

HEVINGHAM NEWS

SPRING 2023



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Mon- Fri 9am-3pm excluding bank holidays

HEVINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2023 (to be confirmed at council meeting on 6th Dec 2022)

- 10th JANUARY 2023
- FEBRUARY – NO MEETING
- 7th MARCH 2023
- 4th APRIL 2023 (Annual Parish Meeting)
- 9th MAY 2023 (Annual Parish Council Meeting)
- 6th JUNE 2023
- 4th JULY 2023
- AUGUST – NO MEETING
- 5th SEPT 2023
- 3rd OCTOBER
- NOVEMBER – NO MEETING
- 5th DECEMBER 2023

Helplines

Age UK Norfolk – Information & Advice – 0300 500 1217 Email - advice@ageuknorfolk.org.uk

Alzheimer's Society – Customer Care 0330 333 0804 **Dementia Connect Support** 0333 150 3456

Anglian Water – 0800 771 881

British Gas – 0800 111 999

Childline – 0800 1111

Covid -19 HMRC Helpline – 0800 024 1222

Equal Lives Disability Support and advice - 01508 491210

First Response Mental Health advice and support – 0808 196 3494

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Editor's Comments

My first magazine as caretaker editor was the Winter edition of 2021. The idea was to 'hold the fort' until a new editor came forward. I am sorry to say that no one has volunteered to pick up the banner, so it is with regret I must announce that the Spring edition of Hevingham News online will be the last magazine by me.

As many of you may already be aware, I will be standing for Parish and also for District Council in May 2023. It is just not possible to juggle so many hats and I was never meant to keep the magazine going for so long.

However, in the event that more than 11 people stand for Parish Council, it is possible you could actually vote for your preferred candidates. I had the opportunity to look back at the elections for the last 20 years and it seems that there has never been a time where the village has had to come out and physically vote for their Parish Councillors.

If there was an election with 12 or more candidates, I said I would be happy to prepare a platform where all candidates could supply a photo and up to 200 words about why they think you should vote for them?

In the meantime, life goes on and we are never that far away from an issue needing to be solved. Things to watch out for over the next month or so relates to the Vattenfall wind farm, the Western Link Road, Public Rights of Way and what will we do for the King's Coronation?

By the time we go to publication, I hope we will see a new roundabout in the village hall playground. You may be interested to note that the money to buy it came from something called the "Community Infrastructure Levy" or 'CIL' for short. There are limitations to what the council can spend this money on and if we don't spend it within a specified period, the county council will take the money back. So the council spent the money on much needed upgrade.

Information on council minutes and meetings will still be available via the Parish Council website <https://hevinghampc.wixsite.com/hevinghampc>

You will also be able to keep up to date with things going on in the village via Hevingham News. Business advertising and general social media is found on Hevingham People.

I do hope I have made the magazine entertaining and relevant for my short tenure. I think that my predecessors have contributed to the magazine's development and look forward to a new editor to inject fresh ideas and continue to bring together information and news of Hevingham village to you.

Happy reading.



FOR PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE

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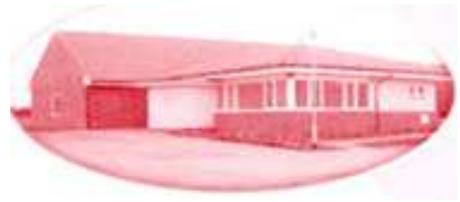
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HIRE RATES FROM 1 OCTOBER 2022

NON-FUNCTION HIRE (exercise classes, meetings)

	Residents	Non Residents
	<i>Per hour</i>	<i>Per hour</i>
MAIN HALL <u>or</u> CLUB ROOM	£13	£15
WHOLE VILLAGE HALL HIRE (both rooms)	£20	£24

DAYTIME FUNCTION HIRE (kiddies parties, christenings, anniversaries, daytime conferences, wakes)

	<i>Per hour</i>	<i>Per hour</i>
MAIN HALL <u>or</u> CLUB ROOM	£16	£19
WHOLE VILLAGE HALL HIRE (both rooms)	£24	£29

EVENING FUNCTIONS (quizzes, parties, evening conferences)

	<i>6pm to midnight</i>	<i>6pm to midnight</i>
MAIN HALL <u>or</u> CLUB ROOM	£120	£150
WHOLE VILLAGE HALL HIRE (both rooms)	£160	£200

**Additional hours will be charged at the appropriate rate*

ALL DAY HIRE (weddings, anniversaries, parties, conferences)

	<i>9am to midnight</i>	<i>9am to midnight</i>
MAIN HALL <u>or</u> CLUB ROOM	£200	£230
WHOLE VILLAGE HALL HIRE (both rooms)	£260	£300

PLEASE NOTE

- For Saturday evening hires there is a minimum hire rate of £120.
- An additional £30 fee applies if alcohol is to be sold on the premises. Hirers are responsible for obtaining applicable licenses.
- Set up and tidy time must be paid for.
- All events where alcohol is consumed require a damage deposit which is fully refundable if all Terms & Conditions are complied with - **cheque on the day of hire**.
- All hires include the use of the kitchen facilities, cloakroom, baby changing facilities and a large car park. Easy access for disabled users including disabled toilets.

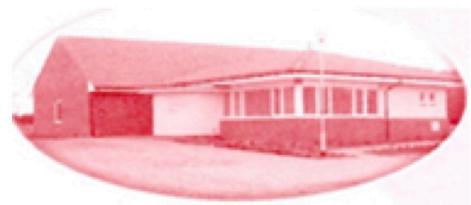
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Hello everyone.

Can the Village Hall take this chance to say a big thankyou and goodbye to Anthea Coldham who was a valued member of the committee for many years and instrumental to getting the new village hall built back in 1999/2000. We held a small coffee morning for her in January with members of the various committees she was on over the years. She will be sorely missed.

Regular activities at the hall are:

Rock Box/Zumba on Tuesdays	10:00-11:15am
Yoga on Wednesdays	18:30-19:30
Hevingham Tots on Thursdays	10:30am-12:30pm

Hevingham Bowls and Anglia Windows Bowls, the Hevingham Community Kitchen Garden and Hevingivers hold regular events (details on Facebook or check with their organisers).

We still have space for regular exercise classes and regular hires if you have any ideas. Spread the word.

Please remember we have a *clothes and shoes reuse/recycling* unit beside the shed, *bottle and paper recycling* facilities too. The Post Office van still comes every Wednesday at 9-10am.

Please contact Tanya for information, availability or to book, and visit our new Facebook page (Hevingham Village Hall – New).

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HEVINGHAM SPEED SIGN RESULTS

(since last magazine)

THE STREET (Near 53) (24th Dec 22 - 27th Jan 23) - 20MPH LIMIT

16,393 vehicles drove past.

13,934 within the 85th Percentile Limit of 25.5mph.

2,459 over the 85th Percentile Limit*.

Average speed of those over the 85th Percentile Limit was 23.6mph.

Overall average speed 21.7mph.

Max speed recorded was 40mph at 17:20 on Sunday 25th December 2022.

* out of these: 2420 x 25.6-30mph / 88 x 35mph / 4 x 40mph

The **85th Percentile Speed** is the speed that 85 percent of vehicles do not exceed. Another way of looking at this is that only 15 percent of vehicles go faster than this speed, and 85 percent go at or below this speed. The 85th percentile speed may vary slightly each time as this is based on the first 85 vehicles in 100 and is dependent on the speed that the vehicles are going through the sign. This is better than taking an overall average and it excludes the odd high speeders which would give false figures.

Drivers who exceed the 90th percentile have a significantly higher risk of crashing.

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MARCH 2023

Friday 10th

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What have the (Romans) Parish Council ever done for us?

I don't know how many people have seen Monty Python's "*Life of Brian*" but there is a sketch where Reg, the leader of the *People's Front of Judea* (John Cleese), exclaims, "What have the Romans ever done for us?" after which there is a long string of answers from aqueducts, sanitation, roads, viticulture and so on, much to the irritation of Reg.

Sometimes the things that happen are never seen, except when they go wrong. Until then they are taken for granted or worse, people are oblivious until they become inconvenienced by it. But things do not happen by themselves. Sometimes there are small cogs inside bigger cogs that are a necessary to make the whole thing work. One of those small cogs is a Parish Councillor.

To reiterate what I said in my article, "So you want to be a Parish Councillor",

"The Parish Council is responsible to keep Hevingham looking maintained and to make improvements for community benefit. It also needs to be a safe place to live in, so there are various maintenance functions to attend to. These include things like grass cutting, hedge trimming, street lighting, play equipment and providing allotments. The Parish Council also puts forward points for consideration to housing applications before District Council decides. Where costs and expenses of these activities are involved, the Parish Council decides where your money, known as a precept, is spent."

This was a broad description that could apply to any Parish Council but what about Hevingham? What have the Parish Council ever done for us?

I had a lucky break to be able to put this article together. I needed to look back at the past history of the Parish Council to

find a particular issue that affects the village today. I found it but along the way, I also found so many other things that would give you a much better idea of what it means to be a Parish Councillor.

Elections for Parish Councillor were called in 1995, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2011, 2015 and 2019. At no time was there ever more than 11 applications (there are 11 positions in Hevingham Parish Council); in some cases there were less. If there had been just one more - 12 applications - there would have to have been an election. It was also clear from the records that councillors came and went. The turnover was slow but there was a turnover. However, as there was never really an election involving you to vote, it's not surprising if you didn't notice.

Many people I have spoken to were under the illusion that it was the same old boys club and that people were in it for themselves. And yet so few people attend the actual council meetings that I wonder on what basis this accusation is based?

I received a comment that one person didn't even know they could stand for election. I get it. Many people are busy with their own lives and the wider community may not factor into it - until something affects them. It is also an unpaid job albeit with a minimum requirement of 20 hours a year! We can decide to live in a house in a village, maybe knowing our immediate next door neighbour but not have a thing to do with anyone else; I lived in London long enough to have been that person. But a village can have a community if we want to be more connected than just living in a house in Hevingham.

What the council does has been more transparent since computer records became available on the internet from around 2012 but on the whole most people only ever contact the Parish Council when they have been inconvenienced in some way, so I have no idea how many people actually read the minutes of the council meeting, even though they are available to all.

So let me take you back to 1995, the earliest I could go without visiting the archives, when goalposts were erected and a new footpath linking the school to the village hall was proposed. The goalposts have since rotted. They were never used fully because the village hall had no shower facilities. But some people want them back. Would it be good enough to put up 5 a side posts? Can we afford it? That is a Parish Council decision.

There was fundraising and grant applications for a footpath from the village school to Brick Kiln Road. The Parish Council gave a grant also and supported the project. The footpath was completed in 2016, some 21 years later.

Hevingham used to have a shop but it got burgled too often and closed in 1996. The only shop that exists now is a new venture on Cobbleacre Park. Neither are the council's responsibility and the community will decide on success or failure.

Also in 1996 there was a request for 30mph on The Heath. This does exist but there are ongoing issues regarding speeding, which according to the police is often perpetrated by those who live in the village. The council tries to monitor these things but it would need a speed watch volunteer team to do more.

The Parish Council is responsible for the bus shelter on Cromer Road that got demolished by a car in 1997. It was insured and replaced. We have a kind person who has spent many years keeping the bus shelter clean and we rely on

people like this to help maintain the village.

In 1998 a tree was planted in the church yard in memory of Princess Diana. Since then the church itself has lost a parochial church council, so the building will become custody of the diocese. The church grounds will not. The Parish Council has tried to support the maintenance of the church yard, as it is still used but when the diocese abandons the churchyard, the Parish council has no responsibility to pick up the tab. However, we have done exactly that for the last few years but cannot sustain the expense. There will be some tough decisions to be made by the Parish Council; someone has to make these decisions.

Public Rights of Way were monitored by Broadland District Council until 1999. From then on it was the Parish Council that took responsibility - at least the records say they did until 2001. Records are unclear after that but somewhere along the line the responsibility for this was lost, resulting in a rapid deterioration of the footpaths. The Parish Council either does something about this or we lose those footpaths. Who is interested in making sure we keep our public rights of way?

In 2001 there was a request for the speed limit on Cromer Road to be reduced. In 2002 the speed limit was made 50mph from Marsham to Stratton Strawless. Hevingham wanted the speed limit reduced even further but did not get it at the time. Safety in Hevingham must surely be a Parish Council issue, although the County Council in this case has jurisdiction over speeds on the road.

In 2017 there was a request to reduce the speed limit to 40mph but it was turned down. Never the less, in 2018, myself and other village members got together and set up a petition to have the A140 in Hevingham reduced to 40mph, which was successful. The speed signs were changed a year later just before I stood for election in the Parish Council.

The village Hall we see today was opened by Bernard Matthews in 2000. The councillors who campaigned and fundraised said much of the money was raised on alcohol. They applied for grants and got the Parish Council to support it. Before the new village hall, they had more of a village hut. This was another big project that would never have happened without committed members of the community and the Parish Council.

The Village Sign on 'The Green' was refurbished in 2002 and replaced in 2009. Whereas in 2004 the Parish Council tried to get signs saying 'Hevingham' on the Holt Road for both Brick Kiln Road and The Heath. Instead they got 'Village Hall' and 'Buxton Heath' respectively. We still have no signs saying who and where we are but it has been reported again by the Parish Council to see if we can get some money out of County Council Highways to do it.

The village green started to sink in 2003. The Parish Council ordered some top soil to level it out.

The school run was often a congested affair in 2004 with no real solution but in 2012 when the family of Herbert Phillipa donated some nearby land, part of it was designated as a car park for the school and also for the new village garden allotments.

The COVID lockdown had an impact on everyone, not least the running and upkeep of the village hall. It was becoming increasingly more difficult to maintain both the hall itself and the surrounding grounds. In 2020, the Parish Council agreed to take on the maintenance of the grounds but for

the benefit of the community it was felt that better facilities should be provided. To this end, the council embarked on an ambitious project to create a community garden, BMX pump track (much needed for the youths), running track, adult gym and still keep space for events like the music festival. To provide these facilities will take time and funding should come primarily from fundraising and grants; with the Parish Council ever mindful of the precept cost to you, the tax payer.

The Parish Council also rescued the Under 5's building with a view to making it available once again to pre-school children in the village. This was not so easy, as the council could not give money directly to the school, however, what we could do is donate a grant to the 'Friends of Hevingham School', who in return facilitated the repairs to the building.

The Council updated and introduced some new signs and notice boards in 2021 to keep the village looking nice. Preliminary plans were considered for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee for 2022.

By 2022, the Parish Council was also aware of, and looking at, the impact of the Vattenfall offshore wind farm as it intends to cut a motorway sized gouge through the countryside from Bacton to Necton, which will cross that A140. The Council also looked seriously at the Western Link Road project and the possible impact on Hevingham; both of which are ongoing issues.

I hope that I have been able to demonstrate the kind of things the Council has done for us over the years and continues to do so. But it is important to remember that the Parish Councillor is an unpaid role and councillors give up some of their time to make decisions that can - and often do - affect village life in some way; hopefully for the better.

So the next time you hear someone say, "What has the council done for us?", the first thing to note is that the only difference between you and the council is that the people on the council stood for election. The second thing to note is how many things were achieved in this article, a sample of the more notable achievements, that would not have occurred without good people willing to give a bit of their time for the benefit of the whole community.

If you think the council could do more, please do stand for election in 2023 and be the change you want to see.

How to stand for Parish Council

Please go to the website <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/downloads/file/5490/briefing-for-candidates-and-agents---district-and-parish-town-elections-4-may-2023> for details. Deadline for delivery of nomination papers is 4pm Tuesday 4th April.

If you have difficulty acquiring the nomination papers or need some guidance, please contact the Hevingham Parish clerk at hevinghampc@live.co.uk

New Roundabout around about Spring 2023

Arriving soon at the Hevingham Village playground. We are hoiking out the old daisy rocker, as it was getting quite old and didn't work so well. In place of it, but reciting to a safer spot, we have commissioned this colourful little roundabout for the under 10s. It is anticipated that the new roundabout will be up an running (well up and turning) by April 2023



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HEVINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 4th OCTOBER 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Parishioners: 4

Cllr S Ward (Chairman)

Cllr I Nickalls

Cllr T Palmer

Cllr J Norton

Cllr M Williamson

Cllr A Bunn

Cllr A Ramsbottom

Cllr A Long

Mrs K Medler (Clerk)

A minutes silence was observed before the meeting began in honour of the late Her Majesty the Queen.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from Councillors S Benton, S Howes, D Holmes, District Cllr J Neesam and County Cllr D Roper.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS

There were no declarations of interest or dispensation requests.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th September 2022 were agreed by all.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- The Chairman reported he has not yet spoken to the village hall handyman.
- It was confirmed that the verge at the junction with New Road and Church Lane has now been trimmed.
- A response was received from Anglian Water which has been shared on the village Facebook pages.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- The Quiz Night raised £397.00 for the bike track.
- A grant of £500.00 has been received from the Alan Boswell Group Charitable Trust which is specifically for the survey costs for the bike track.
- A ploughing match is being planned for the 20th November.
- The Youth Group which had to stop a while ago has sold some of its equipment and the sum raised so far of £505.00 is being donated to the bike track. Cllr M Williamson asked if there has been any interest in the bike track and it was confirmed there has been interest from both adults and children in using it. The sub-committee from the village hall are doing the necessary arranging etc. Around £30,000.00 is required, with the fund currently standing at approximately £6,500.00.

6. MATTERS TO REPORT

a. Finance

- i) The half yearly accounts had already been circulated and were agreed.

It was also agreed, having reviewed the budget, the handyman should be asked to stop his regular activities for now and if anything arises which needs doing, the Council will consider those costs at that time.

- ii) The following accounts were presented for payment and were approved:

Mrs K Medler (Expenses)	£22.71
Westcotec Limited (Street lighting contract)	£128.28
Hevingham Farms Ltd (Refund for overpayment)	£50.00
HMR&C (PAYE x3)	£136.60

The Clerk's standing order will be paid on the 5th October 2022.

The following receipts were noted:

Magazine adverts	£6.00
Allotment rents	£360.00
Precept (2nd instalment)	£7,500.00

Balance at the bank at the end of September was £27,787.43.

iii) A grant application had been expected but was not received.

iv) The street lighting contract is due for renewal on the 1st November 2022. The Clerk has only been able to obtain two quotes, both for a three year contract: £90.00 +vat pa and £131.20 +vat pa. All agreed to appoint TT Jones at £90.00 +vat pa.

b. Grant Policy

The Clerk has reviewed the current Policy and confirmed no changes are required. This was accepted.

c. Allotments

i) Updates and new issues

Plot 2 has become available and B Rolf offered to help advertise this. This was agreed.

ii) Rats

These are becoming a big problem with crops actually being eaten before they can be harvested. There are also health concerns as rats carry diseases. It was agreed that ultimately, it is the tenant's responsibility to take the necessary precautions to deter rats, however the Parish Council agreed they will intervene on this occasion as the situation has escalated. The Clerk will write to all allotment holders reminding them of their responsibilities and seek three quotes to help find the cause and deal with the rats.

d. Planning

i) New applications

20212125 – Mansom Plantation, Shorthorn Road, Stratton Strawless – Permanent change of use

This had been considered previously for 'temporary change of use' but the applicant is now seeking a 'permanent' change of use. The Parish Council had 'no objections' to the 'temporary' change and it was agreed no additional comments were required for a 'permanent' change.

ii) Outcomes of previous applications:

20220640 – 15 Brick Kiln Road. Full approval.

e. Village Hall handyman

To be carried forward to December's meeting.

f. Play Equipment at the Village Hall

To be carried forward to December's meeting.

The Chairman proposed the Council consider setting aside some money each year to cover maintenance and replacement costs and this will be discussed further in December.

g. Norwich Western Link Pre-planning Consultation

The Chairman attended the consultation meeting in Felthorpe on the 22nd September and as a result had previously circulated a draft response for Councillors to approve. This was agreed. An attending member of the public, who has spoken to local businesses in the area, is also going to put in a letter highlighting the aspect of business movement between villages.

h. Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan

All agreed no comments were required.

Just to note the Grass Cutting at the Church was not on the agenda as the question which was to be asked was answered outside of the meeting and did not require further discussion.

c. Police Report

The Clerk advised there was 1 crime in the village during July:1 x Other Theft (on or near Cromer Road). Further information can be accessed via www.police.uk.

7. MATTERS TO REPORT

a. Correspondence

The Clerk has received an email from the vicar asking if a member of the Parish Council would like to attend the Remembrance Service on the 13th November and also lay a wreath. All agreed a wreath should be bought and the same donation made as last year (£100.00). This payment will be made to the Clerk, so she can arrange the donation, as the Council do not hold a debit or credit card. The Clerk will order a wreath for £19.99 + £3.99 postage leaving £76.02 as a donation to the RBL. It was also agreed Cllr M Williamson will lay the wreath at the service on the 13th November and Cllr T Palmer will put the 'Tommy' out on the Village Green on the 1st November. The Chairman will make enquiries about a bugler playing on the 11th November on the Green and also at the Church service.

b. Clerks Report

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d. i) District Councillors Report (read by the Chairman)

- The main issue is that purchase of the Horizon building has been completed, although the price is being kept a secret. It is planned that the Council will move into the new building early next year. In the meantime, the Council office at South Norfolk will close in the near future with all staff moving to the Broadland building prior to the move to Horizon. This decision is mainly to save on running costs at the other building. We are told that there is a non-disclosure agreement on the purchase price but I don't see how this can remain a secret once the budget papers are published next year.
- We are told there might soon be a breakthrough on planning with a solution to the problem of nutrient neutrality which has held up applications for a number of months.

ii) County Councillor Report (read by the Chairman)

- The NWL consultation is still open until Sunday night. I went along to the exhibition in Felthorpe and raised the issues of potential rat running through the village if changes to Shorthorn Road take place. The Senior Officer at Highways did comment that the Chair of Hevingham PC had just been along and made very similar points.
- I was recently out with Richard Pearson our Highways engineer. I took him to see the bend near the school and he will come back to me re signage and potentially extra painting on the road. I also asked him to get the pavement on The Street assessed to see if this can be programmed for repairs and resurfacing in the future.
- The County Council has received further funding from the government for the household support fund. There are plans to further expand the assistance scheme for residents affected by the cost of living increases, applications can be made via the Council website. In addition (and a very unfortunate sign of the times) the Council is looking to establish 15 "food hubs" in the county.

8. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Village Hall Handyman, Play Equipment at the Village Hall and Grant applications (if received). Next meeting is on the 6th December 2022 at the Village Hall.

JERRY MARCH

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HEVINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 6th DECEMBER 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Parishioners: 8

Cllr S Ward (Chairman)

Cllr S Benton **In attendance:** County Cllr D Roper

Cllr I Nickalls

Cllr T Palmer

Cllr J Norton

Cllr S Howes

Cllr D Holmes

Cllr A Bunn

Cllr A Ramsbottom

Mrs K Medler (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from Councillors A Long and M Williamson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS

Cllr D Holmes declared an interest in item 6c. There were no dispensation requests.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th October 2022 were agreed by all.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman reported that the Ploughing Match was cancelled as it was really too late in the year and there was not enough interest. This is being re-considered for next year.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- It was noted that R Rolf recently won a Norfolk Community Award for her work on the allotments and the Allotment Committee would like to pass on their congratulations.
- The Council were asked if the dog project called 'stick and flick' was pursued. Cllr D Holmes advised he was looking at this and will be progressing.
- A member of the public wanted the Council to be aware that the Hackney Carriage Fare Review they were consulted on was actually relevant to all taxis not just hackney carriages. This was noted although the date for comments has now passed. (Having checked after the meeting, the above is incorrect as the consultation specifically states: *Please note that these will apply to licensed hackney carriages only.*)
- It was stated by a member of the public: The price paid by BDC for their new premises was not made public as that was a condition of the sale by Aviva.
- Cllr J Norton asked if it is possible to have lines painted on The Street near to the junction with the A140 Cromer Road as on several occasions now cars are being left parked on the road close to the junction, sometimes for the day and more recently one for a week, which causes chaos at the junction. This will be referred to Cty Cllr D Roper later.
- The hedge on the corner of Brick Kiln Road is hanging out and scratching vehicles. Cllr S Benton will speak to the owner.
- There are two broken road signs in the village: Church Lane and Morgans Way. The Clerk will report to BDC.

6. MATTERS TO REPORT

a. Finance

- i) The following accounts had already been paid and were approved:

P H Collins (Grass cutting in September)

£448.00

D Seppings (Work at village hall in September)

£39.70

PK Littlejohn (External audit fee)	£240.00
K Medler (Purchase of wreath / donation to RBL)	£99.98
P H Collins (Grass cutting in October)	£448.00
Anglian Water (Water on village allotments)	£328.51
Npower (Street lighting)	£122.13

The following accounts were presented for payment and were approved:

T T Jones Electrical Ltd (Street lighting contract)	£18.00
Hevingham Village Hall (Hire for NWL meeting)	£13.00
P H Collins (Grass cutting in November)	£448.00
Mrs K Medler (Expenses)	£267.37
D Seppings (Work at village hall in Oct/Nov)	£55.00

The Clerk's standing order was paid on the 5th November and the 5th December 2022.

The following receipts were noted:

Magazine adverts	£18.00
Allotment rents (village)	£417.50
Allotment rents (farmers)	£1737.50

Balance at the bank at the end of November was £27,356.52.

ii) The Clerk had previously circulated budget / precept proposals and following discussions it was agreed unanimously that the Precept had to be increased to £17,000 in order to bring the gap between income and expenditure down. The Vicar had asked for a grant for the Church grass cutting again but this was not agreed at the meeting as it was felt some cost savings should be considered. The Chairman agreed to speak to the vicar.

iii) A grant application had been expected but was not received.

b. Footpaths in the Village The Chairman advised a complaint had come in to say that the landowner of PRoW 4 had intended to close it down. The Public Footpath sign disappeared and new signs were put up saying that people had to ask permission to use the path. The police went to see the landowner and he stated that he was not touching PRoW4 but when people reached the end of the footpath they were turning left and wandering onto his private land in order to reach the woods. The landowner also stated that PRoW4 was a footpath and therefore horses were not allowed on it. He intends to close off only his section of land for one day to prevent claims for it becoming part of a Public Right of Way. There are no other safe routes into the woods and horse riders say they have been using this route for over 20 years without challenge and are therefore within their rights to make an application for an upgrade to turn the footpath into a bridleway, either by taking out the style separating Hevingham 4 with Stratton Strawless 1 or by applying for the cut through to the woods as a matter of common travel unchallenged for more than 20 years. The horse riders are better equipped to make whatever application they feel is best suited to their needs and the Chairman advised he is happy to assist them in this. Highways are currently checking the boundaries so until these are known, an application cannot be submitted, however evidence of use will be needed and this can start to be collated.

Cty Cllr D Roper joined the meeting at 20:10

The Chairman proposed all footpaths in the village are walked and checked by Councillors for any maintenance or signage issues, so these can be relayed back to Highways for attention. This was agreed and will be organized outside of the meeting.

c. Allotments

i) Rats

R Rolf has reported to the Council on behalf of tenants that rats are still a problem. Following discussions, it was agreed the Clerk will ask the contractor contacted previously to re-visit and advise on the best course of action. Whatever he suggests, within reason, should be implemented. The Chairman will try to speak to the farmer of the field adjoining the allotments to see if he is prepared to take any preventative action too.

ii) Updates and new issues

Nothing to report.

d. Planning

i) New applications

None.

ii) 20220800 – Corbiere, 7 The Street – Re-consultation due to changes

No further comments to add.

iii) Outcomes of previous applications:

20220398 – Unit 3, Cobbleacre Park, Brick Kiln Road. Full approval.

e. Village Hall handyman

The Chairman advised he has had several conversations with David and he is happy to continue for now. David is concerned that some of the play equipment needs attention and the Chairman has assured him we will remove or replace when necessary.

f. Play Equipment at the Village Hall

The Chairman has asked the village hall handyman to fill the holes in the slide which attracted nesting birds earlier in the year. There are two items which will continue to be monitored for wear. The Clerk will check with BDC if the CIL money can be used to replace play equipment.

The Chairmans proposal to set aside some money each year to cover maintenance and replacement costs is not an option currently.

g. Meeting Dates 2023

Proposals had been previously circulated and were agreed.

h. Internet Banking Policy

The Clerk advised this no longer needs to be a separate document and can be incorporated into the Financial Regulations. This was accepted.

i. Financial Regulations

The Clerk has reviewed these and no changes are required other than to add in a small section to cover internet banking. Proposals had been previously circulated and were agreed.

7. MATTERS TO REPORT

a. Correspondence

None.

b. Clerks Report

Having referred to Councillors outside of the meeting and obtained agreement, the Clerk has submitted a registration request so that the Council will be able to comment on the application for Sheringham and Dudgeon Extension Projects, should they choose to. Without registering now, they would not be able to comment later.

c. Village Hall Report

Bookings are good. Prices had to be increased but this doesn't seem to have affected bookings. The roof has now been completed so the hall is dry again. The main hall and all signs have been painted. Julie Elia has taken over as Treasurer and Tanya Wiseman has taken on the role of Booking Clerk. There are now a good number of willing volunteers on the committee.

d. Report from Chairman on NWL consultation meeting

A meeting was arranged with Highways to discuss the proposal for no right turn on Shortthorn Road as Hevingham was not originally consulted. The intention by Highways is to keep traffic on the A roads and to make wandering off onto the B roads unattractive. Specifically for traffic going through Felthorpe, they want vehicles coming from the Cromer Road to carry onto the NDR, as the Western Link Road will join the A47. Having looked at various models to see what would happen if..., the no right turn at Shortthorn Road seemed the most effective. Their modelling suggests a 43% increase in traffic through Brick Kiln Road in Hevingham per day (350 vehicles) and Church Lane is likely to be similar.

Highways have acknowledged the concerns raised and Hevingham will now be kept in the loop. We have been assured that if the modelling does not hold true, or there are other unintended consequences to the no right turn, the situation will be looked at again. Highways will make the official application around March to May 2023 and the Council can put forward an official objection at that.

e. Report from Chairman on Parish Council Forum meeting

The Chairman advised did not attend this as he had noted down the wrong time and so missed it.

f. Report from Chairman on Police Forum meeting

Crime rates are up however these are skewed by the fact crime decreased during Covid lockdowns – they are now back to pre-Covid times. Nothing specific to report for Hevingham although everyone is advised to be careful during the winter months as the cost of living situation may encourage more crime.

g. Police Report

The Clerk advised there were 2 crimes in the village during August: 1 x Violent & Sexual Offences (on or near Pound Road) and 1 x Criminal Damage & Arson (on or near Westgate Green) with 8 crimes during September: 2 x Antisocial Behaviour (1 on or near Brick Kiln Road / 1 on or near Town Corner) and 6 x Violent & Sexual Offences (3 on or near The Street / 1 on or near Westgate / 2 on or near The Turn). Further information can be accessed via www.police.uk.

h. i) District Councillors Report (read by Cty Cllr D Roper)

- It has now been disclosed the new premises was purchased for the sum of £7.1 million, shared by South Norfolk and Broadland District Councils. Both Councils are currently operating out of Thorpe to save costs over the winter. - There are 3 grants available to highlight: Warm Homes Grant, Keep It Going Grant and specifically for community groups the Warm Spaces Grant. - There is going to be what is in effect an electrical amnesty on the 14th December at Sprowston Recreation Ground between 9:30 and 13:00 for items people can't recycle at the kerbside.

ii) County Councillor Report

- The Clerk should have received an update from the Highways engineer on various things outstanding in the village. The Clerk confirmed she received it just prior to the meeting so will review and circulate in due course.
- The land owned by NCC which is being disposed of on Church Lane is still being looked into. It is unclear where or what exactly this is.
- The Budget Consultation is open for one more week should anyone wish to comment.
- Devolution plans are still outstanding.
- In answer to a question, it was stated that the issue of the bridge on the beck is between NCC Boundaries and the owner. No further updates are known.
- Regarding putting lines on The Street to prevent parking, the Parish Council would need to demonstrate a need on safety grounds and go through the legal process. The starting cost for double yellow lines is £6000. It was suggested that if anyone sees a car parked which contravenes the Highway Code, they could take a photograph and report to the Police.

8. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is on the 10th January 2023 at the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 21:05

Hevingham Community Garden



Now Open

Initial works on the garden enabled it to open during the Jubilee celebrations last year. A huge thank you to all involved in getting it to this point! It is now open everyday for people to use and enjoy. This is just the start of the garden's journey, and we would love to welcome anyone who wants to be involved in creating this space.



Get Involved

There are several ways you can get involved or support:

- Enjoy a visit anytime
- Monthly activity sessions
- Weekly volunteer sessions
- Donate plants/seedlings
- Give feedback
- Help with garden planning
- Support with sponsorship or purchases of Give Two Figs products (all profits go to maintaining the garden and community allotment)



We need your feedback

Can you benefit from this space? How might you like to get involved: Simply visiting as part of a regular walk and sit and relax? Harvesting herbs/fruit/veg to take home? Is there anything that you are keen to learn about gardening or growing your own veg?

Do you have tips or skills you would like to share? Do you already use this space? Get in touch via the contact details below.



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Hevingham Community Kitchen Garden

Rector's Ramblings!

I am writing this as the snow drops are appearing everywhere. Do go and have a look in Hevingham churchyard. This flower is a beautiful reminder Spring is on its way.

There is something extraordinary and hardy about this flower. Whatever the weather, frost, ice, mild winter, it pushes through the soil. Apparently, according to the Gardeners World website, there's an incredible range of snowdrops, not just the bell like flowers of the popular ones we see. There are different varieties featuring flowers in different sizes and with different markings, colour changes and numbers of petals. To the amateur gardener a snowdrop is a snowdrop, but to the expert each and every one is a collector's item with a significant difference. All are unique, bringing a pause button to life as we stop and take in its beauty.

In the church year we are coming towards Lent, a pause button time. It officially starts on the 22nd February, Thinking Day for the Girl Guide Association. This is a nice coincidence as Lent is about thinking and reflecting on our lives, our choices, our attitudes. We don't have to be a Christian to pause in life and ask ourselves what is it that would be good to change in our living to help make the world a better place? And what do we take on during Lent (and beyond) to serve and support others?

Easter is Coming!

We have all sorts of services around the villages of Felthorpe, Hevingham and Horsford to celebrate the events of Easter. There is a service on Easter Eve, Saturday 8 April, 7pm. It will be a reflective, quiet service, following the sadness of Good Friday and looking forward to the joy of Easter Sunday. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Other events for everyone:

- Good Friday, 7 April, come and make an Easter garden and enjoy Hot Cross Buns, All Saints Church, Horsford at 10am followed by an All Age Worship service at 10.30am
- Easter Egg activities and hunt: Saturday 8 April, All Saints Church, Horsford, drop in between 10am and 12 noon
- Easter Sunday: All Age Worship service. Easter extravagant fun for everyone, All Saints Church, Horsford, 10.30am

There are Easter cards available in the church, Cromer Road for full details.

Christmas

Thank you for those who came to our community carol service. There were just 16 of us so we are rethinking what will happen for Christmas this coming year. Was it the day (Saturday), the time (5pm) or the style (carol service). Let me know your thoughts on what you would like to take place as a community Christmas service.

From the Registers

We celebrated the christening and welcomed into the church family Ted Benton in November.

Our prayers for the family and friends of Trevor Tubby whose funeral took place in December

Revd Margaret McPhee, Rector



EASTER EVE WORSHIP

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