

Hindolveston Parish Council

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Annual Parish Meeting

on Thursday 20 April 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Millennium Pavilion

Present:

Cllrs: Phillip Brown, Hazel Carter, Chip Davison, Trevor Leeder (Chair), Zara Leeder, Mary Walsh (Vice-Chair); and NCCLlr David Ramsbotham and seven members of the public

MINUTES

1. **Welcome** from the Chair
2. **Apologies** for absence: none
3. The **Minutes** of the last annual parish meeting held on 20 April 2016 were approved and signed

4. Report from the Chair of the Parish Council

The year saw quite a number of changes with the Recreation Ground Committee handing over the management to the Parish Council; the co-option of two new members (Hazel Carter and Phillip Brown) and the resignation of a long-standing member (Peter Patten). The administration of the newsletter was handed over to David Carter from Les and Ann Hogg who had instigated the project in 2012. A new website was set up which replaces the previous one which was no longer being support by Norfolk Rural Community Council. Please do visit the new website <http://hindolvestonparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/> which is more user friendly than the previous one. The website has information about the parish council, news from organisations and events in the village, and links to other useful websites such as the County Council for reporting potholes and the District Council for planning proposals.

The Parish Council continued with the arrangements to have the grass cut at the old and new graveyards and for the hedges to be cut at the allotments and Recreation Ground. The Parish Council also arranged for the area between the road and the car park to be cut. (Thanks to Chip for doing this). The contract to maintain the Recreation Ground was renewed with Norse. There were a few problems with the regularity of collection of dog waste from the bins (which are situated on Church Lane, Pinfold Lane and the Recreation Ground). A number of allotments changed hands and there are three people on the waiting list for a grazing allotment.

The new developers at the Methodist Chapel have agreed to re-instate the inscriptions on the foundation stones which had been ground off by the previous builders. Copies of the photographs of the foundation stones have been forward to them.

Planning applications were considered throughout the year. The Parish Council adopted a planning protocol in order to comply with the new shorter deadlines imposed by the planning authority and to accommodate the District Council's move to online planning consultation.

Potholes, obscured signs and other highways issues were reported via the County Council website for the necessary action to be taken. The police also assisted with a couple of traffic matters including the problem of parking at the junction of The

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Street and Foulsham Road. They also carried out a two week traffic census with a *minute man* near the Recreation Ground.

The Parish Council responded to two consultations. The first was a consultation by the Boundary Commission regarding the changes to parliamentary constituency boundaries in Norfolk. The Parish Council requested that Hindolveston should re-join the North Norfolk Parliamentary Constituency as residents still feel a close identity with the North Norfolk Constituency and do not regard themselves as part of Broadland. The other consultation was about the removal of the BT pay phone near the Village Hall. The Parish Council requested that it should remain at least until mobile phone coverage in the village had improved significantly. This request was supported by the District Council and the payphone will remain.

Recreation Ground and Millennium Pavilion

The Recreation Ground Committee handed over the management responsibility to the Parish Council as they were unable to find enough people to run the Committee. They asked if £3,000 could be reserved for the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) and Skate surface. Some of the social / fundraising events continued including Roc on the Rec, the Summer Fete, a quiz night and the Good Friday Coffee morning.

The Football Club which had used the Recreation Ground for many years moved to Holt at the end of the season.

The Parish Council a hand wash basin installed in the Millennium Pavilion for the hygienic preparation of food in the kitchen.

An application to the Land Registry for Easement by Prescription on the track to the Recreation Ground by the Barn was unsuccessful mainly because the statements in support of the application stated that the use had been done with the permission of the owner.

A request from the owners of Well Cottage and the Barn to purchase some of the Recreation Ground adjacent to the Barn was considered. The Parish Council decided that it could not sell any of the land at the Recreation Ground. This decision was accepted by the owners, who then gave a generous donation towards the repairs that were needed at the Recreation Ground and Millennium Pavilion.

With support from EP Youth and Momentum (Norfolk) the Parish Council has facilitated the setting up of a Youth Club which meets monthly. Tim Walsh is assisting with grant applications for the Youth Club and the larger project of the MUGA and skate area.

The Parish Council made donations to the Air Ambulance, Holt and Community First Responders, Break, North Norfolk Community Transport and the Royal British Legion. It was agreed to set the precept for 2017-18 at £7,600 (an increase of just over 7% on the previous year). The increase was needed to cover the extra costs associated with the maintenance of the Recreation Ground and Millennium Pavilion.

5. Reports from village organisations

a. Ladies Group

Once again the Ladies Group have enjoyed a full and varied programme in 2016. We had talks from Robert Smith on work and children in South Africa, Peter Sedgwick on being a test pilot, Peter West on farming in the past and Carol Sexton on Friends of Kelling Hospital. We enjoyed a walk in Sheringham Park, a visit to Graves the butchers, had fun playing ten pin bowling, and our annual BBQ at Martins Farm. This

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year we went to Wensum Valley Hotel for our meal out which was the best yet, and ended the year with a Christmas party at home in the Millennium Hall. The Ladies Group goes from strength to strength - we always welcome newcomers to the village and hope they will join us when we meet on the second Thursday of each month.

Diane Peart

b. Monday Night Music Club

The Monday night music club is going well. There are usually six of us on various instruments tackling music from pop to opera. Some bring their own arrangements to try out transposing them for the different instruments.

We welcome anyone to join us if they can play as we don't really teach. So if you enjoy playing please come and join us Monday nights at 7.30 pm in the Millennium Pavilion on the Recreation Ground.

T Leeder

c. Bowls Club

Hindolveston Bowls Club won League A in 2016. We were also winners of the Challenge Cup. We have a strong team and won the Alan Cox Shield for performance this year. The team thoroughly enjoys the matches both competitively and socially. We are in a good position financially and hope that the Bowls Club will continue for many years to come.

Winners of League: 1988, 2003, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016

Challenge Cup Winners: 1989, 1990, 2006, 2012, 2016

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Hon. Secretary and Treasurer

d. Church of St George

St George's is the village church, and it is there for the whole community for the happy as well as sad occasions in our lives, in the last year we have conducted a blessing of a marriage and five funerals at Church and one at the crematorium. We have also supported the village in remembering those who fell in the two wars, on Remembrance Sunday. The Church continues to hold services on the second and fourth Sunday of each month as well as a midweek communion every Wednesday and all residents of Hindolveston and the surrounding area are more than welcome to join us. We also hold regular services at Lyles House for the residents and residents from Holly Cottage regularly join us for our worship. We have also had special services to mark the major festivals of the year, Easter, Harvest and Christmas, and held a special service to celebrate the Queen and Village resident Dot Wharton's joint 90th birthday.

During the last twelve months we have been very appreciative of the support that has been given to the Church from the village population, joining us for a wonderful concert given by the Choir of Gresham's School, supporting the Church fete in August, and another very successful Harvest Supper in the Village Hall in October. Members of the village community also took part in the Christmas tradition of POSADA where knitted crib figures representing Mary, Joseph and the donkey travelled through parish stopping at each homes each night, helping families to reflect on the true meaning of Advent and Christmas, this was a great success and well received by all who hosted the Holy Family.

We also appreciate the support the village has given us by recycling their unwanted clothing and shoes etc. through the Rag Bag textile bank, which has helped to raise funds for the church.

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For the last few years we have faced a year on year increases of 15% per year in the amount we are asked to pay to the diocese towards the cost of ministry to the village, and this is likely to continue. This is a big ask for a small and aging congregation, and any help from the wider community in supporting our events and using the textile bank is greatly appreciated.

As in previous years we are grateful to the Parish Council for taking over the maintenance of the churchyard on Church Lane, as we would be unable to afford to carry on cutting the grass at the churchyard on a regular basis and would have had to let it revert back to nature.

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e. Village Hall - no report received.

f. Crafts in Action

We attended the Recreation Ground Fete last year and showed people how to make kites and windmills. Last year we had an Active Craft Day on a Sunday in August which was well attended, we will be having another Active Day on Sunday 13th August showing people how we do our crafts. We also had a Craft Market in December with live music on the Saturday evening which was very successful, this year we will be holding it on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd of December in the Village Hall.

The Village Hall had some concrete bollards installed last year; we revived the ancient art/craft of Bollard Dressing on a damp Sunday afternoon in March. A good time was had by all, there were some amazing creations made and lots of delicious cake and tea was consumed, we are planning to do it again next year so start thinking how you would decorate a bollard. We now have a face book page so you can see the dressed bollards and follow what we are up to, if you search Hindolveston Crafts in Action you will find it, there is also a link to it from the Parish Council website.

We are taking Hindolveston Crafts in Action on tour this year, which is a first for us, we are going to Dalegate at Burnham Deepdale where there are four pop up shops which we have booked from Thursday 22nd to Tuesday 27th June, we hope you will come along and see us. This is another chance for us to celebrate the wide ranging craft talent we have in Hindol.

Frances Wingate

g. Village Screen

We have had another successful year. We run two seasons, an Autumn and a Spring one, from September to April and show four English language and two foreign language films each season. We have raised £919.59 for the Village Hall so far this year and entertained 457 people.

The new chairs are very comfortable and we are grateful to the British Film Institute for this generous gift.

The cinema is run by a small group of people; the normal license fee for each film is about £100 - sometimes it is considerably more depending on who the distributors are.

Frances Wingate

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h. Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop has continued to be very successful as a place for people to meet, make new friends and chat. This last year we donated £2,200 to the Village Hall. When Lynda and I started the Coffee Shop we thought we would try it for six months to see if it could work, we have been amazed at how successful it has been but after five years we think it is time to handover to someone else. Fortunately since the new year we have been helped by a team of volunteers who don't want to see the Coffee Shop close and they are willing to carry on running it. Mary Beek has agreed to organise the rota and buy the cakes.

We have enjoyed running the Coffee Shop, getting to know people who we wouldn't have met otherwise and we are pleased it will continue, all be it in a slightly different form. We are very grateful for all the support and encouragement we have received over the years and hope the new team will be given the same support. So please come along on a Monday morning between 10am and 12am to the Village Hall, meet old friends and make new ones. I personally am looking forward to being the other side of the counter.

Frances Wingate

i. Poor Trustees

Village charity for the alleviation of poverty in Hindolveston. During the year the Trustees have made a few grants to people in the village.

Mary Walsh

j. Youth Club

During the summer there were a few problems with youngsters on the Rec and so the Parish Council asked Nula and Nikki from EP youth to attend a pc meeting. This they did and it was decided that a youth club event to gauge youngsters' needs would be the best way forward. A meeting was held at the village hall where a few youngsters and adults discussed what they wanted.

It was decided to hold youth events in the holidays and occasionally in the term time. These have been led by Nula and Julie and they have been so inspiring - the meetings have involved skiing, video-making, using mixer decks, screen printing t-shirts and so many other activities. We have had about 4 meetings now. They have been enjoyed by youngsters and new friendships have grown between young people.

However so far we have only really got two committed mums to take on management of the youth club. This is not enough for youth events to keep going and we will need some more commitment from other parents - we have tried very hard to get this going. It would need just a few more just to commit a small amount of time. Tim Walsh has applied to Momentum (Norfolk) for some funding but some commitment must come from more young families to make the youth club viable.

Nula and Nikki are happy to do two more sessions to launch us but then we would need to be independent.

Mary and Tim Walsh

6. **Open forum** - villagers may talk about any issue in the village: nothing was raised.

Meeting closed at 7.50 pm