

LACKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th May 2021

PRESENT: Parish councillors Stan Green (Chairman), Harry Lidster, Steve Jones, Naomi Palmer, Roland van Wijk, and John Coldwell.

Also present: Joanne Kirk (clerk), County Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger and three members of the public

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from District Councillor Susan Glossop.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Council Chairman Stan Green

1. Approval of the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2019 were confirmed and signed as correct by the Chairman.

2. County Councillor's Report by Beccy Hopfensperger

The full report is available on Lackford Parish Council's website at <http://lackford.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/annual-parish-meeting/>

Beccy Hopfensperger spoke about the following:

- She has had responses from all the organisations who are interested in tackling the problem of flooding in Lackford and will be arranging a meeting in the next few weeks.
- Speeding. The issue of lack of enforcement and not responding to VAS data has been raised with the Police and Crime Commissioner. He has also been asked to look at the problem of motorbikes speeding along the A1101.
- Pesticides Suffolk County Council has stopped using Glyphosate. They have found an environmentally friendly alternative. She will send information about Suffolk County Council's pesticide policy and about wildlife verges to the Parish Council.
- An order has been raised to skirt back the footway from Hengrave to Icklingham.

The Parish Council asked Beccy Hopfensperger to follow up on the work to cut back the vegetation around the village gates at the Mildenhall end of the village.

3. District Councillor's report by Susan Glossop

The full report is available on Lackford Parish Council's website as detailed above.

4. Neighbourhood Watch Report by John Coldwell

The full report is available on Lackford Parish Council's website as detailed above. There is a new area co-ordinator for Neighbourhood Watch with more information being sent through. They are trying to engage more with communities. The worst problems at the moment are garage and shed thefts and thefts from motor vehicles.

The Chairman thanked John Coldwell for his work with Neighbourhood Watch.

5. Lackford Community Council Report by Colin Holmes

The full report is available on Lackford Parish Council's website as detailed above.

6. Lackford Church report by churchwarden Harry Lidster

The full report is available on Lackford Parish Council's website as detailed above. The church has managed to keep going throughout most of the pandemic though attendance is down. Coffee mornings will restart once it is safe to do so. The church is trying to encourage the community to use the meeting room.

The suggestion was made to use the church to hold an event which is planned by the Community Council in the summer.

7. Lackford Charities Report by Harry Lidster

The full report is available on Lackford Parish Council's website as detailed above.

Harry Lidster said the Charity has funds available to help people in the village who may need financial support.

8. Financial Report 2020/21

The parish clerk presented the Council's financial report. The full report is available on the parish council website as detailed above.

9. Any other issues or concerns which residents would like to bring to the attention of the Council

The following issues were raised:

- Would it be possible to have some wildflower areas in the churchyard which could be created as part of a community project?
- Would it be possible to have a no mowing in May initiative as this is a key time for bees and insects?

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed

Dated.....

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