

**Minutes of Laceby Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane Laceby on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.30pm**

**12487 Present:** Chair – Cllr B Metcalf  
Cllr S Greenbeck, Cllr D Johnson, Cllr S Turner, Cllr R James, Cllr P Schofield,  
Cllr J Dixon, Cllr L Emerson, Cllr R Barford

**Also present:** Clerk – Nicola Ashton

Due to the covid19 pandemic, this meeting was a closed meeting to the public.

There were no apologies for absence.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**12488 Chairs Report**

Cllr Metcalf provided a report for the year for all Councillors:

- The Parish Council have been working with NELC regarding the old allotment lease and over the last year have secured the site and reinstated the kissing gate as a requirement of the current lease, as well as clearing the front area of the allotments. Unfortunately the Laurel Bushes were stolen within hours of being planted. We are now working with NELC to put together a business case for a change in the lease, and working with the Public Rights of Way Officers in regards to a public footpath through the site.
- We have installed a new defib on the wall of the One Stop.
- The new Cenotaph has been under construction, and Cllr Johnson and Greenbeck shared photo's with the Parish Council in October; and we are hopeful that it will take its place in the Cemetery soon.
- We began planning for the 75<sup>th</sup> VE Day celebrations in May, but unfortunately had to postpone all plans after covid lockdown began in March.
- All payments are now made via bacs, removing the need for cheques.
- The improved and more frequent grass cutting across the village and along the bypass been well received by all.
- £500 was donated to the Laceby In Bloom group to make the village a better place to live.
- The Haagensen Memorial was opened and welcomed 25 visitors through the day.
- We began meeting with highways, however some areas we raised as concern have not all been resolved.
- The Royal British Legion worked with the Parish Council in regards to the Remembrance Parade which is a civic ceremony and as such we are now responsible. The Clerk will lead this and the RBL are willing to support with this.
- Last year we had 3 Councillor Vacancies, Cllr Dixon and Cllr Barford have now joined us.
- The floodlights at the Church were a big topic of discussion last year, Cllr Johnson confirmed that they had now been replaced.
- We looked at exercise equipment for St Francis Grove play area, but this has been put on hold due to covid.
- The Parish Council authorised a grant to the Stanford Centre to install wifi, which will have a huge benefit on all users of the centre.
- The allotments have been doing very well.
- We were approached by the Scouts and the Laceby Football Team with regards to the Scout Hall and the Butt Lane field. As yet neither NELC or the Scouts have updated us on the situation.
- We put in a new water supply at the Laceby Cemetery and replaced the broken bench.
- We funded the Christmas tree and held a lights switch on with carols, and the Salvation Army Band. Approximately 180 people attended the event.

- There was an issue with the BMW garage and the layby, which although still ongoing, a new set of plans have been approved to bring the lorries off the road and onto the forecourt.
- Cllr Metcalf finished by thanking the litter picker, groundsman, clerk and all Councillors for all their hard work and support during the last year.

#### **12489 Stanford Trust Report**

Cllr Greenbeck reported on the Stanford Trust:

- Mrs M Dickerson has now resigned as a Ward Councillor and Trustee member. A new vacancy for Trustee is to be sourced.
- The Stanford Trust representatives are now Cllr Greenbeck and Cllr Johnson and Mrs M Foot from St Margarets Church. As the amount given for the Charity Trust is £1000 an annual report is now required for the auditors.
- The Trust continued to support young apprentices with £7,200 given to 30 applicants in this last year.
- 45 bibles were donated to Laceby School and a label placed in the front which reads 'Presented to Laceby Stanford School by the Educational Foundation of Philip and Sarah Stanford.'
- A donation of £100 was made towards a tree sculpture from a Silver Birch stump in the Infant playground.
- A donation of £2000 was made to the Stanford Centre for the full cost of new replacement chairs after the Fire Officer condemned the old ones.
- Dilapidation of the Stanford Centre is still an ongoing problem and talks continue with Engie.
- A vacancy for a new school governor rose after Cllr Hasthorpe resigned; this role is to be split between Mr N Morrison and Mr P Bray. The other Trustee governors are Mrs V Brumfield and Mrs S Wink.
- The Trust is still very concerned by whether Laceby Stanford School continues towards Academy status.
- This October is the tercentenary (300 years) for the Trust, who have been busy planning for the big day including the art work underway in the Stanford Centre, a church service with readings from the original minute books of 1720, flowers of the Stanford badge, music & choirs, mugs to be given to every pupil of the school and a grand party. This is planned subject to covid19 – fingers crossed!

#### **12490 Stanford Charity Report**

Cllr Johnson confirmed that he, Cllr Greenbeck and Mrs Foot had worked hard to make the charity awards to vulnerable people at Christmas. This last year they had slightly deviated from the norm and had offered the award to those of the younger generation who were disadvantaged. This has been greatly received by all.

#### **12491 Brooks Charity Report**

Cllr Turner reported that this year two payments had been made from the Charity. For the clarification of the new members of the Council, Cllr Turner confirmed that this was a charity offering support to women over 40 who are 'in need'. She confirmed that the Charity currently has £4,666.51 within its fund. It was agreed to look at how this can be better known to encourage more people to apply for a grant.

#### **12492 Community Centre Report**

Cllr Schofield confirmed that the Community Centre had recently had new heaters fitted into the hall at a cost of £4500. They are currently looking at quotes for a new roof. The repair and maintenance costs in the last year were £1485, and whilst there is a lot of money in the Community Centre account, all of this money is accounted for with works and invoices due.

**12493 Police Report**

No report was available for the meeting.

**12494 Footpath / Tree Warden Report**

- Concerns have been raised by residents in regards to the fencing along the Aylesby footpath; it was acknowledged that the farmer has the right to protect his land to prevent people damaging crops.
- The old allotment footpath is still ongoing, and Cllr Dixon explained that she had spoken to the Public Right of Way Officer and been advised that the process was lengthy and the next step was to take it to planning.

**12495 St Francis Grove Play Area Report**

Following the covid lockdown, the play area is now open again from 4/7/20 and signage up reminding users to wash hands after using the equipment. Various repairs have taken place over the last year, and the play area continues to be used by all. The Gym equipment has been placed on hold during covid, however, Cllr Metcalf confirmed she will look to restart this as soon as it is safe.

**12496 Stanford Centre Report**

Cllr Metcalf reported:

- The library continues to be a success, and continue to receive high quality donations of books in addition to purchasing new adult and children’s titles.
- The centre replaced the heating system using a grant from the Solar Fund, and then successfully applied for £6000 to replace the old curtains and blinds.
- Lettings are the main source of income and during term time this generates approx. £450. The Group also held a Christmas Fayre to raise funds.
- 100 new chairs were purchased using a grant from the Stanford Trust; 40 foldable and 60 blue padded chairs.
- Currently there is scaffold on the building due to multiple leaks in the roof across the building. NELC have agreed to carry out this repair work.
- None of this would be possible without the help of the groups very capable volunteers .

**12497 Allotment Report**

The Clerk reported that the allotments had had another great year and that the plots had never looked better. It was acknowledged that with the covid lockdown the allotments had taken off and we had received multiple applications for plots. Every plot has now been taken and we have also created 2 additional plots from areas not previously used. There is now a waiting list in place for anyone wanting a plot. Repairs have been carried out to taps and the Clerk thanked Cllr Johnson for repairing the entry way and filling in the holes which were a H&S risk. It was acknowledged that thought needs to put into making this better as this was only a temporary fix.

**12498 Public Question Time**

Due to the covid pandemic, this was a closed meeting and no questions had been raised prior to the meeting for discussion.

**The meeting was declared closed at 7.45pm, by the Chair.**

Signed: .....

**Chair**

Dated: .....

