

**Minutes of Laceby Parish Council Finance and Planning Meeting**  
**Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane, Laceby on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm**

**13049 Present:** Chair – Cllr B Metcalf  
Cllr D Johnson, Cllr S Turner, Cllr Barford, Cllr James, Cllr Schofield, Cllr Greenbeck, Ward Cllr Hasthorpe,  
**Also present:** Clerk – Nicola Ashton  
16 members of public  
**Apologies:** Ward Cllr Hudson

Cllr Metcalf opened the meeting, welcoming everyone to the meeting. It was noted that Cllr Hudson was not present, but had not sent apologies.

**13050 Minutes from the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Minutes from the Finance and Planning Meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were put forwards for approval. Minutes were proposed by Cllr Hasthorpe 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.

**13051 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations**

Cllr Barford declared an interest in finance for the reimbursement of taps for the Allotments. 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 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."*

The declarations of interest were accepted.

**13052 Public Forum**

It was identified that the public were present to discuss their concerns for the planning application DM/0118/23/FUL, and it was agreed that the agenda item for planning be brought forwards and dealt with in conjunction with the public forum. Cllr Metcalf asked if there were any other items for the public forum? RC (member of public) enquired whether there were any plans for the Kings Coronation. Cllr Metcalf advised that the Parish Council will decorate the entrances to the village with flags and bunting, but that the focus would be on street parties which residents can arrange amongst themselves, and that the Community Collective were looking to host a Fete during June.

Cllr Metcalf advised those attending the meeting to nominate one person to speak on behalf of the group because of restricted time we would not have the time to listen to everyone. Resident advised that he would start, explaining that he had concerns regarding transport and sewerage, advising that the traffic situation was critical now. There was originally planning for 200 houses, however this was reduced to 152 because it was unlikely 200 would be approved, taking 60 houses off the plan. These 60 are now back and would take total to 212.

Resident 2 asked if the Parish Council would be objecting to the planning application? Following a discussion with councillors, it was agreed for the Parish Council to discuss their thoughts regarding this application. The meeting moved to planning, minute 13056, to discuss DM/0118/23/FUL.

Other concerns raised included:

- Traffic that it is going to generate and the impact on the village with that increased traffic (each house has 2 cars, extra 324 cars).
- That there isn't capacity at the school – Cllr Metcalf advised that she had spoken to the school that day, and they advised that there is capacity at the school.
- Does it not matter that it is agricultural land?

Cllr Metcalf advised that if anyone from the public wished to leave the meeting, they were welcome to do so.

### **13053 Matters Arising**

- **Church Wall**

Cllr Metcalf advised that the Arboriculture report for the Cherry Trees had been received earlier that day, and this has identified that the trees do need to be removed, with plans to replant in the rear of the north garden away from graves. St Margarets PCC have already replanted one tree, so there would be three trees to replace, with the species identified as a condition under planning. The Church will need to agree.

Cllr Metcalf advised that if we don't get planning, we will need to repair. It was noted that it was likely to be more expensive to repair than it was to replace, and Cllr Metcalf suggested that a sub-committee be set up to drive this forward. Cllr Metcalf, Cllr Schofield and Cllr Johnson to be on the committee with Cllr Hasthorpe available to advise or help if needed.

It was noted that the inner wall was vertical, but that it was the outer concrete wall that was tilting, and that the ties holding it upright had gone, and the wall was structurally unsound.

Cllr Hasthorpe advised that the wall is dangerous and that it is only a matter of time before the wall falls. Adding that it was vital that we took the bull by the horns. Cllr Johnson advised that we were waiting for planning permission, before getting the structural engineer in, however Cllr Hasthorpe advised that we get this done now, as we need an idea of the cost of either repair or replace. If the wall falls, then there will be added cost for NELC to come and clear the highway and charge the cost to the Council. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that the Council contact NELC to explain that there is no choice and the outer wall has to be taken down for H&S reasons. Cllr Schofield advised he could get the wall taken down, but would need a road closure. Cllr Metcalf advised to contact Anthony Snell to explain situation and get urgent traffic management.

- **Footpath Blyth Way**

Cllr Hasthorpe continues to work on this, no update yet.

- **Parish Newsletter**

Cllr Metcalf advised that the person who was interested in taking on the newsletter, had advised that she could not do it due to a conflict of interest. RC advised that he would ask Franklin media team if someone there was interested in taking this on. Will feedback.

### **13054 Police Matters**

The Wolds Police Newsletter was shared and it was noted that there had been 47 crimes reported across the Wolds, with 15 crimes reported in Laceby including entry and damage to outbuildings, theft of quad bike, theft of man truck tower wagon and damage to crops. Also reported was one

assault, two reports of harassment, malicious communications, five public order offences and two reports of ASB.

It was noted by Cllr Barford that as the village grew, and there were less police, it was likely crime would grow.

Cllr Hasthorpe advised that the Police Crime Commissioner had reported that in 1975 there were 1646 police officers, and currently there are 2465 police officers plus PCSO posts, and that there had been a 35% reduction in crime. It was noted that there would soon be a dedicated ASB team.

### **13055 Ward Councillors Report**

Cllr Hasthorpe advised that there was nothing to discuss this meeting.

### **13056 Planning Matters**

- **DM/0118/23/FUL – erection of 60 dwellings including access from Field Head Road with emergency vehicular access onto Caistor Road and associated works; Land at Barton Street, Laceby.**

From the public forum, minute 13052, Cllr Metcalf confirmed the planning application details, advising that she objected to the planning application and this was seconded by Cllr Schofield. Cllr Metcalf advised that the application was not on land identified within the local plan, that the planning application did not meet the requirements of the Building Regulations Part H in regards to the sewerage. It was noted that the 6" pipes were installed in 1957, and the pressure on the system has increased with Irby, the old Caistor Road houses along with phase 1 and 2 at Field Head Road, and this meant that an additional 345 houses were flowing into the sewerage system, with 65l per second being discharged where it is recommended only 30l per second, meaning it does not meet building regulations.

It was noted that in addition to this, there was also a planning application for The Willows to also connect to the Laceby sewerage system. Cllr Metcalf added that Anglian Water had advised previously that there was capacity left, but that they could not be reserved and that 2 storage tanks would need to be put into place -?has this been done? With the additional 300 houses, the sewerage system cannot cope.

Cllr Schofield explained that he had spoken to Anglian Water, who had advised that the pipes were not big enough. Adding that the it doesn't meet the regulations with the 152 houses already approved, let alone this new 60 properties. The system does not cope now.

Cllr Metcalf advised that having looked at the portal that afternoon, there was only around 4 comments on the application. She explained that everyone needs to put on a comment. This can be done via the portal ([www.nelincs.gov.uk](http://www.nelincs.gov.uk)) or by a handwritten letter taken into New Oxford House, George Street, Grimsby or via email to [planning@nelincs.gov.uk](mailto:planning@nelincs.gov.uk). Cllr Hasthorpe advised that as soon as the Parish Council put in an objection, the plans will go to committee.

Cllr Metcalf asked if all were agreed to send objections as discussed regarding this planning application. All Councillors agreed to objection.

- **DM/0115/23/FUL – demolish existing conservatory, erect single storey rear extension with roof lights, extend rear dormer and associated internal and external works; 34 St Peters Grove, Laceby.**

The application and plans were discussed, and it was noted that there were no objections raised.

**Action** Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

- **DM/0692/22/REM – variation to condition 1 (Approved plans) following DM/0522/21/REM to amend house types on various plots; Land at Field Head Road, Laceby.**

The application and plans were discussed, and it was noted that there were changes to the type and style of plots on the south side of the site. There were no objections raised.

**Action** Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

- **DM/0086/23/FUL – retrospective erection of outbuilding for the use of commercial, chocolate making / selling chocolates and deliver in-house educational and public chocolate workshops; The Limes, Grimsby Road, Laceby.**

The application and plans were discussed, and it was noted this was a retrospective planning application. It was noted that the building was visible from the road way and a bright blue in colour. It was noted that the driveway was a steep incline to the A46, and that this was a concern for vehicles travelling down the A46 (50mph) and those leaving the site being able to accelerate to speed as there is no slip road. It was also noted that the drive was directly opposite the main entrance to the village with people likely to go straight across 3 lanes of traffic to the junction to either turn into Laceby or do a U-Turn. Substantial highway road safety concerns were raised. It was also noted that it was detrimental to the local amenity. Cllr Metcalf asked if everyone was in agreement with an objection, and a full show of hands confirmed that all councillors objected.

**Action** Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

The Clerk advised that a letter had been received regarding updating of the Cornerstone Tower near the Oaklands. It was confirmed that this was not visible from the road, and no objections were noted.

## 13057 Finance Matters

### Payments for authorisation

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

Salaries x 3 members of staff for March 2023	£1,624.80
HMRC – Salaries March 2023	£331.13
Pensions – March 2023	£56.22
Chairs Allowance – Feb 23	£20.00
Clerk Telephone	£21.22
Hunter Waste – invoice for Feb / March 2023	£67.44
Clerk Petty Cash	£16.49
Flowers	£39.00
Anglian Water – Allotments	£67.43
Reimbursement B Barford – Allotment Taps	£21.72
Stanford Centre Room Hire – Feb 2023	£10.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,275.95</b>

Cllr Hasthorpe proposed the payments, and was seconded by Cllr Schofield; all Councillors agreed the payments be authorised by a full show of hands.

It was noted that from the 1<sup>st</sup> April the national minimum wage was to increase from £9.50 to £10.42, and would impact on wages costs.

#### **13058 St Francis Grove Matters**

Cllr Johnson explained that he continues to carry out the inspections on the play area equipment, and that there was no damage, litter, graffiti, and that all equipment was in full working order. It was noted that the CCTV was a deterrent.

#### **13059 Church and Cemetery Matters**

##### **War Graves**

An email has been received from the Common Wealth War Graves regarding the 4 war graves within Laceby Cemetery asking if we would like a sign to indicate that there are war graves in our cemetery. All in full agreement for sign to be placed on the front entrance gates.

Cllr Johnson advised that the Church clock had been serviced and the time corrected, adding that we will soon need to find another company to service the clock due to retirement. This is specialist work, so need to start looking.

#### **13060 Stanford Centre**

Cllr Metcalf advised that the library was busier with lots of families attending on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, with the centre now a 'warm space'.

The hall has another heater, and the existing heaters have had the fans turned down due to the noise. The new heater will turn off after 2 hours.

The roof continues to leak, and with the hole in the ceiling tiles, this is making the hall colder. Cllr Metcalf advised that some groups using the hall were leaving the heating on and the windows open overnight. The Stanford Group has spoken to the groups to advise that the cost to hire the hall will increase to cover the cost incurred by leaving windows open. C

Cllr Johnson advised that the toilets were really nice & a good job had been done on them. Cllr Metcalf advised that they were looking for a hand dryer for the second toilet. Cllr Hasthorpe suggested that the group apply for Wolds Funding.

#### **13061 Allotments**

The Clerk advised that some allotment tenants had advised they would not be renewing their agreement in April. The clerk is currently contacting people on the waiting list.

It was noted that one allotment would need a lot of work doing to it before it can be let out again. The Council agreed that a letter be sent to those ending their allotment agreements, to tell them that all plots must be cleared and left ready to be rented before they hand keys in, and that if any costs are incurred by the council, they will be invoiced to them.

It was also agreed that the tenancy agreement be updated to reflect the recent updates, and these are to be issued with the invoice for 2023/24 to all tenants. All agreed to approve the revised agreement via email before the next meeting as invoices due out 1<sup>st</sup> April.

#### **13062 Laceby Community Collective**

Cllr Barford advised that the LCC was still waiting on a lease, and was hopeful it would be here imminently.

Cllr Barford shared expected costs that would be incurred if the LCC held a Fete in the summer, to give an idea of what funding the group will need to facilitate this. Cllr Barford advised that they

were hoping to apply for an awards for all grant, but they could not do this until the lease is through. They also cannot take fees for the football pitches until the lease is through, so this is also impacting on finances. Cllr Barford asked if the Parish Council would consider funding some of the costs for the fete. Cllr Metcalf asked for confirmation as to what we had spent on the jubilee; Clerk to confirm.

Cllr Metcalf on behalf of the Council, confirmed that the Parish Council would support the fete, with all in favour. Cllr Hasthorpe proposed a £1000 donation, and this was seconded by Cllr Greenbeck. It was agreed for this to be ratified at the next meeting in April, with it being added to the agenda.

**13063 Correspondence**

The Clerk advised that she had not heard from democratic services regarding the Parish Council elections. Cllr Hasthorpe advised who to contact for this.

**13064 Information Exchange and AOB**

- Information Exchange

Cllr Johnson shared images of two benches for the King’s coronation. It was agreed to purchase 2 benches with the circular coronation insignia on. Discussed where they could be placed. Cllr Johnson to get proforma invoice to the Clerk, and advised they are due for delivery on the weekend of the coronation.

Cllr Turner asked if she could replace one of the benches in the cemetery, as it was in poor condition and was a memorial to her dad. All agreed.

Cllr Turner enquired whether the real times bus information would be reinstated now the bus shelter was in. Clerk to enquire.

Cllr Metcalf advised that she would not be standing for the role of Chair at the Annual Meetings, advising that it was time for someone else to take the chair.

There were no other issues raised.

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

- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.30pm
- Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm
- Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 7.45pm
- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 8.00pm
- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm

To be confirmed due to elections

**The Chair closed the meeting at 8.55pm.**

Signed: .....  
**Chair**

Dated: .....