

Minutes of Laceby Village Council Finance and Planning Meeting
Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane, Laceby on Tuesday 3rd June 2025 at 7.30pm

13538 Present: Chair – Cllr B Metcalf
Cllr S Greenbeck, Cllr P Schofield, Cllr P Page, Cllr S Turner, Cllr D Johnson,
Cllr M Hall, Cllr R Barford

In Attendance: Nicola Ashton – Clerk & RFO
Ward Cllr D Hasthorpe
4 members of public

Apologies: None received

Cllr Metcalf opened the meeting, and welcomed all present to the meeting. The statement regarding the Recording of Meetings was read out. No apologies were received.

13539 Minutes from the 6th May 2025

The minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting, Annual General Meeting and the Finance and Planning Meeting on the 6th May 2025 were checked and alteration made to Full Council meeting chair. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Page and seconded by Cllr Schofield Page as a true record, and agreed by all Councillors present.

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

13540 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations

a. Dispensations

No dispensations recorded.

b. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest recorded.

13541 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 advised that because 3 clear days' notice had not been given regarding the agenda her query regarding GDPR was not down as an agenda item. Cllr Metcalf advised that the query could be added to the next agenda for discussion.
- Member of the public raised query about the security of the allotments, with reports of white transit vans on site and the gates being left open. Council to send message out via the allotments fb page.
- Member of the public advised that they had been invited by NELC to attend a walk around regarding Grimsby Road safety with the portfolio holder, representatives from highways and the police, and had queried why the Ward Councillor and LVC were not present. Cllr Metcalf explained that LVC had not been invited to the meeting and found out about it afterwards.
- Member of the public queried whether the jubilee benches would be oiled, as identified at last year's meeting. The Clerk advised that there had been no interest in the works. Member of the public advised that their husband would be willing to assist with the works, and will email the Clerk.

Public Forum closed 7.37pm.

13542 Matters Arising

• Road Safety Grimsby Road

Cllr Metcalf advised that LVC had not been invited to the meeting, despite us requesting the meeting, and when queried, a brief report had been shared by NELC. Member of public advised that they had been present at the meeting and had raised concerns over the

suggested usage of the Co-op car park, and that the minibus service and parking at the Oaklands was still preferable.

RESOLVED: To write to Cllr Swinburn re meeting.

13543 Police Matters

It was noted there had been 48 recorded crimes in Wolds, with 19 reported from Laceby including theft from Chippy, cars and vans broken into, 10 assaults, 4 harassment / stalking and 1 minor public offence. The newsletter is available on LVC website.

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

13544 Ward Councillors Report

Cllr Hasthorpe advised there was nothing to report this month.

13545 Planning Matters

DM/0394/25/FUL – erect two storey side extension. Erect single storey extension to side and rear, Juliet balcony, alterations to existing driveway, side gate and wall; 22 Cemetery Road, Laceby.

No objections were identified.

RESOLVED: Clerk to advise Planning.

There were no further planning applications for consideration.

13546 Finance & Governance

To approve payment of accounts to 3rd June 2025.

Wages x 3 members of staff - Month 3	£xxxx
HMRC – Tax and NI - Month 3	£525.58
NEST Pension – Month 3	£115.28
Chairs Allowance – June 2025	£20.00
Clerk Petty Cash, Telephone & Broadband	£51.76
Groundskeeper petrol and strimmer	£40.00
Meeting Room Hire	£24.50
Cemetery Waste	£59.23
Internal Audit Costs	£400.00
Anglian Water – Cemetery	£19.92
Anglian Water - Allotments	£137.10
Liability Insurances	£131.26
Additional Church Wall costs	£3976.80
ICCM Cemetery Membership	£105.00

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

Internal Audit Report

Internal Audit shared with Councillors, no queries or concerns raised.

RESOLVED: Internal Audit report approved.

AGAR 2024/25 Accounts

AGAR shared with Councillors, all in full agreement to approve as correct.

RESOLVED: AGAR signed, Excise of Public Rights to be advertised.

Bank Reconciliation as at 31/3/25

The Clerk advised the bank reconciliation as at 31/3/25.

RESOLVED: Bank Reconciliation signed.

Policies

- Co-option Policy – new policy; already in practice and formalises the process.
- NELC Code of Conduct – reviewed and updated as per NELC policy.

RESOLVED: Policies approved.

13547 St Francis Grove Play Area Matters

Cllr Johnson advised that the equipment remained mechanically sound, but that litter on the play area was a problem. Residents and Councillors are helping to keep it tidy and clear of litter.

13548 Church and Cemetery Matters

Church

Cllr Turner queried why the clock had not chimed last week. Cllr's Greenbeck and Johnson explained the complexity of the bells, and that they had been turned off for safety reasons and in preparation for a wedding.

Cemetery

The Cemetery Fees were reviewed. Cllr Metcalf proposed that they remain the same this year, seconded by Cllr Hall and agreed by all.

RESOLVED: Cemetery Fees approved.

13549 Stanford Centre

Cllr Metcalf advised that everything was going nicely at the Centre, and they had spoken with a representative of NEL who was hoping to interact with residents and hold talks on scams etc. There is a new display unit in the foyer too.

13550 Correspondence

Butt Lane

- Cllr Metcalf advised that the ditch had been dug on the land between Bishops Grange and Butt Lane Playing Field to prevent further access. A gate will be put in at some point too.
- NELC have advised that the speed limit signs etc. will be put in place on 5th June, with the reduced 40mph speed being in place from the 6th June.

13551 Information Exchange

- Cllr Johnson explained that the invoice from Copes for the additional costs was much lower than expected due to Copes absorbing some of the costs. It was proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Copes, Mr Cross and the Archaeologists. All agreed
- Cllr Turner advised that crossing the Bypass was now dangerous due to the height of the grass, particularly at the bend near Grimsby Garden Centre. Clerk to report.
- Cllr Turner raised concerns regarding road safety on the Bypass as drivers continue to use the cut down to Caistor Road, and are slamming breaks on to use it. NELC have previously advised they were going to close it. Agreed to chase this up with NELC.
- Cllr Childs advised that the bus timetables had changed with the village now having a Sunday service.
- Cllr Childs explained that the Church Garden Party on the 28th June and the LCC Summer Social on the 19th July were both looking for extra volunteers, if anyone in the Council was available to help it would be appreciated.
- Cllr Greenbeck asked if the Haagensen Memorial was going to be opened this year. Agreed to the 16th August 10am to 2pm, as long as there are willing volunteers to lift the iron gates that are extremely heavy.

13552 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 8.02pm.

Signed:

Chair

Dated: