

LACKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 7th May 2025

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

Also present: Joanne Kirk (Parish Clerk) and District Councillor Susan Glossop.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Council Chairman Stan Green.

All the reports for this meeting are available on the Parish Council website at <https://lackfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/annual-parish-meeting/7th-may-2025/>

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Colin Holmes, Chairman of Lackford Community Council and County Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2024 were confirmed and signed as correct by the Chairman.

3. County Councillor's Report by Beccy Hopfensperger

Beccy Hopfensperger sent two written reports which are available on the Parish Council website.

4. District Councillor's report by Susan Glossop.

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

Cllr Susan Glossop spoke about the following:

- The Local Plan will hopefully be adopted in the summer, but West Suffolk Council will then have to start straightway on a new Local Plan to reflect changes to the National Planning Policy Framework.
- Devolution and the creation of a combined mayoral authority with Norfolk and Suffolk.
- The local government reorganisation to form a unitary authority in Suffolk. SCC has put forward a case for one unitary council. The districts and borough councils have submitted a case for three unitary authorities. Greater Ipswich, East and West Suffolk.

The first elections would be for a mayor. The second election would be for a shadow authority. During the transition period the shadow authority would run the council until the unitary authority is fully up and running.

The following local issues were raised:

- Motorbikes speeding through Lackford at weekends. Susan Glossop suggested involving Nick Timothy MP. The clerk agreed to add this to the next Parish Council agenda.

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.

7. Written report from the Lackford Charities

John Sadler sent a written report. The full report is available on Lackford Parish Council's website as detailed above.

8. Chairman's report by Parish Council chairman Stan Green

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

9. Financial Report 2024/25

The full report is available on the parish council website as detailed above.

10. 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 8.30pm

Signed

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