

**Minutes of Laceby Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane Laceby on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm**

**13081 Present:** Chair – Cllr B Metcalf  
Cllr S Greenbeck, Cllr D Johnson, Cllr S Turner, Cllr R Barford, Cllr R James,  
Cllr P Schofield, Cllr Hasthorpe

**Also present:** Clerk – Nicola Ashton

**4 members of the public**

**Apologies:**

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. There were no apologies recorded.

**13082 Chairs Report**

Cllr Metcalf provided a report for the year:

Last year saw the celebration of the Queen's 70 years on the throne. We purchased bunting and special flags for the occasion and these were displayed through the square and at the entrances to the village. The jubilee was marked by celebrations on the sports field and the Stanford Centre. A special beacon was purchased and lit on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June whilst a piper played. Thanks go to all the organisations that played a part in arranging the celebrations.

The Haagensen Memorial and Vault was opened for 4 hours on Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> September and was well attended by around 100 people. Thanks to all who helped by removing heavy lids and supplying historical documents.

New benches have been purchased for the village, a Jubilee bench on Grimsby Road, and two coronation benches yet to come.

St Francis Grove play area has been cleaned, the area has increased in size to allow for a new all inclusive use roundabout and a larger slide. We have installed CCTV because of the graffiti, hopefully this will reduce vandalism to the equipment.

Remembrance Sunday – 5 flags and 50 extra poppies were purchased for displaying in the village. There was a good turn out by the people of Laceby.

The Christmas tree lights were lit on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, even though the weather was against us. Carols were sung inside the church.

We have obtained planning permission to demolish the existing and rebuild a new wall around the church. We are, at the moment, trying to decide on bricks, mortar colour, copings etc and get an idea of the cost. The section of the wall was removed for safety reasons and it continues to be monitored.

Issue with parking along Grimsby Road remain, but we are hopeful of a solution in the near future. We also hope for a resolution in the near future with the footpath from Laceby Park along Butt Lane.

I thank all the Councillors, Cemetery Keeper, Litter Picker and Clerk for all their hard work.

**13083 Stanford Trust Report**

Cllr Greenbeck reported on the Stanford Trust:

The Stanford Trust is ticking over with nothing much to report.

The Trust continues to support young people with grants for either apprenticeships or university students, but are dismayed how few students access this grant.

The Trust continues to support Laceby Stanford School with various requests.

Founders Day this year is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am in St Margaret's Church. The Trust is very pleased that the service is back in Church.

The Trust continues to support the Sarah and Philip Stanford Charity with £1000 each year, which the Trustee's oversee.

#### **13084 Stanford Charity Report**

Cllr Johnson confirmed that grants totalling £1000 were made from the Stanford Charity Fund. In liaison with Stanford School, families in need also benefitted from the grant along with older people in the village.

#### **13085 Brooks Charity Report**

Cllr Turner reported that the charity had not made any grants during the year, and there is £3,646.83 in the fund.

#### **13086 Community Centre Report**

Cllr Schofield advised that the Community Centre was doing really well, and the new roof had been completed last year. Unfortunately, a problem had been identified with the floor as there are no air bricks, and the windows need renewing too. They are looking to sort this out. The current balance of £21,573 will be used towards these works.

#### **13087 St Francis Grove Play Area Report**

The Chairs report covered the St Francis Grove play area. Cllr Johnson advised that the vandalism and graffiti had reduced significantly since the introduction of the cctv, adding that lots of families came from outside of Laceby to use the play area.

#### **13088 Stanford Centre Report**

The Stanford Centre continues to provide excellent facilities for the village, and is used by many groups with just Thursday mornings un-booked.

The library is open two afternoons a week and has provided a 'warm space.' It is seen as a safe space in which to read, chat, use computers and meet friends.

We received a grant from the Solar Fund to upgrade both toilets, and they are now looking great. We have also applied to the Solar Fund for a grant to replace the old lighting with LED.

The Stanford Centre would be unable to operate without the help of all the volunteers, for which we are grateful.

#### **13089 Allotment Report**

The Clerk reported that the allotments had had another great year and confirmed that there was still a high demand and waiting list for a plot. All plots given up recently have been re-let, with new allotment holders quickly getting the plots cultivated.

#### **13090 Laceby Community Collective Report**

Cllr Barford advised that the lease for the Butt Lane Playing Field had now been completed. The grass was cut today, and looks good, and volunteers will continue to be responsible for this. The membership is increasing month on month, and events are scheduled for the rest of the year including the Fete on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, and food markets. It was noted that although the food markets don't generate funds for the LCC, it is well attended and popular.

Funding has been secured from the FA to purchase a new ride on mower.

Funding has been applied for to renovate the pavilion, and the group is hopeful this will be confirmed soon.

The LCC is unsure of the plans for the play area now the lease has been transferred – originally the Butt Lane play area was on the list for a revamp.

Cllr Barford advised that the LCC had not been made aware of the asbestos in the building until the day they received the lease.

**13091 Public Question Time**

Q1 – will the minutes of the reports be available on the website?

Yes, they will be available online.

Q2 – will the LCC events be added to the LPC website?

No

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

Signed: .....

**Chair**

Dated: .....