

Hemsby Parish Council



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Report of Annual Parish Meeting 20th May 2019 (Held at Pavilion)

Present: Chairman Terry Barnes, Clerk: Elaine Galer

Borough Councillor: Noel Galer

Parish Councillors: Scott Bensly, Charlotte Hill, Karen Kirk, Keith Kyriacou, Caz Eden, Pam Richmond

Public: 17 members of the public

Meeting Declared open at 7.00 pm

THE MEETING WAS RECORDED

The Chairman introduced all the Councillors to the public attending.

Apologies - County Councillor Ron Hanton, Borough Councillor James Bensly, PC Gary May, Councillor Dudley Tucker, Councillor Leslie Mogford, Father John Bloomfield

a) Annual Report from Norfolk County Councillor

Chairman Terry Barnes that in his absence, Ron had forwarded several reports which would be available on the website in due course.

b) Annual Report from Great Yarmouth Borough Councillors

Borough Councillor James Bensly was absent. Borough Councillor Noel Galer read out an email from James and expressed a similar sentiment. Noel explained that he that they are now in post for 4 years. He explained that he was watching the Local Plan progress and will keep people informed. He would also be watching the Pontins application. He also mentioned that he is chairman of the newly formed Flegg CLT whose aims are to provide affordable homes for local people. He also read out a report from GYBC regarding the palm oil that had been washed up on the beach recently, and also the quality of the bathing water. This would be available on the website in due course.

c) Annual Report from Hemsby Parish Council Chairman

Chairman Terry Barnes read his report: -

He thanked all councillors for their hard work throughout the year. A copy of the report will be made available on request.

d) Summary Reports from Councillors

Councillor Caz Eden

Nothing to add

Councillor Charlotte Hill

Nothing to add. Charlotte later added that she wanted to thank Terry and Ian for their efforts in involving the public in the meetings.

Councillor Pam Richmond

Pam explained that she was looking forward to working with the new council.

Councillor Scott Bensly

Nothing to add

Councillor Keith Kyriacou

Keith explained that councillors were there for the village and all were involved in various projects as they happened.

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e) Annual Reports from Clubs and Other Organisations within the Village

Copies of the full reports are available on request to the Parish Clerk.

Hemsby WI

The President of the WI reported that they celebrate 100 years of the WI and many events had been planned. They had 21 members and had enjoyed many outings and events throughout the year.

Hemsby Poor Lands

It was explained that about 17.5 acres of land was owned in 2 plots. Rent from this was used to employ a lady to visit the elderly in the village.

Church of St Mary the Virgin

A report was read out by as the church warden. A new PA system has been installed. Internal decoration of the Barn Room had been undertaken with the help of the Co-op. They worked closely with the School and had involved the youngsters in several events throughout the year.

Hemsby Playing Field Management Committee

Councillor Keith Kyriacou explained that things are going well. He explained that it was a committee of the Parish Council.

Save Hemsby Coastline

Work was undergoing in conjunction with GYBC et al re the best solution for protecting the beach. The 'rollback' scheme undertaken had Happisburgh was also being looked at.

Hemsby Action Group

It was explained that much work had been undertaken with Northern Trust to make them take ownership of the problems on the site. They had worked with a veteran's association who had plans for the site, but this doesn't look as if it will be forthcoming. In future they would concentrate their efforts on involving the holiday makers in consolidating a voice for GYBC. They are also contacting other organisation such as 'Help for Heroes'. They will continue to report problems with the fences etc. to ensure security of the site.

Hemsby Village Hall

Refurbishment of the toilets has been completed. Fund raising is ongoing to work on the kitchen area. The hall is booked 7 days a week.

Hemsby Sports and Social Club

The club is going from strength to strength, employing 11 local people. Fund raising for local charities is undertaken. The beer garden is proving popular (this is hired from the playing field management committee). Membership is £3pa and new members always welcome.

Hemsby Friendship Club

Lots of trips and events had been undertaken throughout the year. A lot of members live on their own and enjoy the companionship offered by the club.

f) Questions from Members of the Public

1. The condition of Back Market Lane was discussed by a member of the public. The Parish Council explained the processes and effort that they had expended to get this hedge sorted. It was suggested that the PC attended a meeting at GYBC to complain. It was felt that this was more likely to get a response. Highways could be also be contacted as the sign is now overgrown and this is a safety issue.
2. A discussion was held regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. Frustration was expressed re the way this had been managed and the lack of visible results. The Councillor concerned was not present to explain the situation.

The meeting closed at 20.05