

**Minutes of Laceby Village Council Finance and Planning Meeting  
Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane, Laceby on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.30pm**

- 13329 Present:** Chair – Cllr R Childs  
Cllr S Greenbeck, Cllr R Barford, Cllr P Schofield, Cllr D Johnson, Cllr P Page,  
Cllr B Metcalf, Cllr S Turner, Cllr R James, Cllr M Hall
- In Attendance:** Nicola Ashton – Clerk & RFO  
11 members of public  
PCSO Kusyner
- Apologies:** Ward Cllr D Hasthorpe, Ward Cllr H Hudson

Cllr Childs opened the meeting, welcomed all present, and the statement regarding the Recording of Meetings was read out.

Apologies were received and accepted.

**13330 Minutes from the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

The minutes from the Annual General Meeting, Annual Parish Meeting and the Finance and Planning Meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 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.**

**13331 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations**

**a. Dispensations**

No Dispensations recorded.

**b. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr's Barford and Childs declared interest in Laceby Community Collective for items on agenda.

**13332 Co-option of Village Councillor**

The Village Council has received an application for the co-option of a Councillor from Mr Mike Hall. Proposed by Cllr Childs, and seconded by Cllr Barford and agreed by all Councillors present. Cllr Hall welcomed to the table.

**RESOLVED: That Cllr M Hall be co-opted onto the Village Council.**

**13333 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 would be a representative for LVC at the appeal hearing for the changes to condition on Land at Field Head Road (bordering the Piggery). Cllr Metcalf advised that she would be attending and Cllr Schofield advised he would also attend. Cllr Metcalf advised that the Council would be happy to speak regarding the Council's objection to changing the condition.
- Member of the public reported that the hedge on the cutting between Cemetery Road and The Mead was in need of a cut. Clerk to report to NELC. Residents can report issues like this on the NELC portal.

- Member of the public speaking on behalf of residents concerned about Grimsby Road and road safety, and concerns on Trevor Close, Whitgift Close, and Grange Avenue congratulated Cllr Childs on his appointment to Chair. They advised of a meeting with the portfolio holder on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am @ Town Hall, and if Cllr Childs would be able to attend; Cllr Childs confirmed he could attend if that was agreeable with the rest of the council. Cllr Childs was asked if he was there to support all villagers or just those with a vested interest. Cllr Childs advised that the Council were here to support residents, listen to concerns, and consider information. Cllr James advised that the Village Council will always try to support residents if the Council are legitimately allowed to.
- Member of the public raised concerns regarding the parking of vehicles on Cemetery Road and the impact of this. PCSO Kusyner advised that this was a Civil matter, and should be reported to NELC. He advised that as part of Operation Snap, residents can take pictures of illegally parked cars and send them in - <https://www.humberside.police.uk/police-forces/humberside-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/operation-snap/>

No further queries were raised and the public forum closed at 19.40.

### **13334 Matters Arising**

- **Laceby Community Collective Defib**

Discussion held regarding the future maintenance of the LCC defib held at Butt Lane Playing Field (provided by the FA). Cllr Metcalf proposed that the Village Council take over the maintenance of the Defib at Butt Lane, and seconded by Cllr Childs.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to Liaise with LCC to transfer the details for the maintenance of Defib.**

- **Update re highways queries from 7/5/24**

The Clerk updated the Council on queries raised at the last meeting regarding the double yellows at Temperance Hall, visibility out of Alfred Bannister Mews, and Grimsby Road safety concerns.

### **13335 Police Matters**

The Police newsletter was received for June, and details shared with those present (available on LVC website). Cllr Childs reminded everyone that all crime should be reported via 101 for non-urgent and 999 for urgent incidents. PCSO Joe Kusyner, present, advised that the lack of ASB reported was a cause for concern, and urged residents to ensure all ASB was reported through the channels above.

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

### **13336 Ward Councillors Report**

No Ward Councillors in attendance to provide report.

### **13337 Planning Matters**

**DM/0299/24/FUL – construct concrete ramp to side access; 14 Whitgift Close, Laceby**

No objections were raised by Councillors.

**DM/0377/24/ADV – advertisement consent; Lincolnshire Co-op, 2-4 Caistor Road, Laceby**

No objections were raised by Councillors.

**DM/0769/22/FUL – construction of new foul sewer and associated works; The Willows, Barton Street, Laceby**

Objections were raised by Councillors in relation to both applications:

- There are already issues with the main sewer on Caistor Road, and the manhole lifts when there is too much water going into it.
- The 6" pipe currently has the Golf Club, Irby, Caistor Road, Field Head estate, and will also have the 152 houses currently being built. Member of public advised that this will add additional pressure and does not meet the building regulations.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to provide details of objections as above and as previously raised to NELC.**

**DM/0861/23/FUL – siting of an additional 34 holiday lodges and static caravans (65 in total), and amendments to manager’s cottage & reception design and associated infrastructure; The Willows, Barton Street, Laceby**

Objections were raised by Councillors for this application:

- Include the above details regarding sewer.
- This development is over intensification of the plot with large quantity of lodges / accommodations in limited space.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to send objections to NELC.**

### **13338 Finance Matters**

To approve payment of accounts to 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Wages x 3 members of staff - Month 3	£xxxx
HMRC – Tax and NI - Month 3	£382.25
NEST Pension – Month 3	£60.25
Cemetery Waste removal	£55.89
Clerk Telephone	£25.06
Clerk Petty Cash	£12.86
Groundskeeper Petty Cash	£16.01
Room Hire	£28.00
Allotment Water	£7.20
Defib battery	£334.80
Printing Costs	£428.00
Groundskeeper equipment	£47.62
Employers and Public Liability	£2,139.08
St Margaret’s Church Clock service	£162.00

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

### **Internal Audit**

The Internal Audit report was received.

**RESOLVED: Internal Audit Report accepted and approved.**

### **AGAR and Financial Accounts for 2023/24**

The financial accounts and AGAR were accepted for the year end 2023/24. The Excise of Public Rights was confirmed as between 10<sup>th</sup> June and 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

**RESOLVED: Financial Accounts and AGAR approved and signed off for External Audit.**

### **Policies – new and reviewed**

The following policies were presented for consideration:

- Publication Scheme - reviewed
- Social Media and Communications – reviewed
- Document Retention Schedule – reviewed
- Complaints Policy – reviewed
- Abusive, Persistent and Vexatious Policy - new

**RESOLVED: Policies accepted and approved.**

#### **Quotes for Works**

Quotes were received for Hedge cutting at St Margaret’s Church, the Cemetery, St Francis Grove play area, Butt Lane Allotments. Cllr Turner proposed the works, with Cllr Greenbeck seconding and all Councillors in Agreement.

**RESOLVED: Quote accepted and contractor approved for works.**

#### **13339 St Francis Grove Matters**

Cllr Johnson advised that he had inspected the play area and confirmed the surface of the play area was beginning to breakdown. Contractors have been contacted for quotes to repair the play surface and to quote for replacement of the surface (one colour) for future consideration. He will cover with hazard tape until the repair can take place to ensure safety of those using the play area.

Quotes received for cleaning of play area; to request this be done asap before the school holidays. Cllr Barford proposed, with Cllr Childs seconding and all Councillors in agreement.

**RESOLVED: Quote accepted and contractor approved for works.**

#### **13340 Church and Cemetery Matters**

##### **Cemetery**

Plots in breach of the current Cemetery Regulations have been identified; Clerk to identify the current plot holders and draft letter requesting the items are removed within a time frame by the plot holder, or the Council can remove on their behalf.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to draft correspondence and identify plot holders.**

##### **Church**

- **Church Wall**

Cllr Metcalf updated the Council on the progress with replacing the Church Wall. The structural engineering plans are now with planning, and the Vicar is happy with things so far. Cllr’s Metcalf and Johnson acknowledged that Mr Cross needed to be recognised and thanked for the hours of work he has put in on this project. Mr Cross advised that there were a few small issues to finalise, but without the structural engineer working with the Council over the last couple of weeks we would not be where we are.

- **Church Clock**

Cllr Greenbeck advised that the clock had been serviced and no further action required, however, the lights were full of water and the fittings have rotted. They need replacing, but likely to need scaffold to carry out the work safely.

**RESOLVED: Cllr Greenbeck to speak to electrician and obtain information / quote for next meeting.**

#### **13341 Stanford Centre**

Cllr Metcalf advised the Centre has received a £5000 grant from the solar fund for new books and a new (additional) pc.

**13342 Correspondence**

- Email from resident regarding the bus service to Laceby asking if the Village Council could do anything to get the service improved. Councillors identified several options, including approaching Morrison’s.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to draft letter to NELC with options for consideration.**

- Email regarding concern at the parking at Cottagers Plot, and safety of road users and residents.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to contact NELC re parking and vehicles.**

- Email from resident regarding a request for memorial at the Cemetery. Cllr Schofield proposed we approve the request and Cllr Barford seconded; all Councillors in agreement.

**RESOLVED: Request approved. Clerk to review Cemetery Reg’s for July meeting.**

- Concerns raised by Allotment holders regarding stolen chickens, people walking across plots, and querying access by non-allotment holder. Also concerns raised regarding the bee’s on plots and a number of people being stung.

**RESOLVED: To advise Allotment holders to report theft and trespass to police.**

**13343 Information Exchange**

Cllr Turner advised that the Laceby Bypass was a road safety concern with the grasses having grown so high in the centre; pedestrians and cars cannot safely see to cross the road, and oncoming cars cannot see people turning and crossing the road.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to contact NELC and ask for cuts to bypass.**

Cllr Turner advised that the trees and hedges that run along the path on the bypass from the Red Cottages up to the 5 bar gate into the field are overhanging the path and limiting access for those using it.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to escalate to NELC to request a cut.**

Cllr Johnson advised that the Co-op was arranging a community event before the new store opens. Discussed areas they could support including litter pick of bypass and areas across the village.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to suggest to Co-op areas for litter pick.**

There were no other items raised.

**13344 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 9.15pm.**

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

Dated: .....