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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD Monday 16th May 2022 at 7pm at the Pavilion, Waters Lane, Hemsby.

A summary of the last year, thoughts about the year ahead, all welcome.

MINUTES

1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIR OF HEMSBY PARISH COUNCIL – report attached

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To confirm and agree the minutes of the last Annual Parish Council meeting held on 5th May 2021.

3. ANNUAL REPORTS

1. GYBC & NCC Councillors report's – reports attached
2. Chair's report – as item 1
3. Hemsby in Bloom – report attached
4. St Marys Church – Verbal report given by Rev D Mills
5. Neighbourhood Plan Group – see main agenda
6. Village School – no report received
7. Village Hall Committee – no report received
8. Sports & Social Club Committee – no report received
9. Football Club - report attached
10. Poor's Trust – report attached
11. Save Hemsby Coastline – report attached
12. Hemsby Lifeboat – No report received

Norfolk County Council report for 2021/22

- 70% of Norfolk streetlights converted, or work underway to convert to LED
- 96.7% of highways inspections completed within timescale
- 99.6% of dangerous highway defects dealt with within timescales set out in the Transport Asset Management Plan
- 94% of Looked after Children (LAC) with an up-to-date Personal Education Plan
- Completed 51,000 Adult Social Care Assessments for 20,700 people.

The 2022/23 Budget

A **£464 million** net revenue budget, a **£25m increase** from last year, with increased spending across key service areas and capital programmes, along with a 2.99 per cent Council Tax rise has been agreed to enable Norfolk to build back better after the pandemic.

Adult Social Services will see an additional **£35.4m** of investment, against savings of £10.5m, **Children's Services** will receive **£23.2m** of further investment, with a **further £10m** this year for the **SEND School Programme**, with £12m against planned savings and **Community and Environmental Services** will see an additional **£11.2m**, against savings of £3.5m.

Within Community and Environmental Services there will be the **£10m pothole fund** to draw upon, **new recycling centres** across the County, **£5m on library upkeep** and extension of services and **£12m on the Better Broadband project**.

There has been substantial **Beryl Bikes and E-Scooters** uptake during the past year, with the average journey being over 3.5km (taking multiple car journeys out of the City) and multiple Local Cycling, Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPS) plans being developed across the County (including Greater Norwich, King's Lynn, Great Yarmouth and Dereham).

These commitments are in keeping with my Conservative Groups 2021 Manifesto pledges to deliver a better future for Norfolk through:

- Protecting valued services
- Investing in care services
- Strengthening community resilience
- Leading on economic development
- Supporting families and young people
- Caring for our environment
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Protecting Valued Services

Love Norfolk, Hate Litter – boost for pickers as litter can now be accepted at recycling centres
As the national Great British Spring Clean launched on 28th May 2021, there was good news for litter pickers as the county council announces that it was able to accept litter at any of Norfolk's recycling centres.

From the 28th, anyone who picked a small amount of litter in the county was (and is still able to) bring up to three bags of the waste to a recycling centre for disposal. People looking to organise a group

litter pick are still urged to contact their district council who can help provide bags, grabbers and arrange for collection of the waste collected.

£29m 'pothole prevention' work now well underway across Norfolk

Pavements, cycleways and roads all benefited from the county's £29m maintenance programme taking place right across Norfolk this year.

The crucial upkeep work is a key part of the £42 million budget for roads and infrastructure that was agreed in February 2021.

This year £4.5m is being spent on maintaining pavements and paths, for example a £167,000 scheme to remove the existing worn and uneven pavement surface on Kennedy Avenue in Gorleston and replace it with a new smooth asphalt surface will be getting underway in late July.

Brand new £1.9m Norwich South recycling Centre opens today

Norfolk's newest recycling centre opened to the public in December.

The £1.9m recycling centre is the sister site to the new Norwich North recycling centre that opened on 22nd September. Together the two sites will provide improved recycling facilities for the growing greater Norwich area.

As the new Norwich South recycling centre opens at Harford, just off the A47/A140 junction, staff bid farewell to the old site at Ketteringham that closed yesterday.

The move to a larger site allows room for a one-way traffic system to smooth traffic flow and reduce queues, low-level bins meaning people will not have to climb steps to recycle their waste, and there is plenty of parking for cars, bicycles and vehicles with trailers.

Fire and Rescue staff presented with awards

The achievements of staff across Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service have been recognised through employee awards.

A ceremony to present the awards was cancelled due to the pandemic, so senior leaders have visited some of the recipients of the 2021 awards individually and will continue to do so when Covid-19 restrictions allow.

As well as honouring staff with long service awards, categories also included fundraiser of the year, making a difference awards and leadership accolades.

Council wins national award for its work with the armed forces

Norfolk County Council has been recognised for its outstanding support of the armed forces community in Norfolk, following an announcement from the Ministry of Defence.

The local authority has been given the Gold Award, the highest honour handed out through the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme.

The award is given to organisations that employ and support those who serve in the armed forces, service leavers, veterans and their families, with the Gold Award also acknowledging the Council's partnership working through the Norfolk Armed Forces Covenant Board.

This includes successfully addressing a significant gap in the dental service provision in the West of the County. It negotiated with the Ministry of Defence and NHS England, to ensure the opening of a new dental practice for serving and civilian families at RAF Marham and the surrounding area.

Investing in care Services

Plan to tackle adult social care's winter pressures

Plans to support Adult Social Services with the expected "winter pressures" have been unveiled.

A report was heard by Norfolk County Council's Cabinet in December saying that Adult Social Services across the country are facing unprecedented challenges. However, here in Norfolk practical solutions are being put in place.

The report said: 'Norfolk Adult Social Services face a level of unprecedented challenge in 2021/22 as a result of the pandemic, with national and local workforce shortages, rising demand in hospitals and the community and the continued infection risk posed by COVID-19 as well as other recurring respiratory viruses such as flu.'

Adult Social Services received 20,279 calls for support between April and October this year – an increase of 9,400 over four years.

Action being taken by the Council includes:

Expanding action to support people at home or, where appropriate, in short term residential settings

Stepping up the council's care recruitment campaign, to tackle staff shortages

Providing wrap-around support for care settings

Providing assistive technology, with 100 video phones sent out to homes

Improving capacity in the Norfolk First Response service

Supporting mental health services, with three new step down services

Norfolk to take a step closer to new integrated approach to health and care

Norfolk County Council has agreed their support for new local Health and Wellbeing Partnerships, putting local communities at the heart of health and care in their area.

Under the Health and Care Bill, Integrated care systems (ICSs) are being established in all areas of the country to drive changes that are intended to lead to better, more joined-up care for the population.

Much of the activity to deliver integrated health and care and improve the population's health will happen more locally in the places where people live and work, meaning the new Health and Wellbeing Partnerships will play a key role in driving forward this activity.

Strengthening community Resilience

A new single point of contact for flooding in Norfolk has been launched, allowing residents to report any sort of flooding quickly and efficiently

In the event of flooding residents can call 0344 800 8013 to report it.

Alternatively, residents can continue to report flooding online via [our flooding pages](#).

The new number gives residents a single point of contact and allows reports to be made swiftly.

Different agencies respond to different types of flooding, which has historically made reporting a flood by telephone more complicated when and where it is not possible to ascertain the source of floodwaters. The new number provides a single point of contact making the reporting of flooding quicker and easier.

Where there is a potential risk to life from flooding people should still call 999 immediately.

Flood Reserve Fund spending agreed

Norfolk's Cabinet considered the allocation of the council's £1.5m Flood Reserve Fund to support urgent works, repairs and to enable recommendations from flood investigation reports.

The Reserve Fund was set up in the annual budget for 2021/22 agreed by the County Council in their budget meeting in February.

The Cabinet meeting, held on 6th September, discussed the proposed allocation of the funding, including £695k for additional highway and ditch maintenance and £365k for drainage asset improvements.

This funding will be used for work on the 285,864 metres of drainage grips and 31,037 metres of kerb drains on Norfolk's highways, as well as operations to clear some of the county's 145,305 gullies that help drain rain water.

Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance formally adopts Strategy

The Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance (NSFA) has formally adopted an overall Strategy, designed to enable county wide responses to flooding across all agencies involved.

The Strategy, which lays out the NSFA's vision, objectives, approach and structure, is a major milestone in the development of the Alliance, which was founded earlier this year to bring together all agencies and partners involved in planning for and responding to flooding in Norfolk.

£1million awarded to community groups across Norfolk

Community and voluntary organisations across Norfolk were set for a major cash boost as the recipients of the [Norfolk Social Infrastructure Fund](#) were announced.

Norfolk County Council has handed out £1.02 million to 25 different organisations, with grants ranging £3,400 all the way up to £250,000.

In total, the fund saw 64 applications with funding requests that totalled almost £5million. This was more than double the number of applications received last year.

Leading on Economic Development

Ground-breaking partnership to provide Covid-19 recovery support for Norfolk

Norfolk County Council and New Anglia LEP were part of an ambitious cross-border project which helped to deliver a unique package of Covid-19 recovery support for local businesses and people. The C-CARE (Covid Channel Area Response Exchange) initiative, funded by the Interreg France (Channel) England programme which has allocated €2.2m for C-CARE in Norfolk, was set to reach businesses and people that were been hit hardest in the pandemic.

Drawing on a range of expertise from local government, enterprise and tourism in the UK and France, the project supported people at risk of exclusion from the labour market and businesses at risk of closure.

C-CARE aims to reach 4,500 people and almost 2,000 businesses through its pilot initiatives which include skills training to help individuals find new routes into employment or starting a business, and advice and grants aimed at helping companies reset their business models in response to the pandemic.

In Norfolk the project will work to support over 600 people into employment or self-employment and provide support for up to 800 businesses.

Norfolk to get faster broadband thanks to new Government funding

Hard to reach premises in Norfolk are to receive between £115m and £195m of funding as part of the Government's Project Gigabit to provide 1GB per second broadband to up to 119,000 premises. Contracts will be awarded from February 2022.

Rural homes and businesses across Norfolk and Suffolk will get next-generation gigabit broadband brought to them under a £5 billion plan to level up internet access across the UK.

It means families no longer having to battle over bandwidth and will give people in rural areas the freedom to live and work more flexibly, with the speed and reliability needed to start and run businesses.

Supporting families and young people

Vulnerable young people in Norfolk have chance to take New Roads with launch of dedicated support service

A new service to support some of Norfolk's most vulnerable young people to live within families and achieve their full potential launched on 1st June 2021.

New Roads was set up by Norfolk County Council with significant investment to give young people access to a dedicated support team that sticks with them, understands them, and helps them to achieve and succeed.

Based out of two hubs, in Dereham and Norwich, the service provides young people with education, life coaching and speech and language therapy, as well as access to short term residential beds and foster care placements to help meet their needs.

The aim is to give young people stability, reduce risk-taking behaviour and help to avoid the need for long-term residential care, as well as longer term costs to themselves, the wider system and communities.

Hundreds of free activities available for children and young people this Easter

Bookings are now open for **The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun**, a programme of free activities that will run over the Easter holidays for 5–16-year-olds across Norfolk.

The scheme is provided as part of the government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme and is being delivered by Norfolk County Council in partnership with Active Norfolk.

After the success of HAF over the Christmas break and some brilliant feedback from parents, it's returning from 4 April though till 19 April with free activities for children eligible for means-tested free school meals. There'll be a fantastic range of activities taking place including outdoor adventure sports, dance and drama and circus skills across the county. With so many activities on offer, children will have an excellent range of ventures to take part in and may even discover a new passion.

Free online business summer school for 16-25-year-olds in Norfolk

There are so many options to choose from when leaving school - like apprenticeships, university, work experience, getting a job...

Or how about starting a business? It may seem a daunting idea at first, but there's lots of free help on offer.

Started in August 2021, the Business & IP Centre (BIPC) Norfolk, managed by Norfolk County Council's Library and Information Service, ran a free online Summer School for 16-25-year-olds to help them decide whether starting their own business might be right for them.

Plans for thousands of new school places in Norfolk

More than a dozen new primary schools could be needed in Norfolk in the next decade, to cater for growing pupil numbers in areas of development.

A report to Norfolk County Council's Cabinet highlighted the scale of school development that is likely to be needed to support Norfolk's growing communities. It addresses both demographic changes and population growth from new housing.

The report, discussed by members on 31st January, provided a snapshot of the council's plans to ensure there are sufficient school places for Norfolk children aged four to 16.

Alongside district councils, the County Council expects to secure nearly £100m in developer contributions for the proposed new and extended schools but if all of the places are needed, a further £191m would need to be found.

Some of this will be met by Community Infrastructure Levy and government grant contributions.

Inspectors praise support for children in care in Norfolk

Most children in care in Norfolk are well looked after and receive good support for their emotional and mental health and education, Ofsted inspectors have found.

A team of Her Majesty's Inspectors visited Norfolk County Council in October for a two-day focused visit of the council's services for children in its care.

In a letter detailing their findings, inspectors said that social workers know their children well, listen to them and help them to understand their experiences.

Ofsted's visit follows a [similar focused visit in 2019](#), which looked at how the council responds to child safeguarding calls and referrals. Following that visit, inspectors described the quality of decision making as "consistently strong".

Caring for our environment

Carbon cutting commitment central to new county transport plan

A plan set to drive the county's transport policy for the next 15 years was discussed by County Councillors in August.

The ambitious Local Transport Plan has at its heart the aim to support a growing economy, strengthen communities and reduce our impact on the environment.

A carbon cutting commitment is central to the transport plan which supports the county council's pledge to achieve net zero carbon by 2030, which Councillors adopted as part of the authority's Environmental Policy in November 2019.

Buzz created as pollinator paradises set for Norfolk roadsides

Tripling the number of Roadside Nature Reserves in Norfolk were among a range of green measures considered by County Councillors last July.

Fewer cuts for rural roadsides, a pollinator action plan, and 188 more roadside nature reserves are all on the cards as part of plans to boost biodiversity along roads and paths across the county.

Also on the agenda were plans to help boost cycling and walking across the county, and development of a new verge management policy which will include information for parish and town councils wishing to take on responsibility for verge cutting in their local area. The aim is to help involve local communities more in decisions about verge management near them.

A busy first year as we come out of this terrible pandemic and more to do but it's a great privilege to serve my home villages here in the East Flegg Division and I'm forever grateful.

As ever if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Kind regards

james

Annual Report for Hemsby Annual Parish Meeting / Annual Parish Council Meeting 16th May 2022

My sincere apologies for not being able to make tonight's meeting. I am busy attending a statutory meeting at the town hall as part of my responsibilities as a borough councillor. I am hoping there will be fewer clashes in timetables this year and therefore hope to see you more often.

However, on the really important issues, like the multi million pound rock berm project, begun locally by Save Hemsby Coastline (of which I am a founding trustee) and managed for the borough via Coastal Partnership East (CPE), and the recent Pine Developments application to alter the status of the 6 acre Leisure Development at Beach Road for all year round occupation, we have worked together and achieved good results for the village.

Despite frustrations with the relentless coastal erosion this winter, I am pleased to have made a significant financial contribution to the lifeboat from my GYBC ward budget, along with my fellow ward councillor James Bensly.

Changes in local representation also mean that I will be becoming much more involved in coastal issues, as I have been appointed to the Coastal Partnership East Board and to the Local Government Association – Coastal Matters Board and the Norfolk Coastal Partnership Board. Previously, whilst I have been involved with some of these, it was as a Save Hemsby Coastline Trustee. These are in addition to my existing appointments to the Broads Internal Drainage Board that I attended only this morning at Hickling and the Youth Advisory Board meeting next week.

This leads me on to mention the new mayor, Graham Plant who is a familiar, approachable, able and experienced borough and county councillor. He has pledged to support Young People during his term and I will be discussing my vision for a community tech workshop focussed on stimulating the imagination, skills and creativity of young people. I am currently organising a visit a site in Norwich, that is our nearest neighbour and a shining example of how this can benefit our communities.

Concurrent Function Grants – Hemsby Parish Council will have been asked about these by GYBC. The fact is that these grants are a very efficient way for the borough council to provide services via the parishes and they have majority support. It is true that there has been some confused reports in the press and calls to end them, but there are no such plans, quite the reverse. However, GYBC needs as much information as possible to help the parishes keep these grants and to show all the good work that is achieved. Please help GYBC to help you by supporting this if you have not already done so.

The Rock Berm project has been moved forward as far as is possible, until outstanding consultees respond with their replies (includes the Maritime Management Organisation (MMO) and Natural England I believe). The recent Development Control Committee decision on this, delegates to the Head of Planning, the power to approve the planning application – subject to favourable responses being received from the above. This allows the fundraising process to start sooner and brings the prospect of the work starting - further forward. I hope to meet with Save Hemsby Coastline, along with a CPE engaged fundraiser and a local, professional fundraiser later this week.

It is good to see Wild Flowers Returning to Hemsby – primroses & cowslips have been seen around the village. Hopefully, the mowing regimes will favour their further propagation into more shady spots on our roadsides and ditches.

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MJ Awards finalist for Senior Leadership Team and Delivering Better Outcomes

LGC Awards winner for Driving Growth

Chairman Keith Kyriacou

Well, it's been another busy year in the parish. People working hard with the neighbourhood plan nearly finalised a lot of hard work has gone into that by Tracy. At last Parish Council has an events committee led by Councillor Angie Bennett and Tina Nudd (resident member) which has been fully backed by the Parish Council. Hemsby is looking really nice this year with flowers in our boat planters and around the village especially here also now at the pavilion led by Councillor Jan Taylor in the new Jubilee garden. I would like to personally thank the members of Hemsby in bloom as you've given up a lot of your personal time.

Are toilets reopened after Covid and then closed again because of idiots trashing them five or six times. We have a new parish Ranger Paul ,who took over the reins after Gill retired. I would also like to thank Gill very much for her hard work. We installed a new bus stop on North Road and I hope you agree that that looks a really good asset to the village. I work with our Clerk Kerrie and we meet or speak on the phone almost every day, she is still like a breath of fresh air into this council and thank you very much to her and to Catherine our RFO, as she keeps us legal with the money so I thank her too.

Being the chairman is a job that I like but it's all done for our village. I don't think people know how much time we give up for our village, so I would like to thank everyone who gives up their time & let's keep our village a nice village to be in.

Hemsby in bloom group was officially formed in 2020 and to date we have 7 roadside beds, 4 box planters, 3 boats, twelve planters along the church wall, the Duke of Edinburgh rose seat, the queen's platinum jubilee garden, the wildflower patch and of course the trees along the carpark that we tend on a seasonal nature.

The water bowser was a game changer for Hemsby's floral requirements with funds donated by Great Yarmouth BID consortium. Donations from Bernie, co-op, parish council and a donation pot on the post office counter have helped us enormously with the purchasing of flowers, trees and seeds and this year we have had materials for the queen's garden donated by SLS.

All the above are assets for the village of Hemsby and although all the work is of a physical nature for the Hemsby in bloom team we are pleased of the end results as is the community.

Hemsby Football Club

Report to Hemsby Parish Council Annual General Meeting 2022

Hemsby FC have completed their first full season of competitive fixtures at adult and youth level for 3 years after the country has come out of Covid restrictions.

The 2021-22 season started on a positive note with the club establishing two new teams. The large attendance at summer training for our Veterans team meant the club felt able to start a second Veterans team. A new youth team at age group Under 10 was also established so by the time the season started the club had two adult Saturday teams, two Veterans team and three youth sides.

Once the season got underway, the spectre of Covid still loomed large and in the autumn, a number of fixtures had to be postponed due an increase in Covid cases. Whilst the Veterans and Youth sides have operated relatively smoothly throughout the season, the adult Saturday sides have suffered from a general lack of player commitment and have had to forfeit some fixtures, although this issue is a general malaise in all Norfolk grassroots football and many other clubs have had to deal with this issue also.

Like any voluntary organisation, the club relies on goodwill and contribution of a number of volunteers to keep the club going and meet its objective of providing competitive football playing opportunities for people living inside and outside the village. Bearing in mind that three years ago the club was literally within one week of folding totally, and a totally new committee had to be established very quickly, and then deal with 2 seasons of covid interruptions and restrictions, a number of lessons have been learned going forward. Hemsby FC would like to thank its many sponsors as without them, the club could not function.

Furthermore, Hemsby FC thank the Parish Council for their support in maintaining the facilities at Hemsby Playing Field, which often receive favourable comments from visiting teams. We are well aware that our club and the PC do not always see eye-to-eye on some aspects but that is democracy and problems have been resolved amicably. We thank the Parish Clerk for the professional way that she deals, and in some cases assists, with these issues.

The season has finished on a positive note with the club establishing a working partnership with Sports Tours Limited, who organise sports tournaments around the country. A football tournament was staged over the early May Bank holiday weekend at Hemsby playing field with the volunteers from the football club putting in many hours preparing the pitches, providing equipment for the tournament, arranging food caterers and managing the car parking. Sports Tours marketed the tournament in advance and hired much of the available accommodation at Richardsons Hemsby Beach Holiday Park and Seadell Chalet Park for their clients. Many Beach Road and village retail traders benefited from this influx of people over the weekend providing a boost to the Hemsby economy. Sports Tours Limited declared the weekend a great success and have already made preliminary enquiries for 2023 including extra dates for "one-day" tournaments during off-peak weekends.

This concludes my report and Hemsby FC wishes everyone connected with the Parish Council a pleasant summer.

Stuart Reeve – Secretary – Hemsby FC – 9th May 2022

Annual report Lyndon Bevan chairman of Hemsby Poores trust.

We are a self-funding group which enables visits or phone calls to the elderly of Hemsby.

We have a dip in our clients at the moment so one of the trustees Maria has kindly given her contact number to recruit new client 07919083005.

Hemsby Paul's trust has a very long history and we are lucky and Hemsby to have this service available.

Lyndon Bevan
Chairman Hemsby Poor Trust

SHC annual update for HPC

We have made some good progress in our drive for sea defences this year , with provisional planning permission being granted by GYBC for a rockberm solution , based on a design by Jacobs consultancy , to stretch from the Gabions at Scratby to north of the Gap. Anne Casey from CPE and her hard work has been fundamental in that.

The length and size of the berm , or even if we get one, depends on the remaining permissions from Natural England and the Maritime Management Organisation (MMO) being given and also, critically , on money from a selection of funding pots being secured. CPE believe that may yet take several years which is disappointing.

Anything HPC can do to put pressure on GYBC and CPE will be helpful. The big question is how many more homes will be lost before we get a sea defence. Homes in the Marrams , Newport Cottages , Fakes road and the Glebe are now at risk and businesses in beach road also.

The delay with MMO permission seems , unbelievably, to be because they consider moving sand on the beach to put the berm rocks in place , even though the sand will be put back as backfill behind the berm after placement , as dredging!

The current design includes a plan to reuse the trial hexiblocks at the gap , which were part funded by HPC , as part of the intended launch ramp for the lifeboat. This reuse reduces the required funding.

SHC will work with CPE to help identify and apply for funding grants.

There seems to be a question over resource availability from Coastal Partnership East CPE which could cause progress problems with both finalising the planning permission and fundraising. That will become clear in the coming weeks.