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If you would like to advertise in the next issue it will be just £2.50 for a black and white advert or if you would like your advert in colour then the price will be £5. I will need your advert and money by 25th November 2017 at the **LATEST!** The same deadline applies for articles, anything received after the deadline will not be included. Preferably if the document was NOT a PDF that would be great as I've been having some trouble working with that format! I am once again looking for a photo for the front cover of the next issue with a winter theme. The prize? Your photo on the front of our village magazine and your name in print! A huge thank you to Emily Grover for her photo of the mushroom in the woods! Keep up the good work, it looks great!

Hope you all have a great Autumn whether starting a new school or job or continuing as you are!

Emelie,

Magazine Editor

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HEVINGHAM PARISH

COUNCIL

AGREED MEETING DATES

FOR 2017

5TH SEPT 2017

3RD OCTOBER 2017

NOVEMBER – NO MEETING

5TH DECEMBER 2017

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USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Aylsham High School – 01263 733270

Aylsham library – 01263 732320

Bottle Bank emptying (BDC) – 01603 430575

Broadland District Council – 01603 431133

Bus timetable - <http://www.sanderscoaches.com/timetables/index.aspx>

Chairman of the Parish Council David Bunn – 01603 754418

Clerk to the Parish Council: Karen Medler – 01603 754134 (***Mon-Fri / 9am-3pm excluding Bank holidays***)

Email: hevinghampc@live.co.uk

County Councillor: Dan Roper - 07920441970

District Councillor: Paul Carrick – 01603 755309

Doctors surgeries: Aylsham Mkt Place – 01263 733331 / **Aylsham Hungate St** – 01263 733693

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Gospel Hall: Keith Medler – 01603 755224

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John Hall Charity (Clerk): Suzanne Benton – 01603 754488

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Norfolk County Council – 0844 800 8020

Police (Non-emergency) - 101

Primary School - 01603 754677

Short Mat Bowls: Jill Bunn – 01603 754418

Under 5's: – 01603 754988

Village Hall - 01603 754570

Village Hall booking Clerk – Julie Elia – 01603 754660

Youth Group: Taylor Ramsbottom – 01603 755448

To keep up to date with what is happening in your village check out the Parish Councils website at:

<http://hevinghampc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>



HERBERT PHILOPO ALLOTMENTS – PLOTS STILL AVAILABLE FOR RENT!

The Parish Council still has some allotments available to rent, opposite the School in New Road.

These allotments were intended to help bring an income into the village and therefore the Parish Council do not wish to leave them unallocated.

The allotments are ready for use with water available from a central tap. Sheds are permitted on individual plots with prior permission. The allotment area is fenced to prevent rabbits stealing the produce! Rent is currently £30.00 per annum and due in September. Manure is occasionally provided for tenants use at no additional cost. Weed killing has recently been carried out to the central access road and all un-used plots are soon to be rotavated. A gate will shortly be installed across the access road to prevent unauthorised parking by non-allotment holders.

If anyone is interested in taking on one of the empty allotments, please contact the Clerk.

The Wife's Club

The wife's club are organising a TRIP TO THE SPRINGFIELDS SHOPPING CENTRE FOR WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER, the coach will leave Hevingham Village Hall at 9.00am and return at 6.00pm the cost £11.00, we still have plenty of seats available. Please contact Jill Walker if you are interested in going 01603 754447 or mobile 07786 889353. Everyone is welcome. If we don't get a few more people I will have to cancel the trip.



PRECIS MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF HEVINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL **HELD ON 2nd MAY 2017 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

1. APPOINTMENTS

Cllr T Palmer proposed all current positions continue and this was agreed by all. Cllr D Bunn accepted office as Chairman and signed the necessary form. Vice Chair remains as Cllr P Carrick and Village Hall Representative Cllr M Williamson. The Allotment Committee are Cllrs G Crane, D Fox-Willis, A Bunn, S Medler and M Williamson. Cllr A Ramsbottom continues as Youth Advocate.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th April 2017 were agreed by all and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Footpath No 2

Following receipt of the resident's letter forwarded by the Clerk, NCC inspected the footpath and agreed an alteration to the position of some of the posts installed by the landowner and levelling of the path. This work has been completed and the footpath is now fully accessible. It will be the responsibility of the owner of the hedge to keep that trimmed.

5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

a. Saffron Housing

Mr S Watts explained to the meeting that Saffron Housing wish to build 8 houses on their land on Westgate; 4 x 2 bedroom and 4 x 3 bedroom. These houses will be affordable shared ownership which allows purchase of between 25-75% with the remaining percentage covered by rent. Whilst there is no actual register to prove a demand for this type of property, based on other schemes completed within the Broadland area, they are confident there is a need. Being aware of previous flooding issues, a site investigation has been completed and they propose to install a soakaway system which they are confident will cope with any water. A ditch has already been dug along the north of the site to help with the water dispersion and the site rotovated. The risk to properties to the South should now be mitigated and drainage actually improved. Allocation of the properties will differ slightly to the rented ones as Saffron Housing will be responsible for allocating them not BDC however Saffron Housing intend to use the Local Lettings Cascade, as was used by BDC to allocate the rented properties to ensure local residents are considered first. This Cascade would be detailed in any Section 106 agreement to ensure it remains in perpetuity.

In answer to questions not already covered by the above the following responses were given:

- Saffron Housing would be responsible for advertising the properties but would welcome any assistance from the Parish Council.
- Although the scheme recently completed in Hainford was different, as those properties were shared equity, they were well subscribed.
- The soakaways for the original 8 properties were smaller than they intend to put in this time and with the ditch now in situ too, Saffron Housing are confident these measures will be sufficient to prevent future issues with flooding.
- The ditch does not go along the back of the original 8 properties as it is not believed to be necessary as there has only been 1 incident of flooding to these properties in 2.5 years however they will now review again.
- A new road entrance is required as the first is not to an adoptable standard and is only suitable for 8 vehicles. Having checked with Highways, they are happy with the safety of the new proposed access. (Cllr P Carrick advised he has also spoken to Highways who have confirmed this as the road has a limit of 20mph).
- If the Parish Council choose to say 'no' to this project, as confirmed by Mr J Whitelock in October 2013, Saffron Housing will walk away and not proceed with submitting a planning application.
- Although Saffron Housing considered completing a survey to establish need, as this is an exception site and need must be justified, BDC did not feel this was necessary.
- The soil from the original 8 properties was put on the adjacent land as it was too expensive to dispose of it.

- The cost of moving the electricity cable was less than originally thought.
- The letter from Leathes Prior concerning future permission has been reviewed by Saffron Housing's solicitors along with the transfer documents however as nothing was stipulated in the documents concerning this, it is not binding.

In a vote 9 were against the scheme proceeding and only 2 were in favour. It was therefore agreed the Parish Council would not support a further scheme on the land owned by Saffron Housing. Mr S Watts confirmed a planning application has not yet been submitted to BDC and without the support of the Parish Council in principle, an application will not now be submitted.

6. MATTERS TO REPORT

d. Police Report

PC G Shepherd gave a resume of his Annual Report, which will be available to view on the Parish Council's website. The report now covers the Ward of Hevingham which includes Hainford and Stratton Strawless. During the last year 98 reports were received for the Ward with 66 of these being crimes and 32 non-crimes. There were 11 RTA's with injury: 7 on the A140, 3 on the B1149 and 1 in the village and 9 damage only RTA's.

PC A Mason introduced himself as the Community Engagement Officer for the area having taken on the role in September 2016. Special Constables are being used to help tackle speeding. Please get in touch if Speed Watch is of interest. The Police are currently aware of 16 Neighbourhood Watch schemes (previously known as Home Watch) which are running and would encourage anyone who is interested in setting up a new one to get in touch as they are always looking for volunteers.

5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

b. Herbert Phillipo Fund

Trod Path

The Clerk explained that as we have come to the end of the financial year for 16/17, NCC will be returning any funds not already spent on the trod path. The Parish Council therefore have 2 options for section 2: Pay in full at a cost of £5200.00 or wait until a bid can be submitted for 18/19 and pay £2600.00 if the bid is successful. All agreed to proceed with Section 2 and the Parish Council will fund in full. Cllr J Norton asked why Section 1 stops short of the boundary with the adjacent property. It was thought this was down to drainage but the Clerk will check and if it is possible to extend this, will find out how much it would cost.

c. Planning

- The following plan was considered: 20170523 – Cobble Acre Park, Brick Kiln Road – No objections.
- The Clerk advised application 20170320 has now been granted full approval by BDC.

d. John Hall Charity

Income for the year was £2,478.80 which was down £350.07 on the previous year. Expenditure for the year was £1,510.00 which was down £960.00 on the previous year. This leaves a balance at the bank of £3,906.20 which is up £96.88 on 2016.

e. Finance

i) Accounts for payment

The following accounts were presented for payment and were approved:

Mrs K Medler (Expenses)	£28.48
NPFA (Annual subscription)	£25.00
E-on (Electricity)	£60.36
SLCC (Annual subscription)	£93.00
Cllr A Ramsbottom (Flowers for telephone box)	£57.51
Cllr A Coldham (Plants for Village Green)	£25.98
Came & Company (Insurance)	£552.93

The Clerks standing order will be paid on the 5th May 2017.

The following receipts were noted:

Allotment tap key	£5.00
Allotment rent	£19.00
Precept (1 st instalment)	£4845.50
CIL	£3111.88

Balance at the bank now stands at £55,394.19.

ii) Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2017

The final accounts were circulated to all and agreed.

iii) Internal and External Audit

Cllr P Carrick has completed a review of the accounts and agreed all is in order. Likewise, the Internal Auditor has reviewed the accounts and confirmed all is in order with no issues raised.

6. MATTERS TO REPORT

b. Youth Advocate Report

Numbers continue to be good with 60+ children attending for the last 2 weeks.

c. Village Hall Report

New members will be confirmed at the AGM on the 5th June 2017. Complaints have been received regarding the grass cutting and the amount of grass left behind. The Clerk advised this is mainly down to the machines used but will speak to the contractor to see what can be done. The Hall is still having problems with dog fouling. Cllr P Carrick advised he has obtained some signs from BDC stating the £1000 fine payable which can be put up.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllrs A Coldham advised the Church is now in dire straits as they have not only had their lead stolen but have now discovered death watch beetle in the eaves. The Hevingivers support for Jays Journey will come to an end at their AGM and they are considering which project to support this year. If they choose to support the Church would the Parish Council be able to give funds to the Hevingivers as this is not directly giving to the Church. The Clerk will have to look into. Cllr M Williamson raised an issue with rubbish sawdust and wood being left on one of the farmer's allotments. The Clerk will speak to the tenant.

The meeting closed at 21:21

Full minutes can be viewed on the Parish Councils website.



**PRECIS MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HEVINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 6th JUNE 2017 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd May 2017 were agreed by all and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Public Participation - Donation to the Hevingivers

The Clerk has received confirmation from the Society of Local Council Clerks that the Parish Council can make a donation to the Hevingivers under Section 137, providing it is a community organisation working for the benefit of the community. Following discussions all agreed to donate £2500.00 to the Hevingivers as part of their fund raising for repair of the Church roof.

Public Participation – Tractors in village (raised at the APM)

The Clerk has received a response from Highways as follows: *From experience, requests for weight limits in rural parishes often do not resolve local resident's concerns as they do not apply to HGV's entering the restricted zone for loading / unloading purposes and farm plant and machinery are exempt from any order. Such a restriction is unlikely to achieve good compliance, especially where farm plant is travelling in the village from farms in the locality. With this in mind it is unlikely we would promote a weight restriction for Hevingham at this time. New speed limit restrictions and extensions can be costly and individual changes can expend considerable time and budget to achieve changes. At present, there is little or no scope for the provision of Traffic Regulation order backed proposals other than: Linked to clear evidence of road safety issues or hazards which may be improved by speed limit reductions achieving a good level of driver compliance; New development works changing the highway related nature of a locality; Locations exhibiting the highest priority will be those where there is a proven, speed related casualty record and are likely to be taken forward for further development. We automatically record those sites through personal injury accident records collated by the Police. In terms of 30, 40 and 50 mph speed limits we have now implemented a range of restrictions tailored to meet local conditions which are considered to provide a good overall level of road safety benefit on the network with little need for major revision in the coming years. Therefore, with these points in mind, there are no further plans to provide a revision or extend the existing 30mph speed limit on Brick Kiln Road.*

5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

a. Village allotments

Cllr G Crane advised he would like to install another tap on the allotment site to service the tenants who have the plots towards Westgate. The Clerk confirmed a tap box like the one already in place will be £265.03 including VAT and delivery. All agreed the Clerk could arrange purchase.

b. Herbert Phillip Fund

Trod Path

Regarding extending the path nearer to Westgate Green, Highways have advised there were a few reasons why they did not extend it: *Piping land drainage ditches in their entirety normally needs permission from the Environmental Agency. The cost would have been considerably more as well as we would be introducing a new kerb line with associated drainage. We felt cyclists would be likely to use the trod and the entrance further down would at least give them more warning of a car turning the tight bend at the top, this wouldn't have been an issue if we could extend all the way along the frontage of number 30. If we had agreement from no 30 about formalising the verge and extending the path toward the junction of Westgate Green it is something we could certainly investigate.* The Clerk suggested the Parish Council wait to see what costs were involved with the first section, then decide whether to approach the owners of no 30 and this was agreed.

The Clerk advised she is aware of some issues with horses using the trod although hasn't received any further reports of late. All agreed to monitor the situation for now.

c. Planning

i) The following plan had already been considered:

20170675 – Bomaris Kennels, Springwood Cottage, 17 The Heath - No objections.

ii) The following plans were considered:

20170869 – Noakside, 19 Brick Kiln Road – Majority no objections although concerns were raised regarding alterations to the street scene.

20170877 – Church Lane Farm, Church Lane – No objections.

20170894 – Whistling Winds, 10 The Street – Majority object based on the height of the pitched roof and the window overlooking neighbouring properties affecting outlook and privacy. Concerns were also raised that the building could later be developed into a residential property.

d. Finance

i) Accounts for payment

The following accounts were presented for payment and were approved:

Mrs K Medler (Expenses)	£20.92
Anglian Water Business Ltd (Allotments)	£28.52
Miss E Medler (Magazine)	£50.00
Eco Colour Print (Magazine printing)	£300.00
Hevingivers (Donation under S137)	£2500.00
Tap Boxes UK Ltd (Tap box for village allotments)	£265.03

The Clerks standing order was paid on the 5th June 2017.

The following receipt was noted:

Magazine advert	£20.00
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Balance at the bank now stands at £51,899.72.

e. Parish Partnership Bid

Cllr A Ramsbottom confirmed Mr Brett Hewitt has kindly agreed to be responsible for the sign on Brick Kiln Road (free of charge). The Parish Council agreed the Memorandum of Understanding and the necessary paperwork was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

f. Hevingham Gospel Hall

The Clerk advised the new Vicar Rev'd Margaret McPhee has agreed to take over from the previous Vicar as Trustee, following the previous Vicars retirement, and this was accepted by all.

6. MATTERS TO REPORT

b. Village Hall Report

Cllr M Williamson advised the committee met last night and welcomed new members with all positions now filled. Karen Roberts is the new Chair with Caroline Medler supporting as Vice Chair. The Secretary is Jo Davis and Booking Clerk Julia Elia. Chris Biston will be continuing as Treasurer. Other members include Cllr Mervyn Williamson, Taylar Ramsbottom, Danni Gray, Lauren Oliver and Patsy Brummage, assisted by Paul Chisnell, Laurel Clark and John Haverson. The next meeting will be in August 2017.

The Clerk advised she has contacted The Garden Guardian regarding the grass cutting and it is basically taking a while for the clippings to subside as the grass was very long at the beginning of the season and the lack of rain means the clippings

are not breaking down, however things are improving with each cut. Clippings could be moved to the edge for a charge. All agreed to leave things as they are for now. The Clerk also advised the grass will be cut a week prior to the Music Fest.

c. Police Report

The Clerk advised there were 3 crimes in the village during March, full details of which can be found on the Parish Councils website.

d. District Councillors report

Residents may be interested to know that the land in front of BDC's Carrowbreck training facility is being developed which will bring funds into the Council.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident asked Cllr D Roper why the A140 was recently resurfaced twice but a large area along one of the edges was not repaired prior, when it is a danger to vehicles travelling along there. Cllr D Roper agreed to address with Highways. Cllr P Carrick asked if Cllr D Roper had received any information back from Highways concerning the various posts installed on The Heath. Cllr D Roper advised he had not as yet.

The meeting closed at 20:28



HEVINGHAM LADIES CLUB

Hevingham Ladies Club meet the third Wednesday of the month in the best room of the Village Hall at 7.30pm. We are not a W.I. as people label us but a small friendly group who get together as a social fun gathering. Each month members take it in turn to stage their night and produce whatever they choose and provide refreshments and raffle. The number is usually between 15 and 20 ladies. The evenings vary from speakers got in, quiz nights, bingo, crafts or even a visit to the Theatre or any other outside adventure.

Anyone wishing to join our little club is most welcome to come along and do so. If you would like to attend any of the monthly meetings at any time as a guest then you are most welcome at a charge of £2.50 which includes refreshments. As we don't actually have anyone as our leader and you require further information then Caroline on 01603 755355 would be willing to speak to you. In January we arranged our monthly events for the year, these are written below. Our last two meetings have been a Quiz night and a talk on a local Charity that raises funds for Charities in Asia. There was no meeting in August. So join our friendly little Club, a chance for you ladies that wish to get more social and have little more to look forward to in your lives.

Wishing you all a very Happy Autumn.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Sep 20th – Photo Show
Oct 18th – Trip to Springfield's Shopping Outlet
Nov 15th – Quiz Night
Dec 7th – Xmas Dinner

HOPE TO SEE SOME NEW FACES



HEVINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

After a rocky start to the year the village hall once again now has a full committee who is looking forward to taking on the challenge of running the hall in the excellent manner that has become expected after years of dedication from past members of whom i would like to thank very much for all their hard work.

New members who include myself, Karen Roberts as the new chair, Jo Davies as secretary, Julie Elia as booking clerk who can be contacted on 01603 754660 for all your booking needs and Lauren Oliver who will be invaluable as our communications/advertising clerk. Please feel free to contact any of us for further information about the hall or about joining the village hall committee as all new members will be very welcome.

The new play area is now up and running and looks great as does the new fencing. Could i please ask all users of the hall and outside areas to look after it and please clear up after yourselves as we have had a few issues with litter and dog poo and with our new covering all areas CCTV in operation everything gets recorded including the shed and bin areas too!!! The main hall has now been fully re-decorated and looks great, thank you to Mark Andrews Property maintenance who's based in Hevingham.

For all events that are to be held at the village hall please check out our Facebook Page or the notice board outside the hall. Or if you are thinking about holding an event at the hall we are now able to offer you a basic bar service to fit your requirements, please ring Julie and ask for more details.

We are also planning a New Year's Eve Party this year so please look out for further details coming soon.

Our new motto.....USE THE HALL ITS THERE FOR ALL !!!

Kind Regards

Karen Roberts

Chairperson to Hevingham Village Hall 01603 754333



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Hevingham Laurel Luncheon Club volunteers not only prepare and serve a hot lunch every Wednesday of each month but serve a hot meal twice weekly to your own home. If you know anyone requiring our service or would like to join our happy band of volunteers, please contact:

Ann Medler 01603755224 – Anthea 754211 or Patsy 765753.

Lunch Club at Hevingham Village Hall 12 – 3 Please book your lunch in advance.

Sept 27 Cinnamon Trust

Oct 25 Extend

Nov 29 Rachael Duffield

Dec Xmas Dinner



Alternative therapy and Craft Fayre
under 12 free

9 Sept 12 -6 pm £1

Barn Dance Friday 29 Sept

8pm – 11pm Adults £8 Child £2 BYO drink and food. Contact Sharon
07443563770 Hevingham Village Hall. **All contributions received**

Chess in the Shallow End
by Heather Enid Wells

Regular readers of this column will have noted Broadland Chess Club's many successes and seen the photos of our top players with their impressive silverware but, if you just enjoy a casual game, that may not have seemed to have much to do with you. Indeed, you may have felt that joining a club and playing more formally would take the fun out of it. Especially the thought of getting thrashed week in, week out by strong club players! Nevertheless, you may have felt that little itch: "I wonder how good I really am ... and I wonder how good I could be if I put my mind to it ... and had some help with my game ..."

Three years ago, as a novice of (I think I can say) 'mature' years, I joined Broadland Chess Club to find out. Since then I have learned a great deal more about chess, made a lot of new friends, enjoyed many tense battles over the board, delighted in the beauty and mystery of the game, and travelled far and wide to play it. I've attended superb coaching sessions given, free of charge to our members, by some of our top players, and had great support and encouragement throughout. And to my surprise, although I still very much enjoy casual games, I do find the 'real thing' more fun.

You may have gained the impression that our club is all about achievement at a high level. Yes, we do have many brilliant players, including the current Norfolk County Champion. However, Broadland is not just the biggest and most successful chess club in the county, but caters more for the small fry (like me) than any other, and for all levels in between. At the lower level, Broadland club members comprise more than a third of the total of players in the county graded under-100 points by the English Chess Federation (not counting schools' and junior clubs).

Now, in an innovative move by our Chairman, Paul Badger, Broadland is launching its own in-club 'Friendly League' for under-100 (and so-far ungraded) players, where we chessboard minnows can test the water against one another and, in due course, gain an official ECF grading – or maybe improve the one we have. All Friendly League games will be played at our club HQ, the King's Head, Coltishall, and there is even a trophy, the Stichbury Shield (pictured).

So now novice, rusty-returning and junior players can enjoy official, but less pressured, chess. For those who'd like to play in the main Norfolk League, the Friendly League offers an easy way to gain experience before stepping up to that. (Though, for complete beginners, Norwich U3A Chess Club, meeting on the first and third Mondays of each month, 10:00-noon at George Carver Court, Northfields, Norwich, offers individual tuition from first "this-is-a-pawn" basics to improver level, which is adequate to play in the Friendly League.)

So, if you'd like to dip your toe in, come and join us at Broadland Chess Club! Subs are £20 (juniors £5) plus £15 Bronze-level ECF affiliation for the whole year. For more information find us on Facebook/Twitter.



Hevingham Gospel Hall Service

Every Sunday at 6:30

It's harvest time once again and how thankful we ought to be considering many parts of the world that don't have the same as we have, we should be thankful to God who gave us the seed to set and sends the rain to help it grow. As clever as man is we cannot make any, we can only do our part by setting the seed then God does his part which we cannot do. The Lord Jesus fed 5000 men with two small fish and five loaves of bread, something his disciples couldn't do but they did their part by collecting the leftovers. God will forgive our sins but we must do our part by confessing our sins to Him and asking his forgiveness and trusting in what Jesus did on the cross. The Bible says if we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned we make God a liar and his word is not in us (1 John 1 9-10). We all know we have sinned so unless we do our part and confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness we will never enter heaven.

God bless,

Keith & Ann Medler

A Guide to Bonfires

Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, it is an offence to cause a statutory nuisance. This includes smoke, fumes or gases “emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance”. This can include nuisance created by bonfires.

What constitutes a nuisance? To be considered a nuisance a bonfire would have to be a regular problem and interfering substantially with your well-being, comfort or enjoyment of your property. Therefore if the fire is only occasionally it is unlikely to be considered a nuisance. Similarly, if you are troubled by a series of bonfires from various sources this will not be considered a nuisance because no single individual could be held responsible. If a neighbour is causing a nuisance then it is advisable to approach the person to try to resolve the matter as they may not be aware they are causing a problem and they may be more considerate in the future. However, if this approach fails the local council’s environmental health department should take reasonable steps to investigate a complaint. They have power to take action under the Environmental Protection Act and can issue an abatement notice. The Environmental Protection Act does also allow private action to be taken in the magistrates court.

What are the penalties? Under the Highways (Amendment) Act 1986 anyone lighting a fire and allowing smoke to drift across the road faces a fine of £2000 if it endangers traffic. In rare instances, there may be local bye-laws which restrict the times bonfires are allowed.

The following guidelines have been produced by the National Society of Allotment & Leisure Gardeners:

Good Bonfire Guidelines

- Let neighbours know when and where a bonfire is to be lit.
- Avoid lighting in unsuitable weather conditions e.g. windy days or damp, still days when smoke will hang in the air.
- Check the air quality and avoid burning when it is “poor” or “very poor”.
- Only burn dry material.
- Never burn household rubbish, rubber or anything containing plastic, foam or paint.
- Never use old engine oil, metholated spirits or petrol to light or encourage a fire.
- Avoid burning at weekends or on bank holidays when people are more likely to be in their garden.
- Never leave the fire unattended or leave it to smoulder – douse it with water if necessary.
- Remember to check for hibernating hedgehogs and sleeping pets!

Overgrown trees, hedges and shrubs

There are still many trees, hedges and shrubs in the village that are encroaching onto the roads and pathways, making it difficult for pedestrians to walk safely and vehicles to use the roads without getting scratched.

If you are responsible for a tree, hedge or shrub, please be considerate of those who pass nearby and cut them back.

HEVINGHAM MUSIC FEST 2017

WOW..... This just gets bigger and better every year..... £6,545 raised this year split between 3 charities..... I would like to say a huge Thankyou to all the bands that played... Clarke's Butchers in low lane Hevingham for supplying the meat and selling tickets....David Pert for supplying the stage...Gaskin Builders for fencing..... Darren miles for the skips.....Neil for the beer tent....Kirsty Norton, Sarah Feeney and Ros Boote for sorting out rotas on the day and everyone that helped out on the gate and BBQ....Jonnie Nairn for being stage manager.....Megan Roberts for all her help.... Ian Knight for tickets and posters.....Aylsham Football Club for sorting out the car parking and a big Thankyou to everyone that attended and supported this event, it was amazing..... Thankyou Karen Roberts

