

Committee Meeting Minutes re Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2022
Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane, Laceby on Tuesday 16th November 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr B Metcalf & Cllr S Turner – Laceby Parish Council
Cllr S Greenbeck and Cllr D Johnson – Laceby in Bloom
Mr Kenneth Sykes – St Margaret's Church
Mrs Val Brumfield – Stanford School, Stanford Trustees, Laceby History Gp
Mrs Jeanette Spittlehouse – Laceby Library & Laceby Allotments
Ms Rachel McWilliam – Laceby Community Collective
Mr Owen Forest – Laceby Royal British Legion
Rhys Childs - Resident

Also present: Clerk – Nicola Ashton

Apologies: Mr K Hull (Laceby RBL), Mr Mark Smith (Laceby Scouts)

In addition to the apologies above, the Clerk advised that she had not received a response from Laceby Guides or St Margaret's Preschool invite to the meeting. Laceby History Group had sent their apologies, and Mrs V Brumfield volunteered to represent them. Apologies were accepted.

Queens Platinum Jubilee

Cllr Metcalf welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the discussion regarding the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend of the 2nd to the 5th June 2022. The purpose of this group is to discuss ideas and bring together the village celebrations. It was hoped that the group could use the plans from the VE day celebrations, that were cancelled due to covid, to get something in place for the whole village.

Nationally the plans are to light a beacon on the Thursday 2nd June 2022, to hold a service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's on the Friday 3rd June. There will be a Platinum Party at the Palace on the Saturday 4th June and this will be aired on the BBC, and plans for a Big Jubilee Lunch on the Sunday 5th June 2022.

Pictures were shared of the Silver Jubilee in 1977, which included a parade through the village, tractors and floats, marching band and many street parties. It was acknowledged by JS that any plans made should be within what we can do with the volunteers we have and that we should not make it too big, but remain focussed and also consider the amount of work we generate – will need to consider Risk Assessment, First Aiders, Insurance etc.

Cllr Metcalf advised that Cllr Barford had been looking at the feasibility of a Beacon on the Thursday night at 9.15pm. The Beacon advertised would cost around £2k and was built of Oak; it would need to be in a space of 60m from any buildings. RM confirmed that the Laceby Community Collective could hold this at Butt Lane field, and had a contact at Waltham Windmill she could ask for a price for a metal beacon, this was agreed. A raffle could be held for the honour of lighting the beacon with proceeds used to pay for the beacon or donated to charity. A piper would play before the beacon is lit, and the guide includes the songs to be played. Concerns were raised regarding numbers of people and parking, so this will need further thought.

All agreed there should be a picnic lunch on the Sunday 5th June, and that we could use the Stanford Centre and Stanford School field & playground for this. It was agreed this would be held between 2pm and 5pm.

Ideas for consideration

- Residents to fetch own picnic, or we could link up with local business for residents to purchase a readymade picnic and collect on that afternoon (Sweet Creams / The Teapot).

- Competition for families or groups to design and make carnival costumes with a parade around the field / playground and a winning prize.
- We would need to organise music
 - RBL Legionnaire’s would like to sing at the event;
 - could we also consider Laceby Lyricals and also Suzzy from the Library, also Nicola JD (fb) could also be contacted;
 - could we have music playing through a sound system – we would need to check licences for music.
- Children’s entertainer arranged for VE day – to be booked as already paid for this, DJ to get this booked.
- Ice Cream Van
- RM to see if Earth Bound Misfits might be interested in doing something and find out a cost
- Nunny’s farm and RM to speak to friend with Llama’s?
- Toilets needed – Clerk will contact the toilets we booked last year.
- Refreshments in the Stanford Centre – VB advised that alcohol cannot be consumed on the Centre or school premises; OF advised that the Legion would be open if anyone wanted to go for a drink.
- History Group exhibition of 1952 to be set up in the Stanford Centre. Include Silver Jubilee and Golden Jubilee?
- Bunting – a call out to the village for everyone to put out bunting; businesses to be asked to decorate up. Focus of decorations on the Square too, and the Church. VB suggested that each child at the school could decorate a triangle to go on a ribbon of bunting.
- What would plans be in bad weather – Church has 9 gazebo’s we could borrow and we could ask families to fetch brollies or gazebo’s.

JS advised that with what has been suggested we are looking at a carnival atmosphere and that could be the theme.

KS confirmed that St Margaret’s Church would look to hold a service of Thanksgiving but unsure when this would be – it could be on the Sunday morning at 11am and tbc.

OF advised that the Legion would be looking to hold an event at the club on that weekend as part of the events in the village. OF also confirmed that volunteers from the Legion would be willing to help with the arrangements on the day.

The Chair confirmed the next meeting dates as:

- Jubilee Planning Meeting (sub-group) – Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 7.30pm.

Committee Meeting ended 8.15pm.

Signed:

Chair

Dated: