

Hindolveston Parish Council

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Annual Parish Meeting

on Thursday 19 April 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Millennium Pavilion

Present:

Cllrs: Wayne Bowditch, Hazel Carter, Chip Davison, Trevor Leeder (Chair), Mary Walsh (Vice-Chair) and: Pierre Butikofer (District Cllr) and ten members of the public

MINUTES

1. **Welcome** from the Chair
2. **Apologies** for absence: none
3. The **Minutes** of the last Annual Parish Meeting (20 April 2017) were approved and signed.
4. **Report from the Parish Council**

Parish councillors: We had a number of changes on the council through the year. Wayne Bowditch was co-opted to fill the vacancy following the resignation of a long-serving member, Peter Patten. In May Phil Brown resigned (but he kindly offered to continue to manage the website and the new Speed Indicator Device) and later in the year Zara Leeder resigned as she was no longer able to fit in the parish council with work commitments. We thank them all for their contributions. The two vacancies are due to be filled shortly.

Maintenance: We were fortunate to have volunteers to carry out various repairs around the village, free of charge, which is much appreciated. These included repairs to the fence and gate at the recreation ground, re-staining the village sign post, providing plants for the War Memorial and spraying off weeds on the gravel, cutting the rough patch on the street front of the recreation ground and removing a dying tree. Other repairs and maintenance included work at the Millennium Pavilion, mole trapping on the playing field, hedge cutting and grass cutting on the field, play area and the old and new churchyards. A new contract was set up with Norfolk District Council for emptying the dog bins.

Activities: The Parish Council arranged a number of Youth Club meetings with support of EP Youth culminating with four days of activities at the beginning of the summer holidays. Unfortunately there was not enough interest from parents to set up a regular group. The Multi Use Games Area project was also abandoned due to lack of interest and the difficulty of getting grants to cover the huge cost.

There were three Social events to raise funds for the Recreations Ground. The summer Dog and Horticultural Shows raised £125; Roc on the Rec raised £413 and the recent Good Friday Coffee Morning raised £265. Thanks to all those who organised these.

We also received £800 in booking fees for hiring the Millennium Pavilion. Thanks to the bookings officer for managing these.

A grant of £500 from Momentum Norfolk was used for Youth Club activities, training and to make new goal posts for the playing field.

Phil Brown gave a couple of presentations entitled *Friends against Scams* to raise awareness about common scams and to provide advice as to how people can protect themselves from becoming victims.

Assets: We were pleased to hear that the War Memorial had been granted Grade II listing. We also welcomed the offer from a resident to repaint the lettering.

The Parish Council purchased a Speed Indicator Device with assistance from the County Council Parish Partnership Scheme. The device is moved to various sites around the village to remind drivers to drive carefully. More information about SID can be found on

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the website <http://hindolvestonparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/> under the heading 'Noticeboard'.

Allotments continue to be popular and the parish council is seeking ways to accommodate those on the waiting list.

Finances: 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 2018-19 at £8,100 (an increase of just over 6.6% on the previous year).

Communication: The Parish Council continued to produce a regular newsletter and we very much appreciate the hard work of those involved: writing and laying out the articles, as well as delivering it. The Parish Council also has a website for communicating with parishioners and the wider world. As well as parish council information you can see news about other activities and events in the village and there is a link to a gallery of photos.

Working with other bodies: Planning applications were considered throughout the year. The process was changed this year in order to comply with 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 such as the leaking pond on the Fulmodeston Road were reported to the County Council for the necessary action to be taken. A review of problems for drivers turning out of Foulsham Road at The Street was carried out by the County Councillor and the Highways Engineer. The Parish Council also received representation from people in the vicinity. It was agreed, on the recommendation of the Highways Engineer, that it was not appropriate to add any road markings or to impose parking regulations.

The Parish Council also liaised with the District Council to have the road and pavements swept. The police kindly provided 'no cold calling' stickers for distribution. With support from the Village Hall Committee, it was decided to replace the inscription stones, which were erased during the renovations at the Methodist Chapel, with plaques. These will be erected on the railings at the Village Hall - thanks to the committee for permission and to a resident for doing the work at no cost.

The Parish Council thanks all those who have helped and supported the work of the council. It is very much appreciated.

5. Reports from village organisations

a) 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 £680.79 for the Village Hall so far this year and entertained 394 people. The cinema is run by a small group of people; the normal licence fee for each film is about £100 sometimes it is considerably more depending on who the distributors are. We have been lent by Creative Arts East some archive short films to show before the main films. The last short film was about Norfolk seaside holidays and the one we are having this weekend is about fishing. Our final film of the season is Paddington 2 this coming Saturday the 21st April, doors open at 7 and the short film starts at 7.30. (Frances Wingate)

b) Crafts in Action

Hindolveston Crafts in Action is a small group of people whose aim is to encourage, promote and celebrate the Crafts people of Hindolveston.

We have had a busy year. Firstly we had a successful Bollard Dressing Day last year so we are repeating it again this year on the afternoon of Saturday 12th April 2-4pm. Why not come along and decorate a bollard, it's open to all ages and some

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material is available but you are welcome to bring your own bits and pieces. It wouldn't be a CIA event without the tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes.

We went on tour to Burnham Deepdale for five days which was fun and it helped spread the word about Hindolveston being the Craftiest Village in Norfolk. Radio Norfolk came to Hindolveston to interview Neil and some other crafters about how Crafty the Village was. This year we are going on tour to Blakeney Village Hall on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th July.

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 12th August showing people how we do our crafts.

We also had a Craft Market in December with about 20 stallholders mostly from Hindol. There was live music on the Saturday evening and on the Sunday 242 Adults, 12 Children and a dog came. This year the Craft Market will be on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd of December in the Village Hall. This year Julie has organised some workshops which Crafts in Action are subsidising. We have had two Screen Printing workshops with ten people and an Appliqué workshop also with ten people attending. Coming up are Rag Rug and Button Making workshops and we are planning to run some more in the Autumn.

Details about the workshops can be found on our Facebook page, a link to it can be found on the Parish website. (Frances Wingate)

c) Village Hall

Last June Neil Lewis and Julie Lovett joined the village hall committee. At the AGM in October when Graham and Audrey Bould stepped down as Chair and Treasurer and Mike Barnard stepped down as Secretary, Julie was elected chair and Neil was elected secretary. Three new members were elected at the AGM: Derek Chapman (who was elected Treasurer), Jan Morrison and Mary Beek. They joined existing committee members Sue Billings (bookings clerk), Ryan Hubbard and Peter Patten. At the December meeting the committee co-opted two more new members: Sue Day and Judy Manson.

The committee are embarking on a programme of repairs and refurbishment over the next few years.

Friday Bar and meeting room: at the moment the meeting room is being refurbished and in May the bar will begin opening every Friday night - the last Friday of the month will still be Folk Night.

Grants and Plans: we have been looking for grants to help with improvements and found one which would pay for an extension to the building. At an extraordinary meeting in March, the committee voted unanimously to make a bid for this grant. Our bid must be accompanied by approved planning drawings and these are on display in the village hall. We are applying for funds to build a new kitchen and seating area to form a permanent café/meeting area in the space between the rear of the hall and the store sheds. There are also various other works in the bid, including resurfacing the car park and making a play area for bikes, scooters, etc., which will also be overspill car park. We will know later this year if we are to be awarded the grant. If we don't get it we will embark on a programme of fundraising and look for other grants to pay for the work.

The Monday morning coffee shop continues to be popular and is now run by a group of 12 volunteers. The hall is well used and we hope to host more events and activities over the coming year. (Julie Lovett)

d) Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop continues to run every Monday morning from 10 - 12 o'clock in the Village Hall. From May 2017, the Coffee Shop has been run by a team of 15

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volunteers on a rota basis. Cakes and scones are baked in the village by an approved provider, along with some voluntary donations.

The Coffee Shop provides a friendly and welcoming meeting place and it is well attended by a core of regulars as well as newer residents and visitors to the village. Profits are donated to the Village Hall on a monthly basis. We plan to continue to run the Coffee Shop on the same basis for the foreseeable future. (Mary Beek)

e) Speed Indication Device (SID)

The SID has been operational in the village since the end of May 2017 and has been used in 11 and has been moved between these positions 17 times. The data has been downloaded prior to each time the SID is moved and the overall results indicate that the average speed levels are generally around 30 mph, with only rare instances of reckless driving. This tends to happen very early in the morning but there has never been a consistent pattern to justify further involvement of the police.

The battery is changed every week and the SID is moved approximately every 3 to 4 weeks by the SID Management Team of 4 local residents. Details of the locations and movement history are available on the Hindol website. After the initial investment, the SID has cost nothing to maintain and appears to serve as an effective reminder to all those driving through the village, that there is a speed limit of 30 mph. (Phil Brown)

f) Website

The Hindol website has been operational since January 2017 with an additional Hindol Images website being created specifically to host historical pictures of the village - this is linked to the main website via the gallery tab. Since the last APM in April 2017, around 125 posts have been uploaded, which equated to a new one every 3 days. These cover Parish Council documentation, Village Hall activities, details of the Village Screen showings, church events and a number of one-off events. Typically it gets between 12 to 20 visitors a day and operates at no cost to the village. It serves as a mandatory repository of parish council documents, an electronic notice board and as an archive of village life, but to make it more interesting and useful, it needs input and ideas from residents. (Phil Brown)

g) The Ladies Group

The Ladies Group have enjoyed a full and varied programme in 2017. We had talks by Simon Kinder on The Gresham Spies, Alison Thomas on Quilting, Philip West on the History of Melton Constable and the River Bure, Chris Bell on Meteorology, Diane Evans on MacMillan Cancer Support and Marie Parry on Cake Icing. We also enjoyed a visit to Langham Glass and a practical session at the Sticky Earth Café (Cromer) for pottery decorating and deco-patch. Our garden party BBQ in July was a great success as were the trips to Cromer for the Summer Pier Show and to the Wensum Valley Hotel for Sunday Lunch. We rounded off the year with a Christmas Party. Members raised nearly £300 from raffles for charity.

We welcome newcomers to the village and hope they will join us when we meet, generally on the second Thursday of each month. Some of our meetings are open to the menfolk too! (Mary Groombridge)

h) Church of St George

St George's is now the only Church in the village and as the parish church is there for the whole community. For both the happy as well as sad occasions in our lives, in the last year we have conducted two baptisms for children of families connected with the village, as well as supporting people getting married, and suffering from

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bereavement. The Church has also supported the village in remembering those who fell in the two wars, on Remembrance Sunday.

We continue 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, and every three months we have a family service, based around various themes. We also hold regular services at Lyles House for the residents and residents from Holly Cottage regularly join us for our worship, and members of the Church take communion to housebound residents. We have also had special services to mark the major festivals of the year, Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

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, and supporting the Church fete in August.

We continue to have the textile bank in the village hall car park, which provides a small income from the recycling of unwanted clothing and shoes etc. and we are grateful to all who donate articles through this.

Since 2013 the amount the parish has been asked to contribute to the Diocese of Norwich towards the cost of ministry in the village has risen from £5,000 a year to £7,000 a year.

To pay this along with other costs such as insurance, heating and lighting, we need to have an income of about £900.00. In the last year our income has only been about £520.00 a month, despite the best efforts of our small and aging congregation.

As in previous years we are grateful to the Parish Council for taking over the maintenance of the churchyard on Church Lane, as with the state of the church's finances we would be unable to afford cut the grass at the churchyard ourselves and would have had to let it revert back to nature. (Priest in Charge - The Revd. Jeremy Sykes)

i) Monday Night Music Club

The Music Club is still going strong, meeting most Monday nights. We get on well together and enjoy trying out new pieces of music and we would love to welcome some new musicians. It's nothing too serious: just our enjoyment and satisfaction so please come and give us a look. (T Leeder)

- 6) Open forum** - villagers may talk about any issue in the village: nothing was raised.
- a) Michael Skipper reported that he was hoping to start a **walking group** to take in the circular walks in the village. He had walked one of them and made a note of the missing signs and other problems such as getting large dogs over stiles. The District Councillor said that he would try to set things in motion by making arrangements via the County Councillor for the County Council footpath officer to meet up with Mr Skipper and walk the paths.

Meeting closed at 8.05 pm