

Minutes of Laceby Village Council Finance and Planning Meeting
Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane, Laceby on Tuesday 1st April 2025 at 7.30pm

13486 Present: Chair – Cllr R Childs
Cllr S Greenbeck, Cllr P Schofield, Cllr P Page, Cllr S Turner, Cllr D Johnson,
Cllr B Metcalf, Cllr M Hall, Cllr R Barford
In Attendance: Nicola Ashton – Clerk & RFO, Ward Cllr D Hasthorpe, 5 members of public
Apologies: Cllr R James

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

Apologies were received and accepted.

13487 Minutes from the 4th March 2025

The minutes from the Finance and Planning Meeting on the 4th March 2025 were checked; Cllr Turner requested amendment to minute 13484 to include Daisy Drive. All agreed to amendment and minutes were proposed by Cllr Greenbeck and seconded by Cllr Hall as a true record, and agreed by all Councillors present.

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

13488 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations

a. Dispensations

No Dispensations recorded.

b. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were recorded by Cllr Barford regarding Finance.

13489 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.

- Cllr Childs advised that the Council had received the same update as the member of the public regarding Grimsby Road Safety concerns.
- Member of public asked the significance of a learner driver having an accident over someone with a driving licence, and advised that
- Member of the public firstly thanked the Church Wall Committee for the work to the new Wall which looks wonderful. They then explained that the recent accident on Grimsby Road was just one of a series of near misses. With wing mirrors ripped off, and gave an example where a burgundy fiesta had mounted the pavement at No. 32, drove down, off the path at Grange Avenue and then re-mounted the pavement to continue down Grimsby Road, with a total disregard to safety. Pedestrians have had to go into the driveways of properties to avoid cars, and the response from NELC was not a adequate. This is not a one off, and had it happened minutes later there were school kids walking down the road. It was asked if LVC would be willing to ask NELC, Cllr Hasthorpe and the resident group to a meeting to discuss the concerns. Agreed the Clerk to contact NELC.
- Member of the public advised he had come to the meeting because of St Francis Grove being on the agenda. The Clerk advised that this was a standing item in relation to the play area, and apologised for any confusion; future agendas will state St Francis Grove Play Area.
- Member of the public asked the reasoning behind the double yellows being painted at Alfred Bannister Mews. The Clerk explained that the lines were in response to residents raising concerns about visibility when pulling out of the junction. NELC can explain in more detail.

Public Forum closed 7.42pm.

13490 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising for the meeting.

13491 Police Matters

The Police newsletter was received, 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.

13492 Ward Councillors Report

Cllr Hasthorpe advised he was present to listen and assist where necessary. Cllr Childs thanked Cllr Hasthorpe for his assistance with the Grimsby Road safety concerns.

13493 Planning Matters

DM/0125/25/FUL – erect single storey building with shop and two padel courts with associated parking, landscaping, and various associated works; Manor Golf Course, Laceby.

No objections were identified.

RESOLVED: Clerk to advise Planning.

There were no further planning applications for consideration.

13494 Finance Matters

To approve payment of accounts to 1st April 2025.

Clerk Telephone/Broadband	£23.17
Clerk Petty Cash & Postage	£57.56
Allotment key deposit refunds	£30.00
Reimbursement B Barford re Allotment Taps	£8.89
Newsletter printing	£445.00
Stanford Centre Room Hire	£10.50
Church Wall Invoice	£63,960.00
Wages x 3 members of staff - Month 1	£xxxx
HMRC – Tax and NI - Month 1	£237.75
NEST Pension – Month 1	£62.79
Chairs Allowance – April 2025	£20.00
Scribe Accounts	£414.72
Allotment Rent to Farmer	£459.50
NELC Council Tax re Cemetery	£1621.75
CPRE Membership	£45.00
Cemetery Waste	£
ERNLLCA and NALC Membership	£995.86

RESOLVED: All payments approved; proposed by Cllr Page, seconded by Cllr Schofield and all agreed.

National Minimum Wage

It was noted the NMW increased to £12.21 from 1st April 2025, in regards to LVC employees.

Appoint Internal Auditor for 2024/25 Accounts

It was agreed by all present to use Mark as the Internal Auditor of the Accounts.

Reviewed Policies

- Risk Register, GDPR Policies, Allotment Risk Assessment, Finance Regulations reviewed.

Policies proposed by Cllr Greenbeck and seconded by Cllr Turner; all Cllrs in agreement.

RESOLVED: Policies adopted.

Groundskeeper Vacancy

Interviews held and successful recruitment of Steve into the post of Groundskeeper. Start date 1st April. Some teething issues, but cracking on with the Cemetery.

13495 St Francis Grove Play Area Matters

Cllr Johnson advised that he and Cllr Metcalf had checked the play area, and cleared some litter, but advised it looked immaculate.

13496 Church and Cemetery Matters

Church Wall

Cllr Metcalf advised that many residents had commented on how brilliant the church wall looks, explaining that the brick was chosen by the Conservation Officer and Planning at NELC.

There have been more bones found, and the archaeologists have logged all the finds. The costs for the archaeologist have been more than expected, however, they have offered us a small discount. They will be back to oversee the interment of the bones and the preparation of the ground when the trees are planted. The bricklayers will be finished tomorrow, and it is hoped the deterrent paving finished the week after. Cllr Johnson advised that the costs would also include additional costs for a digger and driver for 2 weeks to work alongside the archaeologists.

Cemetery

It was noted that the Council had received a further complaint regarding the decorations on a grave. The Clerk explained that this had been addressed previously. It was agreed to write to the family and advise them again that any decorations will be removed and kept safe for them to collect, however they cannot remain on the grave. The Clerk will also write to the complainant to explain what actions has been taken.

13497 Stanford Centre

Cllr Metcalf advised that the centre has put in a solar fund grant to help improve the heating in the Centre, and to run some additional educational classes.

13498 Correspondence

Grimsby Road, Road Safety

This has been discussed within public forum.

13499 Information Exchange

- Cllr Barford requested the use of the bunting and tables for the LCC VE Day Event in May, and the contact number for the band (RBL) All agreed, and Clerk to contact Laceby RBL.

13500 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.

- HR

The Chair closed the public meeting at 7.56pm.

Signed:
Chair

Dated: