

Hindolveston Parish Council

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Annual Parish Meeting

on Thursday 18 April 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Millennium Pavilion

Present:

Cllrs: Wayne Bowditch, Hazel Carter, Wayne Jolly, Trevor Leeder (Chair), Neil Lewis, Mary Walsh (Vice-Chair)

and: Pierre Butikofer (District Cllr), Steff Aquarone (County Cllr) and twelve members of the public

MINUTES

1. Chair's welcome
2. Apologies for absence from Chip Davison were accepted.
3. The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 29 April 2018 were approved and signed.

4. Report from the Parish Council

Parish Councillors

At the beginning of the year Wayne Jolly and Neil Lewis were co-opted, joining Wayne Bowditch, Hazel Carter, Trevor Leeder and Mary Walsh on the Parish Council. This was the last year of the current parish council as the four-yearly elections are due in May. Thank you to the parish councillors who take on the voluntary role. Your time and commitment is much appreciated.

Eight people have been nominated to fill the seven seats on the Parish Council so there will be a contested election on 2 May (along with the elections for the District Councillor)

Maintenance

The Parish Council continued to pay for grounds maintenance at the Recreation Ground and the graveyard, hedge cutting at the allotments and Recreation Ground, topping of the rough land in front of the Rec, as well as for contracts to empty the dog bins around the village and the rubbish bin at the Millennium Pavilion.

The Parish Council appreciates the trouble that people take to keep the village looking nice (for instance picking up litter, cutting back overgrowth, providing flowers for the war memorial) for the benefit of all. Thanks to all those who contribute to the pleasant appearance of the village.

Footpaths

Thank you to a member of the public who took the time to walk the footpaths in the village and identify problems with signage and access. We were able to invite the County Council Footpaths Officer to visit the village and, despite the cold and wet weather, the officer and a parish councillor walked the footpaths with the member of the public who pointed out the problems. Appropriate works were ordered and it

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is hoped that the issues have been resolved. You can report problems on footpaths (roads and pavements) directly to the County Council pinpointing the area on an interactive map on <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem>

Activities

There were two Social events to raise funds for the Recreation Ground. Roc on the Rec raised just under £200 and the Good Friday Coffee Morning raised £265. Thanks to all those who organised these.

We also received almost £700 in booking fees for hiring the Millennium Pavilion. Thanks to the bookings officer for managing these and to the cleaner who keeps the Pavilion in good order.

Assets

Grounds maintenance at the Recreation Ground got off to a bad start with a few missed cuts. We hope that the contractors will do a better job this year.

Extensive repairs were identified on the playground equipment, which North Norfolk Roofing was able to repair. One of the storage containers, which was in poor condition, was emptied and removed and the bouncy castle was sold.

Memorial

A new Memorial for the Airmen who crashed on 11 December 1943 in Hindolveston was made and placed in the gravel near the War Memorial. It was unveiled at the Remembrance Day Commemorations on 11 November. A former local resident, the late Mr Richard Gray, had taken the time to research the events of that night and these have been recorded on [WW2 Talk: My tribute to the crew of Wellington BK440](#) (A link to this recording can be found on the parish council website under the Village tab - World War Remembrance.)

Grants

We made a successful application to the North Norfolk Big Society Fund to cover the cost of making a concrete path to improve accessibility from The Street to the Millennium Pavilion. Thanks to the parish councillors who contributed time, skills and equipment to make this possible. The final part is due to be finished shortly. We were also awarded a grant from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government to turn the redundant area adjacent to the play area into a wildflower and picnic area. The work for this is due to start as soon as the security fencing from the adjacent barn conversion is removed.

Finances

The Parish Council made donations to the Air Ambulance, Holt and Community First Responders, Break and the Royal British Legion.

It was agreed to set the precept for 2019-20 at £10,500 (an increase of 30% on the previous year) to cover increasing costs and to budget for repairs to playground equipment and the pavilion.

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. Thank you to the website manager for keeping this up-to-date and for those who send contributions. As well as parish council information you can see news about other activities and events in the village, there is a link to a gallery of photos and to a village Facebook page.

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Working with other bodies

Planning applications were considered throughout the year.

Potholes, obscured signs and other highways issues were reported to the County Council for the necessary action to be taken.

We have used data collected from the SID (speed indicator device) to inform the police of speeding drivers at particular times and locations. More information about SID can be found on the website

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

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. **The Village Hall** continues to be well used with regular classes, cinema and coffee shop plus Crafts in Action events and workshops. We now also have the Friday Bar. Last year the Bar area was refurbished with a lot of help from people in the village, including Izzi Rainey fabrics and Lottie Day lampshades. The Friday bar was re-launched in June 2019 - a great village event with over 70 people attending the opening night. The Friday bar has proved popular. The last Friday of the month is still Folk Night and we have had two quiz nights and a talk and tasting from Norfolk Brewhouse. A team of 15 volunteers provide this facility.

Each month we have a changing set of artworks in the bar. Anyone from the village and surrounding area can apply to exhibit their work for a month.

There has been an increase in hire fees in April this year (an extra £1 per hour). Colin Wrighton organised another sell out concert. This time we were entertained by Magna Carta.

Pumpkin and apple day was a rainy day but the giant pumpkin competition was great fun and we are running that again this year.

The Village meal was also a sell out - a joint venture between the Village Hall Committee and the Church volunteers to raise funds for both organisations.

We have established the Wednesday Working Party on the first Wednesday of every month. Volunteers work on various cleaning and maintenance jobs inside and outside the hall.

The 100 Club was launched last month to help raise funds for Village Hall improvements.

We still plan to build the extension and we are now fundraising and applying for different grants.

- b. **Speed Indicator Device (SID).** In the last 12 months, the SID has been moved 16 times to 11 of the 13 possible positions. Only the 2 positions on the same post on Foulsham Road have not been used due to difficulty of access. The SID has worked without any faults although a battery charger cable needed replacing. With rare exception daytime data shows average speeds being maintained at or around the 30 mph limit. There are occasional instances of excessive speeds by individuals normally in the hours of darkness and early morning. Unfortunately there is never a consistent pattern of speeding being recorded that would warrant involving the Norfolk Constabulary. The data files are available to anyone who requests them but they will need to install the (Houston) traffic

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analysis program onto their devices before loading the files separately. Only one member of the public has requested these files in the last year. A history of the SID usage (by site) is maintained on the village website. Phil Brown.

- c. The **website** continues to fulfil the Parish Council's legal obligation to make formal documentation, such as meeting minutes, available on-line. In addition it acts as an electronic notice board for upcoming events as well as a repository of images, posters, details of clubs, businesses, accommodation options, local police newsletters, village screen showings and reports relating to the village for an annual fee of £40 to the Parish Council. It is the case that the website could be used much more for post event reports and these would, in time, be a resource of useful and interesting aspects of village life.

No technical problems were experienced in the last 12 months and the statistics suggest that typically there are between 12 - 20 visitors per day, mostly from the UK. Whilst the analytical data provides information about the country in which a visitor may reside, it does not identify the visitor personally. This means that some visitors may be 'robots' but it is only speculation as to how many there might be on a daily basis. One slight editorial change is found on the home page where the 'Keep the Date' section has moved to closer to the top of the page for better visibility. Phil Brown

- d. **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 £830 for the Village Hall so far this year and entertained 357 people.

The cinema is run by a small group of people. The normal licence fee for each film is about £100, sometimes we have been able to obtain the film, posters and fliers from Creative Arts East which costs less and means we make slightly more for the Village Hall.

Our final film of the season is Leave No Trace this coming Saturday the 20th April, doors open at 7 and the film starts at 7.30.

- e. **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 and then went on tour to Blakeney Village Hall for two days in July. We had an Active Craft Day on a Sunday in August which was well attended. We will be having another Active Day on Sunday 11th 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, we had 125 visitors and on the Sunday 256 people came. This year the Craft Market will be on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th of December in the Village Hall. This year Julie has organised more successful workshops which Crafts in Action subsidised. We have had a making Christmas Decorations course in the Autumn, two Sakiori, Japanese weaving, courses with twelve people attending each course and a Cobweb felting course with eleven people attending in the Spring. We will put on some more courses in the Autumn and the Spring of next year. Details about the workshops can be found on our Facebook page, a link to it can be found on the Parish website. Frances Wingate

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- f. **The Ladies Group** have enjoyed a full and varied programme in 2018. We had talks by Will Bowles, ex Royal Navy Mine Clearance Diver; Stephen Maunders, Norfolk Trading Standards; Caroline Spinks, Norfolk Wildlife Trust; Philip West on The Prestons of Holt; Brian Hedge on The History of the M&GN Railway and Robert Smith, Wells Harbour Master. We also enjoyed some seated keep fit/yoga, handbell ringing and a trip on a double decker bus to Wells and went to the FADLOS show in Fakenham. 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 over £400 from raffles for various charities. 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)
- g. **The Coffee Shop** continues to run every Monday morning from 10 - 12 o'clock in the Village Hall. The Coffee Shop is run by a team of 15 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. This year we have welcomed customers from the Swanton Novers Care Home and from Holly Cottage. Average attendance is around 35 people each week. Profits are donated to the Village Hall on a monthly basis. From May 2019, the cakes and scones will be baked on a rota basis by a group of village residents. Apart from this, we plan to continue to run the Coffee Shop on the same basis for the foreseeable future. Volunteer helpers for a range of tasks are always welcome! Mary Beek
- h. **Monday Music Club:** We have had a successful enjoyable year and increased our membership to nine. We look forward to trying out new pieces of music and our door is always open to new members with a couple of hours to spare on Monday evenings. T Leeder
- i. Report from the Chair who attended the **RAF and USAF Open event at Sculthorpe** airfield. On the afternoon of 4th April, I attended a public relations meeting by the USAF and RAF at the old Sculthorpe airfield. A talk and film slides explained to around 40 local councillors why they use the airfield for night time low flying. The discussions were followed by an aerial demonstration of the Osprey Rotor tilt aircraft hovering and dropping troops and the large transport aircraft dropping supplies in a practice set up of camp etc. They carry out these practices out there as it is a large virtually redundant airfield with runways still intact as they could be called out to any situation anywhere in the world. They try to keep noise and disruption to a minimum also avoiding built-up areas.
6. **Open forum - villagers may talk about any issue in the village**
No matters were raised.

Meeting closed at 7.55 pm