

Minutes of Laceby Village Council Finance and Planning Meeting
Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane, Laceby on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at 7.30pm

- 13581 Present:** Chair – Cllr B Metcalf
Cllr S Greenbeck, Cllr P Schofield, Cllr R Barford, Cllr P Page, Cllr S Turner
- In Attendance:** Nicola Ashton – Clerk & RFO
6 members of public
- Apologies:** Cllr D Johnson, Cllr R Childs, Ward Cllr Hasthorpe

Cllr Metcalf opened the meeting, and welcomed all present. The statement regarding the Recording of Meetings was read out. Apologies were received and accepted.

13582 Minutes from the 5th August 2025

The minutes from the Finance and Planning Meeting on the 5th August 2025 were circulated; the minutes were proposed by Cllr Schofield 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.

13583 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations

- a. Dispensations**
No dispensations recorded.
- b. Declarations of Interest**
No declarations of interest recorded.

13584 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 they were present to discuss the letter regarding issues on Charles Avenue and would welcome Village Council support.
- Public Forum closed 7.34pm.

13585 Matters Arising

- **Co-option of Councillor**
Cllr Metcalf explained that the Council had never had a situation where there were two applicants for one vacancy. Councillor Metcalf asked if anyone wished to ask the candidates any questions. Councillors cast their vote, and Cllr Metcalf confirmed that Mr T Downes was co-opted onto the Village Council.

13586 Police Matters

It was noted there had been 41 recorded crimes in Wolds, with the following reported in Laceby: Three attempted house burglaries and several car doors tried Charles Avenue and Keith Crescent, a house was entered and a wallet stolen on Grimsby Road, use of a hammer to smash a tractor, stone thrown at car at Oaklands, three assaults, three reports of harassment, one report of public order and no reports of ASB. The newsletter is available on LVC website.

Cllr Metcalf advised that the Wolds policing team join the walking group on a Thursday twice a month, had been to the Church Coffee Morning, and have dates where they will be available in the library for residents to speak to them.

13587 Ward Councillors Report

There was no Ward Councillor present at the meeting.

13588 Planning Matters

There were no planning applications for consideration this month.

13589 Finance & Governance

To approve payment of accounts to 1st September 2025.

Wages x 2 members of staff - Month 6	£xxxx
HMRC – Tax and NI - Month 6	£454.01
NEST Pension – Month 6	£127.37
Chairs Allowance – Sept 2025	£20.00
Clerk Petty Cash, Telephone & Broadband	£44.48
Groundskeeper Petty Cash	£20.00
Cemetery Waste	£59.23
Allotment Water	£415.50

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

AGAR

The Clerk advised that the AGAR had been returned by the external auditor, who advised the AGAR was in accordance with proper practice, and no concerns were identified.

13590 St Francis Grove Play Area Matters

Cllr Metcalf advised that the skier at the play area had been repaired, with parts supplied by Wicksteed and the repair completed by a resident in good will.

13591 Church and Cemetery Matters

It was noted that the Church Wall had been damaged by a haulage lorry from the Solar Farm last Thursday evening. There were witnesses and the company has been contacted and they have referred to their insurers.

13592 Stanford Centre

Cllr Metcalf reported that there had been trouble with the lights hanging from the ceiling, however the contractor attended immediately, checked all lights, and fixed the one that was hanging.

There is also extra heating being put into the hall next week, which will hopefully warm the hall better than the current heating.

13593 Correspondence

- Letter from residents of Charles Avenue received and discussed. Residents would like the emergency access to never be considered as an access to the estate, and requested that the vehicles and diggers etc are moved into the second field away from Charles Ave, and the verge repaired. Cllr Metcalf confirmed that the Council would support residents, and will request a meeting with NELC and residents.
- Letter from resident of Seedclose Lane regarding concerns with vehicles using the lane and damage to properties. It was noted that LVC do not have the power to enforce anything, however, could request a meeting with NELC to see if anything can be done by them to support residents.

13594 Information Exchange

- Speed Alert Cameras – Cllr Metcalf explained that it was something the Solar Farm would consider funding, and three speed alert signs would cost in the region of £9k. The Village Council has been liaising with NELC for a long time without success. Resident advised that she had received a response from NELC and suggested the Council proceed with their plans. Clerk

to speak to NELC to establish NELC position. All agreed that they were happy to proceed with speed alert signs.

- Cllr Turner asked why the bin from outside the pizza shop had been moved down towards the Beck. This left the square without a bin, and lots of rubbish on street. Could there be a smaller one at the bus stop like ones near the Town Hall? Cllr Barford advised that as the village grows, the need for more bins should also grow.

The Chair closed the public meeting at 8.18pm.

Signed:

Chair

Dated: