

**Minutes of Laceby Village Council Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane Laceby on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.30pm**

**13501 Present:** Chair – Cllr R Childs  
Cllr S Greenbeck, Cllr R Barford, Cllr P Schofield, Cllr D Johnson, Cllr P Page,  
Cllr B Metcalf, Cllr S Turner

**Also present:** Clerk – Nicola Ashton  
Ward Cllr D Hasthorpe, Humberside police officer  
6 members of the public

**Apologies:** Cllr R James, Cllr M Hall

Cllr Childs opened the meeting, welcomed all present, to the APM. Apologies were received and accepted.

**13502 Chairs Report**

Cllr Childs presented his report to the council summarising the work of an eventful year. It was noted the Church Wall had been completed and looked amazing, with thanks given to Cllrs Johnson, Metcalf and Schofield as well as Mr Cross for all their hard work. Thanks were given to Cllr Henry Hudson for assisting with the issues around the S278 and Bond.

LVC continue to work with the residents regarding the road safety of Grimsby Road, despite Cllr Swinburn being interested in supporting, nothing has been done.

It was noted that thanks to a small minority, dog mess continues to be a problem in the village.

The Council was disappointed that the smell barrier was removed at the Field Head Road housing.

Thanks were given to Cllr Johnson for his work maintaining the St Francis Grove Play Area.

Cllr Childs advised that he was stepping down as Chair, but remaining as a Councillor, advising that his priority as Chair had been ensuring that all residents had received a voice, and he wanted to bring fresh ideas and listen to residents, however was disappointed with the behaviour of councillors towards him and the discrimination he faced regarding his age.

He explained that the Council did not take criticism on board and was not popular within the village. He expressed his disappointment that the Council had spent as much on benches as it had on the LCC in previous years, and that the Council preferred to spend money on other things, not the LCC.

**13503 Stanford Trust & Stanford Charity Report**

Cllr Greenbeck provided a report on behalf of the Stanford Trust and the work it has undertaken over the last year in regards to the Educational Grants and the support of Stanford School which is now an Academy School under the Wellspring Academy Trust.

It was noted the Stanford Charity which is now known as the Stanford Community Pantry continued to be supported.

The Trust has again supported young students with grants to assist their apprenticeship or higher educational courses.

The Trust thanked its volunteers at the Stanford Centre for their tireless work.

It was noted that Founders Day is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025, and the Trust gives all children at the school 50p, following Sarah Stanford's setting up the 'penny day'.

**13504 Brooks Charity Report**

Cllr Turner reported that the charity had not met during the last year, however, had granted funds to one beneficiary. The fund currently stands at £3,539.72. The Clerk will place notice on noticeboard for visibility.

#### **13505 Community Centre Report**

Cllr Schofield advised that the Community Centre accounts had not yet been audited, but he would update when this has been complete. Cllr Turner retired from the Community Centre after 32 years of service, thanks were given to her. Cllr Schofield advised that there were new committee members on board now.

#### **13506 St Francis Grove Play Area Report**

Cllr Johnson advised that the park continued to be monitored, and that equipment was mechanically ok, however, the antisocial behaviour from children was a big problem on the park. The Clerk advised that any ASB should be reported to the police and logged.

Cllr Johnson requested to address the Chairs report, adding that the benches had been paid for by the Laceby in Bloom, not LVC, with funding from solar farm at the request of residents. The Village Council are not in a position to fund the LCC as explained previously.

#### **13507 Stanford Centre Report**

Cllr Metcalf shared the report on the Stanford Centre, advising that it continues to provide excellent facilities for the village, with it being used 7 days a week between 9am and 9pm. The main building is there to provide educational facilities for the local community and the library room is there to help educate, stimulate imagination, and combat rural isolation through the exchange of books, a drink, and a chat. The Library is open Tuesday and Thursday from 1.45 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.

The Stanford Centre is fast becoming a centre for the development of knowledge and community (for its intended purpose when it was first built as an Education Centre). The Library is seen as a safe, free place in which to read, chat, use the computers and meet with friends and used as a warm space. Whilst the main hall has become a thriving place for a wide variety of educational activities, and an important hub for community learning activities as well as a social meeting place.

A grant application has been made for funding towards upgrading the heating and towards the provision of more educational activities at the centre.

#### **13508 Allotment Report**

The Clerk reported that the allotments had had another great year and confirmed that there was one plot left to be let.

#### **13509 Laceby Community Collective Report**

Cllr Barford explained that Cllr Hall had the report for the LCC, but advised that the LCC were within weeks of opening the Pavillion at the end of May. The LCC are thankful of the use of the facilities explaining that it was in use most evenings and weekend, and thanked residents for their support.

Cllr Barford added that the LCC has never asked the Council for funding, and are fully aware that they must stand on their own two feet and be self-funding. The LCC only requested the support of the Council for its work and events.

#### **13510 Public Question Time**

There were no questions raised.

**The meeting was declared closed at 7.51pm, by the Chair.**

Signed: .....

**Chair**

Dated: .....