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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

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Editor's Comments

Would you believe we've had three Prime Ministers since the last magazine? Times are indeed quite turbulent and unfortunately the outcome has put an increase in the cost of mortgage repayments on top of an already stratospheric cost of living crisis. Even with a price cap, energy bills are biting and everything is going up in price to cover the cost.

No surprise then that the local police are warning everyone to be more vigilant about their personal security. One should avoid putting expensive presents under the Christmas tree, for example, and for those using heating oil (which in itself has doubled in cost) to ensure there is no easy access to it. I don't say this to worry anyone, as the police have indicated in their most recent police and community forum that crime rates are pretty average at the moment. However, in as much as we are all likely to be more aware of what we spend, we should also be aware of those who would be happy to spend it for us.

On a lighter note, I was pleased to be instrumental, if you will excuse the pun, to get a bugler for the remembrance day service. We noted that in 2021, where we placed the newly purchased 'Tommy' for the village green, that the school children gathered at 11:00 and they had a bugler play *'The Last Post'*. We are hoping that they will return on a regular basis to perform this valuable service.

While we are on the subject of the last post, the Spring 2023 magazine will be my last as editor. We still require a volunteer who will pick up the challenge and keep the magazine going, albeit in electronic format until the cost of

producing it returns to within the parameters of our budget.

Also looking ahead to future events, the year 2023 is election year for Parish Councils. If you have not yet registered to vote, you should do so as soon as possible.

You may also fancy yourself as standing for the Parish Council; see article in this magazine for more details.

On 8th September 2022, in the same year we celebrated her platinum jubilee, Queen Elizabeth II died; the UK's longest reigning monarch. She touched the lives of so many and was perhaps the most famous person on the planet.

And so we enter into a new Carolean era with King Charles III, his coronation set for May 2023. Long live the King.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support this year and to wish you all a merry Christmas and happy New Year. Be safe. Stay warm.



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In Isaiah, chapter 53, it speaks of God's promised Son JESUS, who would die for us to take away our Sins, if we would trust Him. This was written about 700 years before it happened, to change the direction of many people.

Paul, in the Bible, was one of the first to have his direction changed; he used to persecute the early Christians. On his way to Damascus, he met the Lord and it changed his direction forever. In fact he preached the Gospel that he had previously tried to destroy. I have said this before, but I will say it again... I was in a pub one night, when, the customers, started to talk about God. I had always believed in God's existence, although I used to drink more alcohol than I should. I came out of the pub that same night and God spoke to me; a voice inside me said, "Now what are you going to do about it?" I went home and started to read the Bible. I knelt down in my lounge and asked the Lord Jesus to forgive me and I trusted in what He did when He died on the Cross, for our Sins. It changed my life forever. Yet, there are many today, who trust in their own goodness. Only ONE sin would keep us out of Heaven. All have much more than one sin for sure. Yes the Lord Jesus is waiting to change your direction, so you follow God instead of yourself. We look forward to hearing your Good News.

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So you want to be a Parish Councillor?

by Shane Ward

Four years ago (2019) I became a candidate to join Hevingham Parish Council, along with quite a few 'new faces'. At the same time there were a number of the incumbent councillors who decided not to stand. There are 11 Councillor positions in Hevingham and by coincidence there were 11 candidates. All were therefore elected unopposed; an outcome that seemed to have happened a lot. I can only speculate that most people either were not aware that an election was taking place or that no one else was particularly interested.

Back to 2019 and during my campaign I received comments from people around the village that ranged from 'I didn't know you even could stand as a Councillor' to 'It's just a boys club with people trying to line their own pockets'. One of the reasons I wanted to become a councillor was to change that perception. This was the village I chose to live in and I wanted the actions of the Parish Council to be transparent and above board. Trust in politicians and councils have never been high but this was a Parish Council, which concerned itself exclusively with matters pertaining to Hevingham. It was mundane, everyday mechanisms that should not include hifalutin idealisms or underlying self interest. The Nolan Principles still apply to Parish Councillors as much as Westminster Politicians <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-7-principles-of-public-life> but national politics does not cut the grass or maintain the playground apparatus.

Before I put my candidacy forward in 2019, I attended the council meetings as a member of the public; there were 9 meetings throughout the year. Only one meeting was attended by lots of Parishioners because of a Norfolk house building consultation where some local people had put forward proposals and there were objections enough to motivate people to attend a council meeting (not that it was a Parish Council matter and as it turns out, all the proposals were rejected).

Usually there are less than 5 members of the public attending. And if no one reads the Parish Council minutes, the chances of understanding what the Parish Council actually does is remote. For those who are unsure where to find information, the Hevingham Parish Council Web Site has the monthly minutes published as they are agreed <https://hevinghampc.wixsite.com/hevinghampc> and then repeated in the Hevingham Village News Magazine (on line only, as of Summer 2022 and ending March 2023 if no editor volunteers).

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.

There appears quite often to be confusion as to who is responsible for what function. Pot holes is a common example, which is the responsibility of Highways at County Council but it is the responsibility of any individual to report it. It is not the responsibility of the Parish Council; but will do so if spotted.

I think it is fair to say that people often express themselves more when faced with a situation they object to rather than when everything is ticking along nicely or their lives are unaffected. Social media appears to be a common platform for these complaints and occasionally you

will see someone say. 'Someone ought to do something about it', or 'why isn't the Council doing something about it?' So what if that 'someone' is you?

What if you have to become the change you want to see to make a difference? What if the best way to make things happen is to become a Parish Councillor? You can stand from the age of 18 and as young people live in the village as well, we could do with all perspectives. We do have women on the council but to become more representative of the Parish demographic I would encourage more women to stand (currently out numbered by 8 - 3).

The first reason for me writing this article is to ensure that everyone knows how becoming a Councillor works. The second reason is to ensure everyone is aware that the next election for Parish Councillor is May 2023. And yes, if there are more than 11 candidates standing for election, there has to be a public vote.

1. Around mid March 2023 there will be publication of a notice that an election will be organised.
2. To become a candidate you must be living or working in Hevingham (there are other conditions but these would be the most common).
3. You will need two nominations from the Parish electorate to stand.
4. You can stand as an independent person (most of the current Parish Council is made of people independent of political parties).
5. Nominations for candidates have to be received, hand delivered, to Broadland District Council. The deadline for this to be published but is likely to be around the beginning of April.
6. You can campaign to drum up support.
7. Polling Day, if there are sufficient candidates to force a vote, is usually the first Thursday in May. We should know before this date if there will be a vote if more than 11 candidates have fulfilled point 5 above. If elected you become a councillor for 4 years.

If, at any point in the process, you are not sure if you have done something the right way, you can email the Parish clerk for guidance.

Campaigning gives you the chance to say to the electorate why they should vote for you. Is there a particular change you want to make happen? Is there a particular issue that you feel could be tackled at Parish level? Do you want to campaign for better facilities, more of this or less of that? In short, what are you prepared to do that will make a difference to enhance the community or the wellbeing of the electorate? Councillors can do more than agree who cuts the grass. The cheapest way to campaign is with a special edition newsletter, which I will be happy to coordinate if more than 11 people stand. This does not stop you from using Hevingham People or employing any other form of campaigning. Bear in mind that the role of a Parish Councillor is unpaid, so free campaigns only costs your time and effort.

The publication of this article is December 2022, so you have time to decide if you want to grumble and do nothing or actively do something about it. The minimum amount of time being a Parish Councillor is to attend 9 council meetings, which probably amounts to 20 hours a year! So when people say 'I don't have time' you may want to reconsider. If you are elected by the people you have been given a privilege to serve. How much additional time you spend in service to your local community is up to you.

If you think the Parish Council doesn't do enough

If you think the Parish Council could do more

If you think the Parish Council ought to do something about something

Now is your chance to stand and see if others agree enough to vote for you.

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Janet Evans, Clerk to the Trustees, John Hall Charity, Town Cottage, Town Corner, Hevingham NR10 5LZ.

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Not ROADWORKS Again?

It only seems like yesterday that yet another set of temporary traffic lights appears or a road is dug up and closed. Why does nobody tell you? It is infuriating, especially if it seems that when one company fills in a hole, someone else comes along and digs it up again.

Well I suppose if you know where to look there will be a notification somewhere but it often involves a lot of sifting through dry legal jargon to find there is nothing that affects your area.

But there is a way.

Norfolk County Council has a page on its website that will show you planned roadworks in your area. Here is the link below

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/roadworks>

You can also sign up to email alerts if you want them to contact you instead. The Parish Council does not get any special treatment when it comes to planned roadworks. They have to use the same route as you.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HEVINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 5th JULY 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present:

Cllr S Ward (Chairman)
Cllr S Benton (Vice Chair)
Cllr T Palmer
Cllr J Norton
Cllr M Williamson
Cllr A Bunn
Cllr D Holmes
Cllr I Nickalls
Cllr S Howes
Cllr A Long
Mrs K Medler (Clerk)

Parishioners: 2

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from County Cllr D Roper. No contact was received from Cllr A Ramsbottom.

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 7th June 2022 were agreed by all.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- The Chairman has still not been able to speak to PC Lucas Ward but will be asking Councillors to consider some permanent speed activated signs at the September meeting.
- The Chairman advised the shed on plots 1 and 2 of the farmers allotments has now been removed.
- The Clerk reported that she is still awaiting a response from NCC Highways concerning the requested SAM position and the signage near Low Lane despite contacting the Hevingham representative directly. It was suggested that Jerome Mayhew MP should be asked to get involved as this lack of response is unacceptable. All agreed, so the Clerk will action.
- Following the Parish Councils question to BDC's consultation concerning dog fouling, the following was confirmed by BDC: *This PSPO will be policed as it has been for the past 3 years, both by our Officers and the Police. Response will be made when breaches are reported to the Council. Stray and or loose dogs are dealt with separately - the PSPO relates to dogs who are under the control of a person.*

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A resident from the Holt Road asked if the Parish Council were aware of a proposed private traveller's site for 4 pitches in Eastgate under the GNLP. The Council were not aware but will look into as there is already a site in Stratton Strawless which doesn't appear to be fully used.
- A resident has asked if anything can be done concerning the current parking situation around the Village Green as it causes issues getting in and out of her drive. Following discussions, it was agreed this will be monitored but it wasn't felt necessary to take any action at this time.
- The Chairman advised he reported the water leak on Halls Corner and it was looked at today - the valve is faulty and will be replaced. The reduction in pressure in the village is not as a result of this however but a faulty booster which will also be attended to.
- Comments have been made on social media regarding the chipping of Low Lane, which it seems was not Scrapped or had the potholes filled before completion of the works. All agreed the Clerk should complain to Highways.
- The Farmers Fete / Auction is taking place on the 6th August and most things are now in place. A Fire Engine will be visiting and a professional auctioneer will be overseeing the 38 lots. The Starting Handle Club will also be participating and there will be stalls to visit with the emphasis on farming and homemade crafts.
- It was reported that whilst the verges in the village have been cut recently, Highways have missed the verge on the left as you pull out of New Road towards The Heath. This is causing visibility issues and is dangerous. All agreed the Clerk should raise with Highways.
- A resident asked if anything could be done about the bends on Brick Kiln Road as they are dangerous. Following discussions it was agreed there was not an issue if people drove to the road condition and speed limit and without any evidence to prove otherwise, there was little point in referring to Highways.
- It was noted that the main village postman is retiring on the 22nd July after 27 years of service. Richard has been a fantastic postman and all will be sad to see him go. Residents are encouraged to thank him in their own ways.

6. MATTERS TO REPORT

a. Finance

i) The following accounts were presented for payment and were approved:

Mrs K Medler (Expenses)	£22.38
P H Collins (Grass cutting as agreed)	£448.00
F C Hambling (Bus shelter cleaning)	£40.00
HMR&C (PAYE x3)	£136.40
Cllr A Ramsbottom (Telephone Box decorations)	£35.59
D Seppings (Work at Village Hall)	£60.00
Playsafety Limited (Play area inspection fee)	£117.60
The Clerk's standing order was paid on the 5th July 2022.	
The following receipt was noted:	
Magazine adverts	£72.00

Balance at the bank at the end of June was £25,166.36

b. Allotments

i) Updates

Following on from June's decision regarding mid-term changes, one tenant has now changed. A further plot will be changing tenant in October. All tenants will be officially informed of the agreed change in September when the tenancies renew.

ii) New issues

None reported.

c. Planning

i) No new plans to discuss.

iii) Outcomes of previous applications:

20220713 – Lakeside Cottage, Doctors Hill – Full approval.

7. MATTERS TO REPORT

a. Correspondence

The Clerk had previously circulated a note from BDC regarding a request for an alcohol license for the shop at Cobbleacre Lakes. Although some residents have raised concerns, generally there did not seem to be real opposition to the granting of this.

b. Clerks Report

- The SAM sign will be going up tonight on Brick Kiln Road.

- Most of the Covid signs have now been removed from the play area at the Village Hall but it was agreed that one

will be left for now in light of the current rise in infections. It was noted that safety caps have been installed to cover any bolts.

- The play area has had its annual inspection and there are no major issues to address. The Clerk will ask the village hall handyman to cover the small things that have been highlighted but would like to clarify two points:

a) one of the gates has always been left locked for the toddler group to be secured safely in their grassed area but this has been highlighted as a potential bullying risk – all agreed it should remain locked for the toddlers safety.

b) There was a damaged plank on the swing bridge which has been removed and the item is still useable safely. It was agreed this will not be replaced for now as the age of the item means it is likely to need replacing fully in the not-too-distant future.

c. Village Hall Report

- The next meeting is in two weeks. The booking clerk is resigning. The roof is being dealt with in August and some further re-decorating will be completed which means the Hall will be closed for a week.

- The Community Project will be carried forward by the Village Hall Committee, with the help of sub-committees, as

the Parish Council are not able to do this as Custodian Trustees, which means more funding will need to be obtained to cover any VAT but this is not seen as a problem. All agreed that was the correct way to proceed. Although the Community Garden is now open to all, the official opening is now likely to take place in September.

d. Police Report

There have been no further updates since the April figures were released.

e. County Councillor Report (Read by the Chairman)

- I am aware that there are various highways issues still outstanding that I am chasing. Re one of these I did remind Richard Pearson that the timeframe for the white lining is up at the end of July and requested a clear indication of when this will be completed.

County Councillor Report continued/-

- As has been shared elsewhere the roadworks on Cromer Road have been extended for a further month. In discussions with highways they have indicated a hope that there will be completion a little bit sooner than expected.

- Main issue at NCC since the last meeting has been the rising cost of the Norwich Western Link. The total cost has increased from £198m to £251m – however it remains the hope that government will fund 85% of the project. If this is the case the additional cost to Norfolk will be just under an additional £8m. What would be a potential game

changer is if government funds less than 85% of the new project cost. There are still many stages to go through but the Council remains committed to completion of the road.

- The other issue is preparations for next year's budget. This will involve a consultation over the summer on a review of the mobile library service. From October onwards there will be the usual main budget consultation but ideas already put forward include more on street parking charges in tourist areas and potential changes to opening times at recycling centres.

8. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Partnership Scheme (SAM sign) and Report from Cllr D Holmes on the Vattenfall meeting he will attend on the 21st July.

Next meeting is on the 6th September 2022.

The meeting ended at 20:30

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

Present: Parishioners: 8

Cllr S Ward (Chairman)
Cllr S Benton (Vice Chair) **Present:** Cllr D Roper
Cllr T Palmer Dist Cllr J Neesam
Cllr J Norton
Cllr M Williamson
Cllr A Bunn
Cllr D Holmes
Cllr A Ramsbottom
Mrs K Medler (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from Councillors I Nickalls, S Howes and A Long.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS

There were no dispensation requests however Cllrs M Williamson, T Palmer and D Holmes declared interests in item 6dii.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th July 2022 were agreed by all.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- The Clerk reported it appears the GNLP is currently being re-considered and so the consultation on this has been delayed.
- The Clerk reported Highways do not consider the grass growing in the new chippings as meeting Highways criteria for intervention and therefore no action is being taken. Tarmac who did the chippings have referred the potholes back to NCC Highways as they do not get involved in repairing potholes.
- The un-cut verge at the junction with New Road and Church Lane should have been cut by now but it was confirmed it hasn't been so the Clerk will chase.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- The Farmers Fete / Auction went very well and raised £4066.03 for the proposed bike track at the Village Hall. Thanks to all who helped with that.
- The Hevingivers teamed up with the Tots for the recent garage sale and raised a total of £467.00 which will be shared equally.
- A quiz night is planned for the 30th September 2022 and tickets will be £6.00.
- A ploughing match is also being planned – further details to follow.
- To help raise further funds for the proposed bike track, 2 buckets are going to be superglued together and residents can purchase raffle tickets (£1.00 each) by putting money in the buckets. The buckets will be opened after the Parish Council meeting on the 6th December and filmed live. The winner will be given half the funds with the remaining half going to the proposed bike track.
- Cllr S Benton reported she was given £20.00 by BDC following a Litter Pick she arranged and received a further £200.00 as she was then entered into a draw. These funds are intended to be used in the community and so will be given to the Hevingivers.
- Cllr M Williamson asked if the Parish Council could have an update on the fence which remains on the beck bridge, as the owners were present but they declined to comment. The Chairman stated as this is a Highways issue, the Parish Council cannot get involved further.

6. MATTERS TO REPORT

a. Finance

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

Norse Eastern Ltd (Magazine printing)	£586.00
Anglian Water (Village allotments)	£18.55
Npower (Electricity)	£128.51

The following accounts were presented for payment and were approved:

Mrs K Medler (Expenses)	£33.78
P H Collins (Grass cutting as agreed for 2 months)	£896.00
The C.H.T Ltd (Annual defibrillator subscription)	£302.40
Zak Branch Ltd (Allotment hedge cutting as agreed)	£780.00
D Seppings (Work at Village Hall)	£40.00

Frank Martinez (Handyman work)	£945.00
Norwich Electrical Co Ltd (Magazine advert refund)	£72.00
PFK Littlejohn LLP (External audit fee)	£240.00
The Clerk's standing order was paid on the 5th August and 5th September 2022.	
The following receipts were noted:	
Magazine adverts	£33.00
E-on refund	£23.46
HMR&C vat refund	£770.71
Cambridge B/S interest	£0.11
Balance at the bank at the end of August was £23,620.61	

The Clerk proposed transferring £5000.00 from the Cambridge B/S account to the current account as the next Precept payment is not due until mid October and this was agreed.

The Clerk also proposed that the handyman is asked to stop all further work until the budget is reviewed in October as his costs have now exceeded the budget figure set and this was agreed.

- ii) The External Auditors report has been received and all is in order with no concerns raised. The appropriate conclusion of audit notice is on the Parish Councils website with all other necessary documentation.
- iii) The five year auditor appointment has now expired and the Parish Council need to agree whether to continue as part of the SAAA sector led auditor appointment regime or opt-out. All agreed to continue in the SAAA regime.

b. Village Magazine

The Chairman advised following discussions in between meetings, it was agreed on a majority, that the magazine will be published online only beginning with the latest Autumn 2022 edition. It was not a decision that the Council wanted to make but printing costs were simply making it un-economical to continue.

There is still a vacancy for the editor's position and unless anyone comes forward, the magazine will cease completely as the Chairman is only continuing as editor until March 2023.

c. Parish Partnership Scheme / Road Safety Community Fund

The Clerk had previously circulated some figures to purchase 2 permanent SAM signs but following discussions, it was agreed the Council would not pursue this at this time.

d. Allotments

i) Updates

The hedge alongside the allotments has now been trimmed and thanks are passed on to the Parish Council by the adjoining property owner.

Cllrs T Palmer, M Williamson and D Holmes then left the meeting

ii) Rents

Following discussions, it was agreed to maintain all rents as they are for now and review again next year.

Cllrs T Palmer, M Williamson and D Holmes then returned to the meeting

iii) Review of Policies

the Clerk had previously circulated minor amendments to the Allotment Rules, Policy and Risk Assessment documents and these were agreed by all.

iv) Future hedge cutting

The Clerk has asked Zak Branch if he would be interested in cutting the hedge on an annual basis and he has provided an estimate of £350.00, depending on growth. No further quotes are required under Financial Regulations as this is under £500.00, unless Councillors would like further estimates obtained. All agreed to appoint Zak.

e. Planning

i) No new plans to discuss.

ii) Applications considered in between meetings:

20221045 – Davisons House, 17 Brick Kiln Road – Retention of car port. No objections.

20220640 – 15 Brick Kiln Road, re-consultation due to amendments. No additional comments made.

iii) Outcomes of previous applications:

20220674 – Ivy House, Buxton Road – Full approval.

20221045 – Davisons House, 17 Brick Kiln Road. Full approval.

f. Village Hall handyman

The current handyman feels he is no longer capable of keeping up with the maintenance etc but is prepared to continue until someone else can be found. It was agreed the Clerk will send a list of the duties performed to the Chairman, who will speak to the handyman to see how best to move forward.

g. Anglian Water

The Chairman proposed a complaint letter be sent to Anglian Water with regard to the many leaks that keep occurring in the village and ask why these keep happening and what they propose to do to prevent these continuing. All agreed.

h. Fire Safety Officer

As a result of the risk assessment for the Village Hall being reviewed, it has come to light that the Council should have a Fire Safety Officer as a regular user of the Hall. Cllr D Holmes agreed to take on the role and will arrange a fire drill at an appropriate time.

i. BDC Consultation on table of fares for licensed hackney carriages

All agreed no comments needed to be submitted.

j. Norwich Western Link Pre-planning Consultation

Following discussions around the suggested proposal to stop vehicles turning right out of Shortthorn Road onto the Holt Road, it was agreed the Chairman will attend an event on the 22nd September at Felthorpe Village Hall to see exactly what is proposed, before agreeing any response at the October meeting.

7. MATTERS TO REPORT

a. Correspondence

None.

b. Report from Cllr D Holmes on Vattenfall meeting 21st July

The meeting was to highlight funding of £100 million which will be coming available next year to local community groups to bid for, specifically with regards to green energy. Cllr Holmes will keep a watch on this as it seems it may be of benefit to the village generally but especially the Hall.

c. Clerks Report

- The clerk reported the latest SAM results which will be printed in the next magazine.
- The £100.00 grant advertised on the village Facebook pages was unfortunately all taken before the Clerk could submit a claim for the residents who came forward – those residents have been informed. Should a further fund be announced, the Clerk will advertise it again.
- The village hall handyman has now dealt with all items requiring attention on the play inspection report except the Daisy Rocker and Baby Swings as he is unable to deal with those. The Chairman will look at them and discuss with the handyman next week.

d. Village Hall Report

- The new bookings clerk is Tanya Wiseman.
- The AGM took place recently and there are a few new committee members.
- The roof has been repaired and the main hall redecorated.
- Bookings are still good despite having to raise prices slightly to cover some of the increased electricity costs. There is no cap for businesses so prices have gone up significantly but they are trying not to pass all of these onto hirers. The Hall still has some of the Covid grant available but they may run at a small loss temporarily.
- The committee have agreed to be the 'funding vehicle' for the Community Project so they can now apply for grants. As all items will be outside, it will fall to the Parish Council, once in place, to insure and maintain the items.

e. Police Report

The Clerk advised there were 3 crimes in the village during May: 1 x Violent and Sexual Offence (on or near Westgate), 1 x Criminal Damage and Arson (on or near Open Space) and 1 x Public Order (on or near The Turn) and there were 3 crimes in June: 3 x Violent and Sexual Offences (1 on or near The Turn and 2 on or near Pound Road). Further information can be accessed via www.police.uk.

f.

i) District Councillors Report

The third peer review took place in July but the report is still being awaited.

The building move is planned for January 2023.

Everyone should now have received a leaflet about the food waste collections which are due to start in October. If you run out of bags, you should be able to leave a note and more will be left for you.

ii) County Councillor Report

A meeting has been arranged with the local Highways man for next week and Cllr Roper will be visiting the village with him. If you wish to add anything for discussion, please send to Cllr Roper. Cllr Roper is aware the white lines are still outstanding so that will be one of the things discussed.

Cllr Roper still has a small sum available should we have any small projects he can cover. The sign on the Holt Road will be covered by that.

The County Council have submitted a new bid to the Government for devolved powers but the outcome of that may depend on the new PM.

During the recent hot spells, the fire brigade took 800 calls a day in July and 1600 calls a day in August. Usually, they take 80-100 a day. A review is now underway for the future on how to manage hot seasons and it is hoped the fire brigade can work with farmers on that.

Cllr D Holmes asked if planning would be needed for the bike track at the hall – Cllr Roper will look into that.

Cllr J Norton asked if more deer signs were going up as there didn't seem to be very many – Cllr Roper will find out.

8. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Village Hall Handyman, Norwich Western Link Consultation, Grass Cutting at the Church, Street Lighting Contract and Budget Review.

Next meeting is on the 4th October 2022 at the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 20:45

Rector's Ramblings!



What a brilliant turn out for the service of Remembrance at St Mary and St Botolph Church. Thank you to everyone who came, and for your donations. £102 is being shared equally between the Royals British Legion and Help for Heroes.

I was at Hevingham Primary School for their Remembrance Assembly. The children sang such a beautiful song and it was there I saw the fantastic Remembrance stand with the poppies for the first time. 4 children representing the school, laid this at the War Memorial as part of the service and after the service placed it in our Lady Chapel with, I understand from Richard, our Lay Reader, with dignity, care and respect. Thank you to Mrs Broad and Mr Gibbons for arranging this; it reminds us of a future and a hope with the next generation.



*Remembrance Sunday at
Hevingham Church*

From the Registers

Our prayers for the family and friends of Monica Bambridge whose funeral took place in November



Christmas is coming!

Bring on the carols, mince pies, trees and celebrations! There are many services across Felthorpe, Hevingham and Horsford, all community focused and centring on the reasons for the season, the birth of Jesus. I will be starting my first Hevingham celebration of Christmas on Sunday 4 December, taking a fun filled carol service at The Old Rectory residential home in Hevingham.

Hevingham Church is hosting the community carol service on Saturday 17 December, 5pm. Everyone one is welcome to the great invitation this Christmas.

The Bishop of Norwich's words sum up why a Christmas celebration in Church is so special:

"If I'm out late in a rural part of the diocese I'm always struck by the brightness of the night sky. There are more stars across the cosmos than I can count; their sparkling taking light years to reach us. And as I drive home, I pass homes with their lights on, and I wonder about life within them.

This Christmas I'm well aware that some of those homes will not be warm places, or will lack food, or might not be safe for all who live there. But what I want to say to people behind every front door in Norfolk and Waveney is that there is a light on in a church near you this Christmas. It's a light that guides you to a place of companionship; Guides you to place of warmth in the cold; Guides you to a place of hope even in the face of the fears around war and climate change and the cost of living. Like the Wise Men following their star, the lights on in our churches guide you to meet Christ's love. And why? Because people down the centuries, even in the bleakest of mid-winters, have travelled with the Wise men to take a look into the stable of Bethlehem. There they have seen in a baby, God coming to be together with us, and lighting up the world. This may seem a bleak mid-winter for many. But the Christmas carol asks us, "what can I bring him?"

Well, we can bring ourselves - so that, with others, we can be together this Christmas. Togetherness - being with others - is an incredible gift. It makes lives sparkle.

So, I invite you. Follow the star to church this Christmas - you are invited."

The Rt Revd Graham Usher, Bishop of Norwich

You are invited to share this celebration with us; I look forward to welcoming you all.

Rev'd Margaret McPhee, Rector

Carol Service

Follow The Star
THE GREAT
INVITATION



St. Mary & St. Botolph - Hevingham

• Saturday 17th December: 5pm



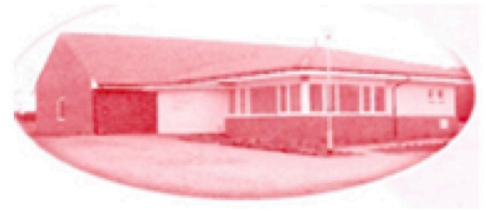
Christmas Services : All Saints - Horsford

- 24th December Christingle Service: 2pm
- 24th December Christmas Night:
11.30pm Holy Communion
- 25th December Christmas Morning:
10.30am All Age Worship

Hevingham Village Hall

Brick Kiln Road – Hevingham NR10 5NL

Email: hevinghamhall@hotmail.com



Hello everyone.

Just to let you know the Village Hall has a new price list and a new Bookings Clerk, Tanya Wiseman. Her contact details are below to hire all your family gatherings, parties etc.

You may have noticed our roof has been repaired, we've had a little decorating done and new outside lights for the safety of our hirers.

Regular activities at the hall are:

Hevingham Harmonies on the 1st Monday night each month,

6:30-7:30pm

Rock Box/Zumba on Tuesdays

10:15-11:15am

Parallel Dance-Tots dance on Thursdays

9:00-10:00am

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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HIRE RATES FROM 1 OCTOBER 2022

	Residents	Non Residents
NON-FUNCTION HIRE (exercise classes, meetings)	Per hour	Per hour
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)	Per hour	Per hour
MAIN HALL <u>or</u> CLUB ROOM	£16	£19
WHOLE VILLAGE HALL HIRE (both rooms)	£24	£29
EVENING FUNCTIONS (quizzes, parties, evening conferences)	6pm to midnight	6pm to midnight
MAIN HALL <u>or</u> CLUB ROOM	£120	£150
WHOLE VILLAGE HALL HIRE (both rooms)	£160	£200
<i>*Additional hours will be charged at the appropriate rate</i>		
ALL DAY HIRE (weddings, anniversaries, parties, conferences)	9am to midnight	9am to midnight
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.

BOOKINGS CLERK CONTACT DETAILS

- TANYA WISEMAN
- HEVINGHAMHALL@HOTMAIL.COM
- TEL: 07901828478

Hevingivers Events 2022

Sunday 4th September

GARAGE SALE



10:00 to 13:00
Maps £1 from
7 Morgans Way NR10 5PD

Hevingivers organised the Garage Sale due to popular demand. There were 24 participants and although we had no control over the weather, it was a warm sunny day, which made the whole event much more enjoyable.

The proceeds of the Garage Sale was split between the Hevingivers and the Tots group.

Hevingivers organised the second quiz night of the year, even though it had already been a busy year already, what with Quiz night number 1, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Farmer's Fete and Auction and the Garage Sale (The Ploughing Match got cancelled but will look at this again in 2023).

Ten tables battled it out for the coveted prize of bragging rights and a small token prize. We were delighted to see some of the younger people taking part and they said they had enjoyed it so much that they would come to the next one. We'll see what we can do about that.

QUIZ NIGHT (2)

Can you beat your previous score?

30 Sept 2022

@7:30pm



Hevingham Village Hall
NR10 5NL

£6.00 per person

Tickets available from Sharon Ward
FB messenger, sharonward28@outlook.com or 01603 755314

A Christmas Feud

It started with a Yule log on the Robinson's porch floor
'They're trying to upstage us' thought the Smiths who lived next door
The Smiths had always placed a Christmas wreath upon their knocker
To be upstaged by a lump of wood was something of a shocker

Right there and then they set off to the nearest timber shop
They'd bought a log so big it took a crane to do the drop
With levers they manoeuvred their big trunk with all their might
Then smothered it with tinsel 'til the Yule trunk looked just right

Next morning saw the neighbours incandescent at the sight
Of this enormous eyesore that appeared just overnight
The Robinson's revenge against their neighbours idiocy
Took shape a few hours later as a giant Christmas tree

It took two days to decorate with fairy lights and tape
The Smiths looked on beside themselves in rage and mouths agape
The next day they were up to something. If one needed proof
The evidence appeared that night bedecked atop their roof

With flashing lights and tinkle sounds it soared above the street
Six reindeer and a giant sleigh with Santa on the seat
The Robinsons, enraged enough, protested with pomposity
The Smiths had gone too far with this preposterous monstrosity

Good will to all and peace on earth was what this time was for
But down this tiny little street the folks had gone to war
Each day appeared a new effect with figure after figure
And each attempt to outdo one another just got bigger

The Robinsons had started with a simple piece of wood
And now they'd turned their house into a giant Christmas Pud!
The Smiths landscaped their lawn with giant mounds of cold risotto
Believing they could recreate the scene of Santa's grotto!

Eventually there was nothing left to build or decorate
The neighbours stared across the fence with nothing less than hate
They went to bed on Christmas Eve beset by flashing light
But bleary eyed they woke next day to find the world gone white

The snow had covered everything so thickly did it lay
And all the houses looked like lumps of white on Christmas day
The Smiths met with the Robinsons and with a little frown
Admitted they'd been silly and agreed to take things down

The tree got lopped, the logs were axed the ornaments were felled
Together they cooked Christmas fayre. How wonderful it smelled
And through the night they ate and drank with ale and cake and hog
And laughed at what stupidity had started with a log.



Merry Christmas

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