

Minutes of Laceby Village Council Finance and Planning Meeting
Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane, Laceby on Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 7.30pm

- 13393 Present:** Chair – Cllr R Childs
Cllr S Greenbeck, Cllr P Page, Cllr S Turner, Cllr B Metcalf, Cllr R Barford,
Cllr D Johnson,
- In Attendance:** Nicola Ashton – Clerk & RFO
Ward Cllr D Hasthorpe
7 members of public
- Apologies:** Cllr P Schofield, Cllr R James

Cllr Childs opened the meeting, welcomed all present and wished everyone a happy Lincolnshire Day. The statement regarding the Recording of Meetings was read out.

Apologies were received and accepted.

13394 Minutes from the 3rd September 2024

The minutes from the Finance and Planning Meeting on the 3rd September 2024 and Closed Meetings on the 3rd and 17th September 2024 were proposed by Cllr Greenbeck and seconded by Cllr Turner as a true record, and agreed by all Councillors present.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record of events.

13395 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations

a. Dispensations

No Dispensations recorded.

b. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest recorded

13396 Public Forum

Members of the public may make representations, answer questions, and give evidence at a meeting to which they are entitled to attend in respect of the items on the agenda. The time designated for public participation will not exceed 15 minutes in total, and 3 minutes per person. As per standing orders 3e and 3f.

- Member of the public asked whether there had been any response to the reliability of the buses. The Clerk advised she had not received any information relating to the dates and times the buses had been cancelled; she had, however, written to NELC on behalf of the Village Council.
- Member of public raised continued concerns regarding road safety on Grimsby Road during the week. It was noted that there were no problems on a weekend, and that it was dangerous through the week. Resident advised that following a FOI request to NELC there were 8 positive suggestions made to improve the road safety and two negative; the negatives being displacement of cars and speed. They had a letter from the portfolio holder which said he would be open to suggestions from the village council and Wold Councillors for solutions. that No further queries were raised and the public forum closed.

RESOLVED: Councillors will look at options and send to the Clerk to draft letter before the next meeting.

- Member of public questioned whether the scout hut was still in use. It was advised that the hut belongs to NELC.
- Member of public raised concerns about vehicles now being able to access the field adjacent to Butt Lane Playing Fields and Bishops Grange. This has already been escalated NELC.

13397 Matters Arising

- **Bleed Kits**

The Clerk confirmed that these are now in place at Butt Lane Playing Field and the Stanford Centre, and that they were recorded on the Circuit managed by the ambulance service.

- **Remembrance Sunday**

- The Clerk confirmed that the ESAG and TTRO had been submitted for approval.
- Concerns regarding the road closures had been raised with the Laceby RBL branch, and they have been advised that the roads will be closed at all junctions for safety.
- Cllr Childs advised he would be attending the Remembrance Day and was happy to lay the wreath. The Clerk will contact the nominated person for the wreath.
- Cllr Barford will arrange the mounting of the poppies onto the lampposts with other Councillors. They will go up 2 weeks before and along the agreed route.
- Cllr Metcalf proposed the Council make a £100 donation to the RBL appeal this year; this was seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by all present.
- The Council will need marshals for the road closures this year, as we are quite short. The RBL will ask its members, can Councillors advise if they are available as well.

- **Christmas Tree Event**

- Cllr's Metcalf and Greenbeck will arrange the refreshments, we already have candles.
- The tree has been ordered and arranged for delivery and siting.
- Cllr Johnson will check the tree lights prior.
- Cllr Johnson advised that the current power supply for the lights is in the entrance to the Church and at a high level. It has pigeon waste on it, and advised it would be better if it was on the outside and / or at ground level. Clerk to contact the warden.

- **Highways update**

- The yellow lines outside the Temperance Hall are on the works list to be re-painted.
- NELC continue to visit and assess the Grimsby Road situation.
- Following complaint from residents about parking on Cooper Lane by parents; this has been escalated to the enforcement officers and the Clerk will escalate to the PCSO's.
- NELC are looking at prioritising the deployment of new speed activated signs. The suggestion is that Laceby has 1/2 mobile units that are deployed along Caistor Road, Grimsby Road and Butt Lane on a rotating basis. Councillors agreed they would look at contributing to the cost once NELC confirm this.
- Verge parking – NELC have advised that this programme is now being developed for 2025, with a slot likely the back end of 2025, then it will be a further year to complete the order and get it signed on site. The Council need to advise whether any areas are to be exempt.
- New Butt Lane Footpath – following our enquiry about speed alongside the new path, NELC have proposed a reduction in speed along this section of the road to 40mph. Cllrs advised they would prefer the 30mph, but understood the issues associated with this.
- The Clerk advised that there had been concerns raised regarding speed along Butt Lane particularly from the Mulberries to the High Street. These have been escalated to NELC who maintain there is not a problem.

13398 Police Matters

The Police newsletter was received for October, and details shared with those present (available on LVC website).

Cllr Childs reiterated that all crimes should be reported to the police to enable them to build a picture of the issues in the village.

There were no further concerns to be raised directly with the policing team.

13399 Ward Councillors Report

Ward Councillor Hasthorpe advised that he was pleased with the completed Butt Lane footpath, and that he had requested a speed limit of 30mph along the road.

Cllr Hasthorpe advised that the concerns raised regarding the transporters parking outside the BMW garage need to be reported as seen so that enforcement offices can attend; they have to see the transporter/ delivery vehicle parked.

Cllr Hasthorpe advised he had discussed the issues regarding Grimsby Road with the portfolio holder and confirmed NELC were open to options.

13400 Planning Matters

- **DM/0647/24/FUL – Installation of cabling between Grimsby Solar Farm Substation and National Grid Grimsby West Substation; Solar Farm, Aylesby Road, Grimsby.**

No objections raised by Councillors.

- **DM/0808/24/PNCOM – Prior approval for change of use of store room / disused beauty salon (class e) to a 1-bedroom studio flat; Albion House, 1 High Street, Laceby.**

No objections were raised by Councillors.

There were no further planning applications for consideration tonight.

13401 Finance Matters

To approve payment of accounts to 1st October 2024.

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| Wages x 3 members of staff - Month 7 | £xxxx |
| HMRC – Tax and NI - Month 7 | £688.50 |
| NEST Pension – Month 7 | £106.60 |
| Clerk Telephone/Broadband | £21.51 |
| Clerk Petty Cash | £34.47 |
| Stanford Centre Room Hire | £21.00 |
| Website / Computer Services | £24.00 |
| External Audit | £378.00 |
| Allotment Rent | £444.50 |
| Bleed Kits | £225.60 |
| Church Hedge Cutting | £200.00 |
| Allotment key deposit | £10.00 |

RESOLVED: All payments approved; proposed by Cllr Barford, seconded by Cllr Turner and all agreed.

Grant Awarding Policy

The Clerk advised the Policy had been reviewed and brought in line with other local council policy. Cllr Metcalf requested change of sentence to now read 'Grants cannot be used for revenue support'. Cllr Barford proposed the policy, seconded by Cllr Greenbeck and agreed by all present.

RESOLVED: Policy Approved.

Chairs Allowance

Cllr Metcalf proposed that the Chairs Allowance of £20 be reinstated, and was seconded by Cllr Greenbeck. Cllr Barford asked whether it would be retrospectively backdated to May 2024; Cllr Greenbeck proposed it was from 1st October. This was agreed by all present.

RESOLVED: Chair's Allowance reinstated.

Statement of Accounts

All LVC accounts have been balanced as at 31/8/24. The reserves are now held in a 30-day notice account and all agreed to invest the interest earned back into the reserves account.

External Audit 2023/24

Final audit outcome has been received, and been published on the website as advised by the auditor.

Groundskeeper Resignation

It was noted that the Groundskeeper has tendered his resignation, with his final date of employment 30th November 2024. A letter has been drafted to accept resignation. It was noted that thanks be sent to Alf for his many years of hard work and that his retirement is well-deserved.

Discussion held regarding whether the work is contracted out, or whether the council wish to re-employ someone for 1st Feb 2024.

RESOLVED: Clerk to prepare advert to recruit new groundskeeper for approval.

13402 St Francis Grove Matters

Cllr Johnson has advised that the repairs to the soft pour had been delayed, and that with the inclement weather it might be advisable to postpone the repairs until the Spring 2025.

13403 Church and Cemetery Matters

Cemetery

Nothing to discuss.

Church

• **Church Wall**

The Council received two quotes from those approached to tender for the work. Cllr Childs requested that this be circulated to all Councillors for discussion at next meeting.

13404 Stanford Centre

Cllr Metcalf advised that the boiler had been serviced and that books had been purchased along with a new computer terminal. The Centre and Library continue to be busy with bookings.

13405 Correspondence

Nothing to discuss.

13406 Information Exchange

- Cllr Page advised that she had received a safety concern regarding the Healing School buses which stop in The Square and whether there was any other option as there had been a near miss.
- Cllr Barford queried the payment for residents delivering the newsletter. The Clerk apologised for the delay, and advised payment would be made this week.
- There were no other items raised.

13407 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED: The exemption of the press and public for the remainder of the meeting under the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960, Section 1(2) on the grounds that the discussion of the following business is likely to disclose confidential information.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.17pm.

Signed:

Chair

Dated: