. The Clerk advised that she could make the request, but that we had been battling this for the last 3 years.
- Cllr Turner advised that many of the PROW signs are now hidden in the hedges; Cllr Hasthorpe to speak to PROW Officer.
- Cllr Turner asked if it was possible to have some bus timetables in the bus stop – she regularly has to tell residents that the timetables have changed.
- Cllr Greenbeck advised that the builders had been working at the back of the pubs on the previous Sunday, and deliveries had been made.
- It was noted that although the clock had been serviced, it was currently 6 minutes fast. Cllr Johnson advised that we needed to identify someone to climb up and keep it regulated. Cllr Barford volunteered to do this.

The Chair confirmed the next meeting dates as:

- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 7.30pm
- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 1st August 2023 at 7.30pm
- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 7.30pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Signed:
Chair

Dated: