

Hemsby Parish Council



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The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7pm followed by The Annual Parish Council Meeting on the rise of this meeting (see separate minutes).

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Monday 15th May 2023 at 7pm at The Pavilion, Waters Lane, Hemsby.

Present : Cllr Kyriacou, Cllr S Bensly, Cllr Bowgen, Cllr Kern, Cllr Stocker & Apology received from Cllr Chilvers, also present representatives from the village groups below & 9 Members of the public.

MINUTES

1. **The Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed everyone that attended. He then proposed that a minute's silence was observed for the recent passing away of Pam Richmond, she had been instrumental in setting up many groups in the village & had also been an active Parish Councillor & will be truly missed.**

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

To confirm and agree the minutes of the last Annual Parish Council meeting held on 16th May 2022.

3. **ANNUAL REPORTS**

1. GYBC Councillors (James Bensly & Noel Galer report's - Attached. They both thanked all the residents of Hemsby for supporting them again at the latest May 2023 election. They are going to continue to raise awareness for the improvement of the children's play area at Waters Lane. Cllr Bensly advised that the missing street lights in the village should be being replaced soon. Cllr Bensly also spoke about a recent incident at the Post Office crossroads, he is working again with NCC Highways as we were previously advised that the redevelopment of the Yarmouth Road would be linked to any improvement works or re-surfacing or the junction.
NCC Cllr Bensly - Attached.
2. Chair's report – Attached.
3. Hemsby in Bloom – short email to note thank Pam Richmond for her help with the group.
4. St Marys Church – Attached.
5. Neighbourhood Plan Group – Attached.
6. Village School – Not received.
7. Village Hall Committee - Attached
8. Sports & Social Club Committee – Not received.
9. Football Club – Keith Kyriacou gave an update that the club now has a totally new personnel, they have just held a weekend football tournament that was well

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received. Lyndon Bevan was present and he reported that he had it had been well received in the tourism area by the visitors over the weekend.

10. Poor's Trust – Attached.
11. Save Hemsby Coastline - Received
12. Hemsby Lifeboat – Not received
13. Hemsby Friendship Group – Not received.
14. Speedwatch – they reported that 37 vehicles had been found for speeding in the village in the last month, 28 were issued a first warning letter & 1 has had a 2nd warning letter. They still need more volunteers.

Meeting ended 7:52

Next Annual Meeting of the Parish May 2024.

Parish Council AGM's

Norfolk County Council Budget for 2023/24 approved by councillors

Norfolk County Council has set its latest budget, which tackles spending pressures and protects key services.

The budget approved today includes:

- A net spending increase of £29.6m to meet rising costs
- A Council Tax increase in line with the Government's cap of 4.99 per cent – 2.99 per cent for general Council Tax and two per cent for the adult social care precept. This would increase the County Council's share of band D bills from £1,516.95 to £1,592.64.
- A "significant proportion" of the £59.7m savings coming from "doing things better for less", including £17m from the first phase of a strategic review of the council

The proposed spending for each department is:

- Adult social services, £249.5m
- Children's services, £232.6m
- Community and environmental services, £177.1m
- Strategy and transformation, £12.8m
- Finance and commercial services, £35.8m

The same meeting will consider its £956.9m capital investment in buildings and equipment, funded by grants and property sales. In addition to a range of existing schemes, like the Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing and investment in special education needs (SEND) schools, there are new investments totalling £35m:

- County Farms refurbishment and carbon reduction schemes (£9.4m)
- The rolling Technology Improvement programme (£8.2m)
- Scottow Enterprise Park refurbishment (£8.6m)
- Estate Buildings Decarbonisation initiatives (£4m)
- Highways improvements (£2.5m)
- Fire and Rescue services equipment and site improvements (£1.2m)
- Expansion of waste recycling sites and services (£0.51m)
- One Million Trees for Norfolk (£0.5m)

Have your say on the county deal

A series of events have and are continuing to taking place so you can have your say on a £600 million-plus deal to unlock opportunities to deliver more jobs, housing and investment.

Consultation takes place until 20th March at www.norfolk.gov.uk/norfolkcountydeal on the in-principle county deal devolution agreement that Norfolk County Council signed with the Government last December.

£133m for highways and transport in Norfolk over the next year

Carbon-cutting transport schemes are set for a £29 million boost in Norfolk, despite the tough financial climate.

Norfolk County Council's Cabinet will be considering a forward looking and carbon-cutting transport budget for the new financial year at a meeting on Monday 6 March.

At £133m the 2023/24 highways and transport budget represents a £29m increase on the previous year's budget. Despite inflation being expected to dent the authority's spending power the highway and transport team have been focusing on maintaining and improving the network and continuing strong investment in carbon cutting transport strategies as the council moves towards net zero carbon by 2030.

Details of the location and cost of 120 walking, cycling, and road improvements across the county, and how £45.6m will be spent on maintenance of bridges, roads, drains and paths, are available in the papers for the meeting.

Cabinet will consider the report when it meets at 10am on Monday, 6 March.

£50m Bus Service Improvement Plan Funding for Norfolk

Norfolk County Council was only one of around 30 authorities who successfully received an allocation from the Bus Service Improvement Plan from government, receiving one of the largest allocations at £50m. The first £10m phase of this funding was received in November 2022. Through our Enhanced Partnership, we are now working closely with the Bus operators to implement enhanced routes and services as well as reviewing infrastructure and fares to encourage passenger growth and improved bus journey reliability. This should enable bus routes to be more sustainable in the long term. Following the receipt of the first payment, measures have already been implemented, which includes an increased frequency on the Coastliner 36 service, more frequent buses from North Walsham to Norwich and new

late night bus services serving Thorpe St Andrew, Thorpe End, Rackheath, Salhouse, Wroxham and Watton.

Thousands more trees and hedgerows to be planted in Norfolk this winter

As part of the [1 Million Trees for Norfolk project](#) Norfolk County Council is preparing to plant more than 75,000 young trees and hedges across the county in the months ahead.

In 2019, Norfolk County Council agreed an ambitious scheme to plant a million trees over five-years. The pandemic brought many challenges and caused delays which meant at the end of last year the total planted trees stood at just over 68,000.

Now the project is picking up pace rapidly, and early in 2023 the Council's Hedge Restoration Fund will plant 55,000 hedge and tree plants on six County Farms owned by Norfolk County Council.

The hedges will see improvements in nature connectivity across the farms by filling in gaps in hedgerows. This is particularly good for our wildlife as it helps join up habitats and provides corridors for wildlife to safely travel along. The project is funded by a grant from The Tree Council.

£1.5m boost for 12 pioneering jobs and skills projects

From commercial use of seaweed to improving home insulation – 12 projects to boost Norfolk's economy are set to receive £1.5 million from the county council.

Cabinet will consider funding 12 pilot projects to shape Norfolk's economic future, using £1.5 million from the local business rates fund.

The proposed projects are the first phase of the Norfolk Investment Framework (NIF), which will identify long-term investment priorities for the county, to boost the economy and improve public services.

The county council's cabinet will consider 12 pilot projects, which include:

- Exploring development of a seaweed industry to support food, fertilisers, animal feed, biofuels and bioplastics
- Investigating water storage and desalination and the efficient movement of water supplies around Norfolk

- A digital and creative media centre in Watton, to improve skills and encourage start-up businesses
- Working with colleges to support recruitment and retention of skills tutors, including the development of a bursary to support graduates in taking up tutoring jobs
- Investigating the development of a rooftop solar panel network across greater Norwich
- Carrying out a feasibility study on retrofitting homes to maximise energy efficiency

Norfolk's Social Infrastructure Fund gives 10 organisations money to improve community impact

Norfolk County Council has awarded £770,000 to organisations who will be able to make a large positive impact in the communities in which they operate.

This is the third round of Social Infrastructure Funding, which has provided capital grants to organisations who can use the money to improve facilities for communities and boost the level of local community services. This year's funding pot totalled £1 million, with £225,000 to continue the successful partnership with Norfolk Community Foundation in expanding their Nourishing Norfolk food hubs across the county, and £775,000 available for individual projects to improve communities across Norfolk.

Examples of successful projects this year are:

- Whitlingham Charitable Trust who will get £100,000 to resurface and restore the wheelchair accessible path at Whitlingham Country Park
- North Lynn Methodist Church will get £50,000 to renovate and create new space to become an accessible community asset to host a variety of social events
- Banningham and Colby Community Hall will receive £39,790 to complete refurbishments of the hall to offer a welcoming space to bring the community together
- The Charlotte Harvey Trust in Watton will get £38,000 to refurbish and improve their toilets to make the community centre more accessible and fit for the future
- Castle Acre Village Hall in West Norfolk will receive £37,604 to make improvements such as refitting the kitchen and installing solar panels and batteries to invest in the future of the village

- Aylsham Community Church will receive £28,000 to refurbish the Jubilee Family Centre so it can once again offer a warm, welcoming, and safe space for the community
- Silver Road Community Centre in Norwich will get £18,500 to build accessible toilets and make the well-used community space more welcoming
- Sutton Parochial Church Council will receive £12,000 to add a kitchen and toilet to the church to enable it to be used as a community space

Five projects had their applications fast-tracked during the winter of 2022 to enable them to make the maximum impact as soon as possible.

Care farm among six new tenancies for Norfolk's County Farms

Norfolk County Council has welcomed six new tenants to its county farms estate later this year.

Among the new tenants are two couples who are set to join forces to create a new care farm in west Norfolk. NHS workers Alex and Ed Webster will be working with Ben & Gemma Human to set up Ingleborough Care Farm after they discovered both parties were interested in applying for the same tenancy.

In total the six new tenants have taken on just under 750 acres of county farms land from October last year. This follows a thorough application process that began at the end of last year and recently concluded with an interview with a panel of experts.

Norfolk Museum Service secures further funding

In November 2022, Norfolk Museums Service secured £4.126 million of Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation funding for the period 2023-2026. The funding will enable Norfolk Museums Service to deliver new Early Years' programmes across the County, expand our formal learning offer, deliver new targeted programmes to young people 11-25, along with a range of new health & wellbeing activities for residents of all ages. The funding will also support the delivery of new community learning programmes through the NCC Environment Hub at Gressenhall.

New Adult Learning Construction Training Facilities open in Norwich and King's Lynn

In 2022, Adult Learning's vision to support the construction industry and Norfolk's economy by establishing a construction and environmental sustainability curriculum offer for adults in Norfolk, became a reality. A successful tender to the Community Renewal Fund (CRF), which secured £568,000 of central government funding, has enabled Adult Learning to establish two new construction skills training centres in Norwich and King's Lynn. These two hubs are now, in early 2023, receiving the first adult learners on site.

To gather momentum, whilst the two new sites were under development, in January 2022 Adult Learning opened a temporary construction training room at Wensum Lodge, Norwich and delivered a variety of trades, including plumbing, tiling, brick laying, plastering and carpentry, with 400 adult registrations (January to October 2022). The participation rate of female learners was over 30% which compares to a construction industry participation figure of less than 15% in the UK.

No Cold Calling Zones introduced

308 individual No-Cold-Calling Zones (NCCZ) have been set up in the county with 11 new zones being launched in 2022. The 308 NCCZs protect 14,474 individual households across the county.

NCCZs are designated areas where residents have declared that they will not accept traders calling at their homes without an appointment, and act as a deterrent to traders and bogus callers who don't want to be recognised as working in a particular area. The zones are particularly useful and effective in areas where residents might be at a higher risk from cold calling, such as neighbourhoods with a large number of vulnerable or elderly residents. Creating an NCCZ is an effective way of helping to protect them and send a clear signal that residents do not wish to be approached in their homes.

NCCZs are effective as demonstrated by the feedback we receive. Households in NCCZs feel safer, cold calling is reduced or eliminated and residents feel better equipped to manage should traders call:

- *"Since becoming a no cold calling zone area myself and my neighbours feel safer"*
- *"On behalf of myself and residents I wish for you to know our inclusion in this scheme has made our lives more comfortable. The cold calling factor has been very minimal since (shortly after) we joined"*
- *"It is a very good idea. We feel much safer"*

Trading Standards follows up all reports of cold calling in an NCCZ, which may simply involve finding out why a trader has ignored the zone but may include more formal action. While there is no law preventing cold calling, consumers have 14 days to cancel contracts which have a value of more than £42 when signed at their home or place of work. Traders who do not issue a cancellation notice allowing the 14-day cooling off period are breaking the law and Trading Standards may be able to take enforcement action in these case

£1m funding for out of school activity facilities

Active Norfolk, who are hosted and supported by Norfolk County Council, have secured £1m to support schools to open their facilities outside of school hours to enable local communities to be more active.

Working with the Integrated Care System through 2022, Norfolk County Council will be launching an ongoing programme to enable people to access physical activity opportunities as part of the treatment pathway for long-term conditions such as diabetes, stroke, and cancer. The programme will also build community capacity to support greater equity of access to opportunities for people all across the county.

Working closely with Children's Services, we provided holiday activities and food at Easter, during the summer holidays and over Christmas, for around 10,000 children in 2022. Around 1 in 5 of those children were those with a disability or SEN. This was delivered by c.100 local community providers and invested c.£2m into local organisations.

Adult Learning leads the delivery of numeracy skills of adult residents in Norfolk

The need nationally to improve the numeracy skills of both children and adults has been highlighted recently both through central government and the media.

Norfolk has received £4.7 million to improve the numeracy skills of adult residents through a government initiative called Multiply. This funding will last until the end of March 2025, and by then our target is to secure 11,000 adult registrations onto Multiply programmes in Norfolk.

Adult Learning is leading the delivery of this major new programme, delivering both in-house and through grant funding arrangements with the colleges and other, smaller organisations and grassroots providers. The funding enables us to work with small groups and even individuals on a one-to-one basis.

The funding targets adults who need support with and lack confidence in their numeracy skills and a wide range of interventions are already taking place across the county. These include:

- Introductory courses which help increase people's confidence with numbers
- Courses designed to help people understand and manage their money, particularly during the cost-of-living crisis
- Specific workplace courses, delivered with employers to provide skills relevant to the workplace
- Numeracy courses aimed at parents who want to increase their own skills to be able to better help their children
- Additional maths modules built into existing vocational courses
- Intensive and flexible courses which lead to a Functional Skills Qualification.

While we are in the early stages of the programme, this funding has already made a difference to some of the first learners to complete a course.

Norfolk to benefit from new Family Hubs and Start for Life funding

Children and parents in Norfolk are to benefit from a new cradle to career approach to family support.

The government has just announced that Norfolk County Council will be one of 75 local authorities receiving some of the £302m new Family Hubs and Start for Life funding.

It means the county will receive approximately £6m to further develop its prevention and early help services for families with children and young people up to the age of 19 (25 if they have special educational needs and disabilities).

This is not about introducing a new service or opening new buildings but to allow the county to further develop support for families. Using a whole family approach, the Family Hubs network will give families a single access point to support services that are integrated across health (physical and mental health) and social care as well as voluntary and community organisations and education.

Whilst there will be at least seven physical Family Hub sites in existing community buildings, which families will be able to walk into, services will be delivered largely on an outreach basis. The Family Hub approach will bring together a wide range of services so that families can access support in the spaces and places that they live and visit, such as libraries and community buildings.

The Family Hubs network will provide simple access to 'Start for Life' services, providing the best support for babies in the first 1,001 critical days from conception to the age of two, setting them up to maximise their potential for lifelong emotional and physical wellbeing including:

- Perinatal mental health and parent-infant relationships support for families who are expecting a baby or have a baby under the age of two
- Infant feeding support services
- Parenting support for parents of children aged 0-2
- Home learning environment support for parents of children aged 3-4

In April, Great Yarmouth Borough Council successfully completed the launch of a new company to deliver a wide range of services for residents.

The move sees a joint venture between Great Yarmouth Borough Council and Norse Commercial Services - which has been running since 2003 - replaced by what is known as a Local Authority Trading Company called Great Yarmouth Services Limited Ltd (GYS).

GYS will be responsible for a number of services the council provides, including refuse collection and recycling, street cleaning, public toilet cleaning and maintenance, buildings cleaning, grounds maintenance services, vehicle maintenance, arboriculture, leisure, burial services and pest control.

Residents will not notice any disruption and we are optimistic the move gives us the opportunity to improve the quality of the services we provide for people.

GYS is wholly owned by the council and staff have transferred from the previous business into the new company which was created after the council took a decision in December 2021 not to renew its existing arrangements with Norse.

The transfer of staff involved detailed consultation over the past few months with employees and trade unions. And, in agreement with unions, all terms and conditions of employment are protected at the point of transfer and existing rates of pay, sick pay, annual leave and continuity of service all continue and will be subject to a review within the first six months of operation, existing pension membership for all staff continues.

Early in 2023, Great Yarmouth Borough Council formally adopted its Open Space Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) following a public consultation.

The new document is a planning framework that provides guidance for developers, architects and planners on how to incorporate open space into their developments. This includes the creation of new parks, green spaces and other public areas, as well as the protection of existing open spaces.

There is also guidance around how to ensure that open spaces are well managed and maintained. And there is a principle that open spaces are designed to ensure they meet a wide range of recreational needs, enhance ecological connectivity and support sustainable drainage.

As part of its consultation work around the exciting multi-million pound regeneration scheme for the Winter Gardens on the seafront in Great Yarmouth, the council has been running workshops, site visits and events to explain the plans and seek community feedback and input.

The Winter Gardens is the last surviving Victorian glass house in the country and, in 2021, was one of five transformational projects across the country to be awarded a Heritage

Horizon Award from The National Lottery Heritage Fund

The Heritage Fund award will see the iron and glass structure restored to its former glory as a people's palace. Complete with beautiful gardens, galleries and café areas it will offer both entertainment and education, breathing new life into the area.

In November, GYBC invited officer and political peers from the Local Government Association (LGA) and other councils to take part in what is known as a Corporate Peer Challenge.

The Peer Review process is designed to support the council's performance by identifying its areas of strength and areas for development. The peer team, consisting of eight local government senior officers and members from across the country, led 40 meetings at the Town Hall and spoke with almost 200 council staff, members and external stakeholders.

The final report highlights GYBC as:

- Ambitious with a strong visible leadership
- Having a deep understanding of the community
- An organisation with a track record of delivering major projects
- A workplace of respectful and constructive relationships (Member/Member and Member/officer)
- Poised to deliver transformation of place/prospects
- Having a strong grasp of local issues and national context

The report also makes some recommendations for areas where improvement could be made.

In response to these recommendations in the Corporate Peer Challenge report, the council has developed a robust action plan. The activities in the action plan will be delivered across the coming year.

Work on the construction of 18 one-bedroom homes at the Beach Coach Station site which will be available for council tenants in the town is almost complete.

The modern one-bedroom properties will be known as Jubilee Court, in honour of Her Majesty's 70 years on the throne. The £3m development is the biggest single expansion in council homes in the borough for 17 years and is being supported with funding from the Government's One Public Estate Brownfield Land Release Fund, and Homes England.

The flats, which are designed to be suitable for two people, are a generous 50sqm each and will be built to high energy-efficiency standards. Tenants will enjoy a shared garden and communal parking area.

Construction work began in May 2022 and is expected to end next month.

A new video and 3D visualisation was produced last Autumn to help promote Great Yarmouth's new offshore energy Operations and Maintenance Campus.

The Campus aims to drive investment in the renewable energy sector in the region and is a central part of the council's economic strategy.

The video was unveiled in Amsterdam at the Offshore Energy Exhibition and Conference - Europe's leading offshore energy industry event.

Work on the Operations and Maintenance Campus - at the southern tip of the South Denes peninsula - is fully funded and already underway with demolition complete and new maritime facilities for service operation vessels and crew transfer vehicles (and associated quay space, parking, servicing, storage areas and access roads) due to be completed by the end of 2023. The Campus is also future proofed by being equipped for electric vessels.

Situated close to the town's deep water outer harbour, Great Yarmouth Energy Park and the new third river crossing which is due to complete in mid-2023, the multi-million-pound Campus is a key part of the continued investment in the borough designed to attract new businesses, jobs and homes.

The partnership project is being delivered by Norfolk County Council, with significant investment and support from both Great Yarmouth Borough Council and New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership. This builds on successful Enterprise Zone delivery to date across both South Denes and Beacon Business Park.

This £21.4 million facility will put the area at the forefront of technological advancements in O&M and its excellent transport links to London and Europe and its location right next to Yarmouth's deep-water port makes it perfectly located to serve the offshore wind industry.

The new Garden Tea Rooms at Great Yarmouth Gorleston Crematorium opened in September.

As well as offering families and friends a space to meet before or after a funeral service, the Tea Rooms are also open to the public for refreshments.

The new Garden Tea Rooms is a warm and welcoming space for families and friends to meet and pay their respects to loved ones, as well as being a community space for residents to use.

The new tea rooms and function area can cater for up to 55 people and have been created following feedback from the crematorium workers and customers.

Great Yarmouth's new £26m Marina Centre on Great Yarmouth's seafront Golden Mile opened in August last year.

It boasts a six-lane swimming pool, learner pool and leisure water with flumes; along with a 120-station gym, four court sports hall, 10m indoor climbing zone, three studios and community spaces.

Many of the facilities feature stunning panoramic views of Great Yarmouth beach, with a central atrium and café linking the promenade to the beach.

The stunning new seafront structure replaces a 1980s centre on the same site which was demolished in 2020 to make way for the new facility. Building began in January 2021, and the centre was handed over to the council's operating partner Freedom Leisure at the end of July.

The centre is as accessible as possible, including pool pods for those with limited mobility and a Changing Places restroom.

Construction work on the final phases of the transformation of Great Yarmouth's town centre market began last year.

The new, more spacious and more accessible six-day market which will approximately double the size of the building.

The new market is proving a success with traders and shoppers and GYBC is committed to completing the project and bringing the benefits of a more accessible and more environmentally friendly market to the town.

The council is also continuing with plans for new paving, seating, and lighting throughout Great Yarmouth town centre.

Great Yarmouth Borough Council bought the former Palmers building in the town's Market Place in 2021 and is now working with partners to transform it into a £15.4m library and learning centre, offering courses up to university level and beyond.

The hub will be a new home for Norfolk County Council's Great Yarmouth Library, along with adult learning, registry office and other community services such as Citizens Advice.

Alongside Norfolk County Council's new programme of adult learning, East Coast College is working with the University of Suffolk to offer university level courses, access to higher education, and adult learning. The University of East Anglia will also offer courses.

Work is well underway and the strip-out of the five storey, 5,300 square metre building is now complete with the venue expected to open for students in time for the 2023-2024 academic year and for the general public next year.

Last year, GYBC secured a Town Deal of £20.1m Government investment to deliver an exciting £60m vision supporting economic regeneration, recovery, jobs and growth across the borough's main urban areas.

The major capital funding followed the submission of an ambitious Town Investment Plan for Great Yarmouth, Gorleston and Bradwell, the ambition is to reinvent public places, to tap into and grow a thriving arts and cultural scene, to support new homes, nurture new jobs, businesses and new opportunities to learn and grow, to make our people, businesses and visitors proud.

This work was given a huge added boost in February this year with the announcement that the council had been successful in its LUF bid for £20m to regenerate the North Quay area of the town.

Supplemented by more than £2m from the council's own budget, the work will extend, amplify and build on major projects already planned or underway in the town. Providing a retail, leisure and homes and enhancements around the railway station as a key gateway. The work will link into housing developments at The Conge and work in the town centre. The Government has said it is keen to get delivery and spend underway quickly.

The vision to revitalise the town centre is focused around re-introducing more residential uses, making better use of our cultural heritage and historic buildings, highlighted by creating the new £15m library and university centre in the former Palmers department store in the Market Place.

Chairman's report 2023

It's been another busy year as chairman of the PC, if you don't just chair meetings, you have to be about all the time for the village. A massive thank you to my sidekick Kerrie (the Clerk). She keeps us legal make sure we do everything properly also a thank you to Catherine our RFO.

We've been in lengthy complex talks this year with the owners of the former Pontins site, this has been at no cost to the parish, in our eyes we have secured a good outcome and we will talk about that later in the main meeting.

A lot of time this year has been spent with maintenance of our properties. We have managed to rent out the former parish office so the income from that helps keep us afloat. A massive shout out to the remaining councillors who are present like I said before 3500 residents at the moment, yet we only have six councillors, so yes there are vacancies.

Also, a big thank you to the Village Hall committee and Social Club. for their support by helping the events committee hosting their first Christmas fare.

We installed a new bus shelter and are in the process of part funding another one.

Also, another big thank you to our lifeboat crew for their efforts and the work that they do and all the work 'Save Hemsby coastline' committee as they have stood tall & at last something is happening on the beach.

So, let's keep working together for our village because all the hard work by Tracy and the other members of the neighbourhood plan group as hopefully soon we will have our very own neighbourhood plan!

Keith Kyriacou
Chairman of Hemsby Parish Council.

Hemsby In Bloom.

As you are aware it is with regret that Pam Richmond sadly passed away at the weekend. Pam was the initial driving force behind the group being set up four years ago and we will always appreciate her help and kindness and hold a special place for her in our hearts.

The remainder of the group managed some planting around the village at the weekend for this summer and I am sure she would have been looking down on us and feeling proud.

Kind Regards

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Report from St. Mary the Virgin Church Hemsby

On May 1st, 2022, Fr. John Bloomfield retired and we began our Interregnum.

Unfortunately, Maureen Powles resigned as churchwarden in October finishing her duties at the end of December.

Despite this, services continued as before with a Sunday Mass at 11.00am and a Wednesday Mass at 10.00am weekly, thanks to Fr. Patrick Kerley, Fr. Anthony Long and Fr. David Mills sharing the services. All major Feast Days were observed with services.

Fr. David Mills has also been responsible for the funerals, Baptisms and weddings over the year.

We have initiated with Bishop Norman's agreement a Healing Service on the 4th Sunday of every month – the notice board outside the Barn Room gives details of the next service.

Bishop Norman visited in August and was the celebrant at the Sunday Mass which was followed by lunch at The Bell.

Since Fr' Bloomfield's retirement, and there being a dearth of priests, we are linking with Lound Church as and when a part time priest is found to ensure that weekly communion services will continue rather than having Morning Prayer. We have already shared services with Lound and they with us. We hope for a swift appointment!

Legalities:

Since January the PCC has worked very hard to share out all the work that the church is legally responsible for and we have become compliant in most areas. We now have:

- A Health and Safety Officer
- A Parish Safeguarding Officer
- All PCC members are undergoing DBS checks re Safeguarding.
- The church notice board has details of policies including: Lone Worker, the Diocese Safeguarding Team, Housing information for homeless people.

The church reaches out to the community by:

- Involving Hemsby School Children notably by attending the Remembrance Day service & laying of wreaths; the Queen's thanksgiving service; holding their Nativity play, Candlemass, Crib Service and Christingle in the church. Presently they are planting the Hanging Baskets outside the Barn Room! The school send news and photos monthly for the Parish magazine.

- Decorating the church and ensuring that everyone will enjoy visiting the church, the many floral arrangements are created by volunteers. Decorations included Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

In June the church was decorated to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and again in September for her funeral.

More recently the church has been decorated for the Carolean era and King Charles 111 Coronation.

- Coffee mornings have continued during the summer months and this year have been organised by a Social Committee as we share the work of the church.
- The printing of the Parish Magazine has been outsourced to Ashleigh Print and Design at Gt. Yarmouth. The magazine is delivered by volunteers to homes throughout the village and can also be purchased at Hemsby Co-op, Hemsby PO, AND Kiah Home Bakes Café.
- Involving local businesses:
 - Celebration of St. Mary's Patronal Festival & Christmas Lunch at the Lacon Arms
 - A Harvest Lunch at The Kings Head Public House
 - Carols at The Bell together with the St. Marys Singers
 - Andrew Fakes allowed one of his books to be sold in aid of the Tower Fund.
 - Asking businesses to write about themselves in the Parish Magazine.
- St. Mary's Singers and The A strings and the Ad Hoc Choir have enriched our church services: Their involvement is something we wish to encourage.
- Taking part in National enterprises: We took part in the sponsored Annual Ride and Stride event organised by the Norfolk Churches Trust, with people visiting as many different churches as possible to raise money – 50% to the Tower fund and 50% to The Churches Trust.

Fund Raising

Our main aim continues to fund repairs to the church Tower. Due to the hard work of our treasurer, Elspeth Moore, who has managed over the past year or two to gain grants from a variety of organisations, we are very nearly there!! One last push and we will have the required finances!!! A start date is being looked at for the summer of this year. A tremendous achievement – please do dig deep and support the things the church organises to ensure the Tower will be repaired by Christmas.

Growth

On average our church attendance has risen to between 23 and 27 on a Sunday, however, we were delighted with over 70 people attending the Easter Day service. It was even more exciting that some of those were children! Children are the future of our church and are warmly welcomed along with their families.

Please support our church however and whenever you can!

Cindy Baldwin - Churchwarden

Hemsby Neighbourhood Plan Update

Hemsby Neighbourhood Plan referendum date is set for 22nd June. Great Yarmouth Borough Council will send every registered elector a poll card to enable you to make your yes or no vote for the Plan.

Great Yarmouth Borough Council and the Parish Council will host the referendum documents on their websites and can make paper copies available to you on request.

Remember you will need photo ID to vote.

Hemsby Neighbourhood Plan Steering group have been working on behalf of (and including) the community and Hemsby Parish Council for over 3 years. There has been a tremendous amount of work involved to complete the plan. We were lucky in Hemsby to have many volunteers who held professional, and other relevant expertise that they shared in their work on the plan. Thank you to every member of the community and Hemsby Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for all their involvement and help completing the plan. These are just some of the steering group members who have supported the plan: Kitty Dye, George Waterman, Melissa Muldowney, Hannah Gray, Justin Rundle, Jo Cook, Antony Gouldstone, Marcia Dye, Tina Nudd, Tracy Foster, Angie Bennett, Caz Eden and Pam Richmond. Pam was a much loved member of the community who was instrumental in the start of the Neighbourhood Plan as well as many other groups in the village including Hemsby in Bloom and the friendship club. Pam was also previously a well respected member of the Parish Council. Pam will be greatly missed

Apologies

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Tue 09/05/2023 14:02

To: hemsbyPC@outlook.com <hemsbyPC@outlook.com>

Good afternoon,

I have received an email from you via our school office.

My name is Donna Walker and I am the Acting Headteacher of Hemsby Primary whilst Mrs Harmer, Headteacher, is not in school. I have been Acting Headteacher since 17th April 2023.

Please accept my apologies for a report not being submitted in due time. I will unfortunately be unable to attend the meeting on 15th May due to a clash with another meeting; please could my apologies be noted.

With my best wishes

Donna Walker

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Hemsby village hall

We are taking more bookings since covid and things are finally getting back to normal, there isn't a day that we don't have a local group meeting in the hall, we have gained a remote controlled car club and still have the keep fit classes {Zumba, pilates, fitness by emma, jeannies keep fit}, friendship club, country and western, short mat bowls, British legion prize bingo monthly, antiques fairs, encore theatre group, Hedgehogs and hoglets will be taking an extra slot in September as they have grown in size this year. And we have other fairs throughout the year. On top of that we have private functions.
ALSO USED AS A EVACUATION CENTRE DURING THE STORM
We ran a warm room for 12 weeks in our small room this was supported by some locals and we hope to have sourced some funding to continue with this throughout next autumn/winter.

We have a very well supported book exchange in our main entrance and this has encouraged people to see what we have to offer in the hall.

We are hoping to raise funds to update our main kitchen and replace the flooring, our small kitchen was completed through the lockdowns.

ANNUAL REPORT. 22-23

WE HAVE HAD ANOTHER QUIET YEAR. WE ARE SHORT OF CLIENT NUMBERS. WE IDEALLY WOULD LIKE LEADS ON ELDERLY LONELY PEOPLE OF THE PARISH WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM A VISIT FROM RITA. OR EVEN JUST A PHONE CALL ONCE A WEEK.

MARIA IS OUR CONTACT ON 07919 083005 TO ALLOW US TO SET UP NEW CLIENTS.

Lynda Bean. (CHAIR)



SHC update for HPC, May 2023

Sign off from GYBC for the rock berm solution needed to protect homes and businesses has been achieved, including licence from the MMO and Natural England. We are now “Shovel ready”.

Funding sources are unclear and financing is currently unavailable.

The landowner of the Marrams, the Glebe and the beach road car park, all of which will benefit from the proposed berm, Watlings Trust, have been approached unsuccessfully to partially fund.

5 homes were lost to tides in March 2023, with a further 7 still under threat due to the catastrophic failure of the southern end of the Marram road.

The loss will continue until the situation is stabilised.

A small rock berm, covering 5% of the target area, has been placed, funded by GYBC and the EA, as a temporary support to try and protect 23 homes in the Marrams.

High level of press interest and many interviews and tv appearances carried out, to keep the village's issue in the public eye.

We have stepped up fundraising, as everything donated can be match funded with other funding sources, multiplying the value. An example of this in action: several years ago HPC donated £20,000. That attracted match funding from NCC multiplying it up to £50,000. £120,000 was spent on the hexi blocks and they are still working on the beach, protecting homes. The plan for them is that they move up to the Gap to form the base for a concrete launch and access ramp. That saves upwards of £250,000 from the total solution price.

Every penny we raise will be spent on the drive to provide sea defences and to protect Hemsby.

We are selling SHC branded merchandise, and have set up a Just Giving page. To contribute, you can point your Smart Phone Camera at the QR code above.

3 Additional trustees for the charity recruited, with two existing trustees leaving due to personal reasons.

A Petition is to be presented to parliament asking for central government action. The problem is too big for GYBC alone.

