

# **Hindolveston Parish Council**

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Present: Hazel Carter, Wayne Jolly, Trevor Leeder (Vice-Chair), John Senior, Liz Vickers, and Mary Walsh (Chair), and Diane Peart, Zara Leeder and Chip Davison

## **Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 20 April 2023 in the Millennium Pavilion at 7.30 pm MINUTES**

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence
3. The minutes of the last annual parish meeting held on 21 April 2022 were approved and signed.
4. Report from the Parish Council  
This year has been a positive year for the Parish Council. We have lots of projects which are going forward and some which have been completed.  
In May 2022 we ordered an additional defibrillator which has been placed on the Church Room external wall and is now operational.  
We heard of the death of Wayne Bowditch (our former Chairman) and were truly saddened by the news and offered our sincere condolences to Freya. We truly appreciated the contribution he made to the Parish Council while in office.  
We received resignations from Neil Lewis and Chip Davison. We thanked them for all their hard work and contributions as Parish Councillors. We welcomed three new Parish Councillors - John Senior, Austen Wiles and Liz Vickers. They have been a vital part of the Parish Council. Sadly, Austen Wiles is no longer remaining on the Parish Council but is happy to continue operating the SID. The SID has been run for Phil Brown for over 5 years and we are very grateful for his input.  
The land at the bottom of the Recreation Ground remains an on-going project. We were successful in obtaining a grant from the NCC for a bundle of trees which were planted in the land as part of a re wilding scheme. Thanks to Sarah Seery for all her input and advice - we are hoping to plant sunflower seeds in late Spring.  
We were told by BT that we would not be able to use the old phone box for our book swap scheme - it has now been decided to locate it in the bus shelter. This is a project which is in the pipeline for installation in 2023.  
The PC decided to fund all the Jubilee celebrations in 2022 so the events would be available to everyone to enjoy. It was a great week-end with a 1950's exhibition, children's party, quiz night, Saturday night party with free burgers. We had so much help from people in the village and we thank them all sincerely. A family fun and games event was held on the August bank holiday - thank you to all the volunteer team for making it such a fun day.  
Recreation Ground  
C.G.M. has continued to cut the grass. We were for a while concerned over their performance but they have made good improvements so that the present level of service is satisfactory.  
A safety check was carried out and all items identified in the report were fixed.

We are hoping to receive a grant to replace the fencing around the children's play area.

The storage container has been removed by Mr Hubbard - Austen Wiles has received quotes which are being examined for a new shed. We await news of a grant application to pay for the new shed.

#### Allotments

The allotments are looking good and if the open gardens go ahead, they will hopefully also be on show.

We have some new enthusiastic allotment holders - it's great to see people of all ages having a go at growing their own produce.

#### Santa Special

At Christmas, the Councillors dressed in festive costumes and Trevor as a great Father Christmas with Wayne Jolly decorating the splendid float paraded round the village - due to poor weather and competing Football on the TV, there was a disappointingly small response.

#### The Coronation

The Parish Council is organising a Big Lunch Event in the Village Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> May. John Senior has produced a fabulous souvenir brochure which will shortly be circulated to all households in the village to encourage villagers to attend and make it a community event. A big thank you to the Village Hall Committee who have been supportive to all the events the PC has run.

#### Thank you

I would firstly like to thank Joanna Otte for being such a superb Clerk - we couldn't manage without her guidance and support. Secondly, a thank you to all my fellow Councillors who make the PC such a positive team. Lastly, a thank you to all the villagers who continue to give us their support.

### 5. Reports from village organisations

#### **a. The Band:**

'The Band' have been meeting in the Pavilion every Monday afternoon to just enjoy playing music together. At the moment there are five regular players whose instruments include a keyboard, trombone, two saxophones and a clarinet. We now have a repertoire of over 60 pieces which include a wide variety of music - ballads, blues, Jazz, musicals etc. - and are very lucky to have two very good 'arrangers' who make sure that we can play our parts! We occasionally enjoy visits from other players and would welcome any new players who would like to make music with other people.

#### **b. Village Hall**

Hindolveston Village Hall Report for the Parish Council April 2023

Over the last 12 months a great deal of effort has gone into fully re-opening the hall for all its activities, following the closure due to Covid and building works. There has been a gradual return to our normal programme of activities since November 2021.

Coffee Shop is doing well on Tuesday mornings. Village Screen returned in September 2022 and has enjoyed a full Autumn and Spring season of English language and foreign films. An influx of new volunteer bar staff allowed the Friday bar to re-open at the end of May and it is, once again, open every Friday evening and proving to be very popular.

Classes and workshops including Tai Chi, Fitness, Life Drawing and the Stitching group have returned to their regular bookings. A New Yoga class started last Mary. Art East Anglia are running another series of art workshop weekends as well as new art classes on Mondays.

The Platinum Jubilee events held at the hall were very successful. Crafts in Action returned with a very popular exhibition of art and crafts by village residents and were back in August for craft demonstration day and December for the Christmas Craft Market

We'll soon be helping to celebrate the Coronation and the hall has been selected as a venue for one of the Norfolk and Norwich Festival events in May.

Finishing touches to the work on the hall have included new tables and new curtains for the main hall. Earlier this year broadband was installed at the village hall and card payments can now be taken at the Friday bar.

The Wednesday Working Party has continued to play an important role in keeping on top general maintenance of the hall and the grounds. Membership of the 100 Club has steadily increased but there are still numbers available for new members.

After many years of dedicated service as bookings clerk, Sue Billings decided to retire from that role at our AGM in November but is still a valuable committee member. We were very pleased when new committee members Wendy & Terry Temple agreed to take over bookings.

The Village Hall is a charitable trust with no external funding. We are grateful to all the volunteers who give up their time and efforts to run and maintain the hall, run the Coffee Shop, Friday Bar and Village Screen, to all those who hire the hall for their classes, workshops and events and everyone who shows their support by attending the various events.

Julie Lovett, Chair, Hindolveston Village Hall Committee and Trustees

#### **c. Ladies Group**

The Ladies Group meets once a month and has a varied programme of events and talks: Pork Pies with Sarah Pettigree; The Stroke Association; Life Through the Ages - Films - Brian Hedge; The Medlar Tree; Antiques with Luke Scott; Graves Shop - visit with BBQ; When Peggy met Phil! - Peggy Williams; Mrs Temples Cheese; The Tragic Case of Florence Maybrick - Sue Perry; Dinner and Programme Planning; Shopping as it used to be! - Fakenham Archives; Christmas Party. There is an annual subscription of £5. Meetings at the Millennium Pavilion £2 per night and held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.

6. Open forum - villagers may talk about any issue in the village. Nothing raised.

The meeting was followed by the Parish Council meeting