

LACKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9th May 2022

PRESENT: Parish councillors Stan Green (Chairman), Harry Lidster, Steve Jones, Roland van Wijk and Andrew Ramsay.

Also present: Joanne Kirk (clerk), County Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger and District Councillor Susan Glossop.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from parish councillors John Coldwell and Naomi Palmer.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Council Chairman Stan Green.

All the reports presented at the meeting are available on Lackford Parish Council's website at <http://lackford.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/annual-parish-meeting/9th-may-2022-at-8pm/>

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2021 were confirmed and signed as correct by the Chairman.

2. County Councillor's Report by Beccy Hopfensperger

Beccy Hopfensperger spoke about the following:

- The outstanding work opposite Breckland Edge. She had a 1-1 with the Chief Executive of Suffolk County Council and explained the problems she is having getting Highways to take any action. The Chief Executive will follow up with Highways about Breckland Edge.
- The skirting back of footways has been added to the Highways Maintenance Operational Plan (HMOP). She has asked for the footway along the A1101 to be skirted back. She will also ask for it to be extended into Old Bury Road. She has also asked Highways for a copy of the wording in the HMOP about the skirting back of footways.
- Flooding Issues. She understands that Mr Browning was arranging the removal of two trees blocking the river that will assist with flooding issues. She also understands that David Hudson and others have cleared some trees.

She has requested that SCC jet through all the drains on the A1101 as this will help should there be any significant flooding.

- Highway Issues. Highways issues tend to be the majority of the issues she deals with. She would recommend that highways issues are reported initially via Suffolk County Council's online reporting tool. If no response is received or the response is not satisfactory, reports can be followed up with Lackford Parish Council who will contact her to escalate them.
- She has had successful highways site visits with the new Community Engineer Matthew Fox to discuss local issues and come up with an action plan. She agreed to arrange a meeting in Lackford to try and resolve some of the long standing issues.
- Locality budget. She has contributed to some work on the trees in graveyard to protect the church and provide a community space.
- Diversion off the A14. The village has had issues with HGVs following the closure of the A14 and HGVs using the village as a diversion route. She has had conversations with National Highways on how signage can be improved and more enforcement to ensure compliance with official diversion routes.

3. District Councillor's report by Susan Glossop

Susan Glossop spoke about the following local issues:

- She agreed to arrange for West Suffolk Council to sweep Old Bury Road.
- She spoke about the recent fire in Hengrave and the importance of having an Emergency Plan. The Council explained that this is ongoing.

4. Neighbourhood Watch Report by John Coldwell

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

5. Lackford Community Council Report by Colin Holmes

No report has been received.

6. Lackford Church report by churchwarden Harry Lidster

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

7. Lackford Charities Report by Harry Lidster

The full report is available on Lackford Parish Council's website. Harry Lidster said that the Charity has funds available to help people in the village who may need financial support.

8. Financial Report 2021/22

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

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

No issues were raised.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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