

Laceby Parish Council



Community Engagement Statement of Intent

Introduction

To achieve its ambitions, Laceby Parish Council wants to work closely with the public – residents, communities, businesses and voluntary organisations. Its aim is to engage with its residents and encourage participation in decision making, securing better services, being engaged with the local democratic process and creating a more active and informed community.

Aims

The Parish Council strives to undertake the following:

To encourage an involved, empowered and active community through:

- Engage with all members of the community
- Reach out to elderly and vulnerable members
- Seeking the views of young people

To communicate clearly and factually through:

- The website detailing all council services and activities
- To develop, prepare and distribute a Parish newsletter to every household
- The use of plain English, and not using jargon

To improve communication with partners, stakeholders and community groups through:

- Supporting the role and function of the Local Authority.
- Actively be involved and support various local organisations and community groups such as the Stanford Centre and the Laceby Community Collective.

To continue to raise the image and reputation of the Council through:

- Inviting residents to be actively involved in Parish Council meetings via the public forum
- Publicising Parish Council Meetings, and the Annual Parish Meeting
- Encouraging use of the Council website
- Inviting residents / community groups and stakeholders to provide information for the Council newsletter.
- Ongoing support and engagement with local community activities

To enable all Councillors to maximise their role as representatives through:

- Uploading of agendas and minutes onto the Council website
- Enabling Councillors to attend meetings of community organisations and groups
- Access to training as required as part of their development

To ensure all employees understands the council priorities through:

- Regular communication with employees.
- Encouraging staff to input into the decision-making process

- Encouraging staff to actively represent the interest of the Council at community events

Engagement

The Parish Council will continue to actively engage with:

- North East Lincolnshire Council and the Town and Parish Liaison Committee
- All other Town and Parish Councils
- Ward Councillors
- East Riding and Northern Lincolnshire Local Council's Association
- Local Business
- St Margaret's Church
- The Temperance Hall Group
- The Stanford Centre Group
- The Laceby Community Collective
- The Allotment Association
- Laceby Stanford Junior and Infants School
- Scout and Brownie Groups
- St Margaret's Preschool
- Cloverdale Residential Home

Success

The success of this statement can be measured by:

- People feeling they are kept well informed by the Council
- People feeling that the Council listens to their views and acts on their concerns
- People feeling that complaints are handled well
- People feeling the Council is trustworthy
- People feeling that they have opportunities to participate with the Council and can influence the decision-making process
- People being satisfied with the way the Council delivers a service to the Parish