

Hindolveston Parish Council

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Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 20 April 2016 in the Millennium Pavilion at 7.30pm

Present: C Davison, T Leeder (Chair), P Patten, M Walsh,
and D Peart (Ladies Group), Rev J Sykes (Church) and NCCllr D Ramsbotham

MINUTES

1. Chair's welcome
2. Apologies for absence from Z Leeder were accepted
3. The Minutes of the last annual parish meeting held on 16 April 2015 were confirmed and signed.
4. Report from the Chair of the Parish Council
5. Reports from village organisations

- **Ladies Group**

The Ladies Groups has 24 members who meet monthly to hear guest speakers (e.g. Farming in the Past), and also arranging outings including a trip to the theatre and visits to gardens.
Diane Peart

- **Monday Night Scratch Band**: has eight members and is going well.
Trevor Leeder

- **Bowls Club**: is having a successful season
Chip Davison

- **Recreation Ground Committee**

Over the last year the Recreation ground committee has held several events which have all been successful and helped to raise the funds needed to maintain the grass cutting and general up keep of the Rec. Events held were: Easter Coffee Morning, Quiz, summer fete, Rock on the Rec.
Peter Patten

- **Church of St George**

The Church of St George the Martyr Hindolveston, is the oldest institution in this village and now is sadly the last remaining church since the closure of the Methodist chapel in 2009.

In the last year as well as out fortnightly Sunday service and mid-weekly service on a Wednesday, we have taken on behalf of the village five funerals, two at Church and three at the crematorium. We also carried out eight Baptisms.

It was great to see so many people at our Harvest festival and at our Crib Service on Christmas Eve, and for all the families who took part in our Pasada over advent.

The church costs about £195.00 a week to run, and we are grateful for all the support of the village for the church, through our fete, harvest festival and other events, and for putting fabrics in the fabric bank in the village hall car park which has raised an amazing £1832.20 over the last four years. So thank you for everyone who has used the bank to recycle their textiles.

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Can we also thank the parish council for taking over the responsibility for maintaining the churchyard and for Fred who cuts the grass around the church.

I finish with notice of two forthcoming events. On Sunday we have a special service to mark the Queen's 90th Birthday and on Friday 13th May we have a concert from the Greshams Prep School Choir.

The Church Hall is available for hire.

Rev Jeremy Sykes

- Village Hall

The Village Hall continues to be a focal point for most of the village activities and groups. Many of the groups that use the hall's facilities are "fitness-based" and range from general keep-fit, through hapkido to tai chi. A wide range of other regular activities takes place, including quilting & patchwork, life drawing and contemporary textile work, and also the carpet bowls team still uses the hall. Hindolveston Village Screen (the cinema) goes from strength to strength and has now established a solid and regular audience for occasional foreign-language films. Maybe this is in part because of the new upholstered seats the hall was awarded by the BFI. There is to be an occasional return of "Live Screenings" - plays, ballets or drama live from London theatres and playhouses.

The regular Monday-morning Coffee Shop is still an extremely well-supported service, provided by two extremely hard-working village ladies. The Coffee Shop has become a major donor of funds to village hall coffers. There is a regular annual 'Hindolveston Crafts in Action' weekend, when people can come and see how 'things are made' and ask questions. This is always well supported, as is the pre-Christmas Hindolveston Craft Fair, the opportunity for locals to buy from a huge range of village-made, high-quality products.

So it is still true to say that in dozens of different ways, the village hall is still a vital, busy building on a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly basis, including celebration events such as christenings and parties.

Sadly, however, the regular Friday evening bar facility has had to be curtailed, due to lack of support, but the bar still opens on the last Friday of the month, as well as for functions, both public and private.

The Management Committee has been aware for some time of the worsening condition of the car park, especially that half of it closest to the former Methodist Church. Mindful of our duty of care as trustees, we are on the point of instigating works to create a safe disabled-users footpath for the elderly and those in wheelchairs or buggies. Our long-term plan is to resurface the whole car park (properly) but at a current cost of almost £30,000 for just the part in very poor condition, we are a long way from achieving that ambition. We have found that funding is available for all sorts of projects, but not for mundane things like car parks. We have ideas and plans for slowly raising the funds for this important work, but in the very short term, our duty of care dictates that we must act to make safe and easy access for pedestrian users.

The Management Committee will continue to work towards the gradual general improvement of the hall and its facilities, ensuring that it remains good value for money, in hiring terms, but at the same time we must ensure that the fees charged are sufficient for the purpose of keeping the hall safe, warm, dry and welcoming to all users.

Audrey Bould, Chair, Hindolveston Village Hall Management Committee

- Crafts in Action

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Hindolveston Crafts in Action is not for profit organisation whose aim is to celebrate and promote the arts and crafts in Hindolveston. A committee of eight organise and run the events.

We attended the Recreation Ground Fete last year and people were invited to make a carrot whistle and Neil from The Traditional Rope Company made a large Turks head knot. Our Active Craft day in August was well attended and the Christmas Craft Market had a wide range of local crafts for sale.

This year at the Recreation Ground fete in June we will be inviting people to make simple kites. Our Active Craft Display day is on Sunday 14th August 2016. There will be people from Hindolveston sharing their crafts and arts, so come along, see what a talented place Hindol is and perhaps have a go yourself.

The Christmas Craft Market will be on December 3rd & 4th 2016. Entry to all our events is free.

Frances Wingate

- Village Screen

We have had another successful year. We have shown 8 English language films this year with an average audience of forty and 4 foreign language films with an average audience of 32. We have made a profit for the Village Hall of about £700.

We have a Live Screening of the Vaudeville Theatres production of The Importance of Being Ernest on 30th April with David Suchet playing Lady Bracknell and the tickets are going well.

Frances Wingate

- Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop has been going for over four years and continues to thrive. It has been open nearly every Monday morning 10 till 12, Bank Holidays included. Lynda Johnson and I are very grateful for all the support we have been given. We donated £1,700 to the Village Hall last year, we take out our expenses donating the surplus to the Village Hall so you can see how well supported it is.

Frances Wingate

- Poor Trustees: Village charity for the alleviation of poverty in Hindolveston.

It owns two fields which are rented out. A percentage of the rent from one field goes to church maintenance. During the year it has made three grants to people in the village.

Mary Walsh

6. Open forum - villagers may talk about any issue in the village

Meeting closed at 8 pm