

Hindolveston Parish Council

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Annual Parish Meeting
on Thursday 18 April 2024 in the Millennium Pavilion at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

1. Chair's welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. The minutes of the last annual parish meeting held on 20 April 2023.
4. Report from the Parish Council

March 2023 to March 2024 has been a busy year for the Parish Council. We have welcomed Claire Chapman as a new Councillor. John Senior has resigned from the Council due to work commitments and we offer our sincere thanks for all he did while serving as a Councillor.

There have been some positive developments over the past year as well as some challenges.

The Recreation Ground has continued to be a space enjoyed by the Village. The grass cutting has been well managed by CGM and thanks to James Jackson for cutting grass in the play area so neatly. The play area has a new fence and gates thanks to a grant from the Sustainable Community Fund. The grant has also allowed us to erect a secure shed for items that were stored in the old shipping container - thanks to Wayne and his team for construction works.

The picnic area now has bark surrounding the seating area to keep weeds down. We tried to get an EVCP installed in the car park of the Recreation Ground but the County Council felt we didn't satisfy the criteria as a "tourist area".

The eurobin was removed due to severe contamination and it was decided not to replace it.

The rewilding area has been tidied up by Trevor to improve the entrance area and digging of a new ditch to improve the drainage.

The wet weather over the past winter has been challenging. The Parish Council has liaised with Anglian Water and County Council Highways Department over the problems. There is still a problem with the flood outside 21 The Street - the Parish Council has repeatedly contacted Highways Department but we are still awaiting action. It has also been raised with County Councillors in an effort to resolve the situation.

The surface of roads has also suffered due to the wet weather and the Parish Council has reported potholes to Highways for repair.

The junction with the Fulmodeston Road and the B1110 remains a dangerous junction with some accidents occurring over the past 12 months. Highways have now painted a slow sign on the B1110 approach to the junction.

The allotments are still looking good - it's encouraging to note that all the plots have now been let and in use. Thanks to Chip for maintaining the hedges.

The Parish Council has (with permission from Rev. Judie Morris) cleared the churchyard. A huge thankyou to Paul Minns who cleared away growth over long hidden graves - it has been done with great sensitivity and is now a beautiful place of peace and rest for those of the Parish who have died. The NWT has

visited the site this Spring and reported back that there are some unusual wildflowers and plants. Thanks to the Hubbards for maintaining the churchyard on a monthly basis.

The Parish Council has also joined CPRE which is a Norfolk based countryside charity involved in environmental issues.

The war memorial is in need of refurbishment. It has come to light that there are 2 names to be added. We are hoping to receive support from the War Memorial Trust and are awaiting their decision.

I am sure many of you have enjoyed browsing through books on the shelves in the bus shelter - there is a good turnover of books. Thanks to Wayne for putting up the shelves.

You can see from this report that the Parish Council has had a successful and busy year. I would like to thank in particular our amazing clerk Joanna Otte who is a constant support to us. Without such a strong and united band of Councillors the Parish Council would not be so effective. My sincere thanks go to them all.

Thank you to the parishioners who attend our meetings and give valuable feedback and to the village who continue to support us.

Mary Walsh, Chairperson, Hindolveston Parish Council

5. Reports from village organisations

a. Hindolveston Mini Band:

The members of the Hindolveston Mini Band meet regularly in the Millennium Pavilion on Monday afternoons. We practice a variety of music including jazz and swing standards, pop hits, songs from musicals and the occasional classical number, many of which are ably arranged for our instruments by Dave and Carol Knock. This year we have expanded to seven players, three saxophones, a clarinet, a trombone, a bass guitar and a keyboard. Most of the time we play for the pleasure of making music together though later this month we will be giving a short concert in Reepham.

New players are welcome. If you are interested in joining us please ring Janet Ellis for further information 01263 862705.

Bridget Fielden, Mini Band member

b. Village Hall

Life has returned to normal at the village hall with all our regular events up and running. The Tuesday morning Coffee Shop is well attended and The Friday Bar provides a great place to meet on one evening each week. The cinema group have run a full programme of English language and foreign films in their autumn to spring season.

We have weekly art, Tai Chi, yoga and fitness classes. The Life Drawing group and the Stitching group meet monthly and Art East Anglia have continued their programme of weekend art workshops. In addition to the regular events Crafts in Action held a successful summer making day and Christmas Craft Market again, we had a literary evening with a local author, a series of pre-shoot breakfasts, Coronation celebrations, a sold out performance as part of the Norfolk and Norwich Festival, a tea dance and a wellness day.

Due to increased costs the hourly rate for hiring the hall increased to £9 for villagers and £10 for non-residents.

General maintenance included our 5 yearly electrical inspection and correction of issues found, replacement of the strip lights in the main hall with LED and repairs to one of the chimneys, which was partially rebuilt to repair damage caused by plants growing in it.

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. Village Cinema

Autumn/Spring Seasons 2023-2024

Over this year's two seasons (we close over the summer) we have shown a film in the Village Hall every month from September to April, with foreign-language films shown in the intervening weeks. All the films are chosen by the Village Hall Cinema Committee, the screenings are manned by volunteers, and the profits all go to Village Hall funds. The projection equipment is all owned by the Village Hall - but licences have to be paid for the rights to show films, and those film licences have been arranged through Creative Arts East (at a BFI subsidised rate) who also help with marketing.

Tickets this year have been held at £5.00 - the attendances have been healthy, with most screenings attracting audiences of between 30 and 40. Total takings over the eight months have been: £1,440. Film Licences have totalled: £644.00 - a profit for the Village Hall of £796.00.

This season's films were:

September: The Banshees of Inisherin

October: Aftersun

November: The Lost King

December: The Unlikely Pilgrimage Of Harold Fry

January: Barbie

February: The Great Escaper

March: The Old Oak

April: The Miracle Club

And foreign-language films:

Lunana: A Yak In The Classroom (Bhutan)

Portrait Of A Lady On Fire (France)

Broker (Korea)

The Eight Mountains (Italy)

The Autumn Season 2024 will resume in September.

Village Hall Cinema Committee members: Derek Chapman, Frances Wingate, Adrian Day, Sue Day, Sarah Pettegree, (plus help from Chris Beek)

d. Ladies Group

This year we have meetings every second Thursday of the month ranging from a talk by the Air Ambulance through a visit to Dover Farm Nursery to a Quiz and Cream Tea.

Last year the meetings included Pork Pies with Sarah Pettigrew; Reflexology - Cecile Pons; Hedgehogs - Julia Paul; Peonies - Sarah Hammond; Scams and Frauds - Dan Andrews, Barclays Bank; Severals Grange Garden Visit; Strawberry Tea and Quiz; Sheringham Theatre - Debbie Thompson; Jack the Ripper - The Victims - Sue Parry; Norfolk Life - Philip West - Journey from Wells to Cromer; and a Christmas Party with Crafts with Jan Morrison.

Mary Groombridge on behalf of the Ladies Group

6. Open forum

Meeting closed.