

**HEMINGBY PARISH ANNUAL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015 AT 7.30PM**

**Present:** Cllr Doug Rodwell (Chair), Mrs Amanda Bushell (Clerk), Andrew Baron (Environment Agency), and 14 members of the public.

**1. Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed residents and thanked them for attending. He commented that the presentation from the Environment Agency should be interesting.

**2. To receive apologies**

Apologies were received from Will Grover.

**3. To read, approve and sign the notes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

The Chairman asked if everybody had seen the notes of last year's meeting and it was proposed by John Harrison, seconded by Ian Robson and unanimously resolved to accept them as being a true record of the meeting. They were then signed by the Chairman.

**4. Chairman's Report on Parish Council activities for the last year**

The Chairman spoke about new legislation which came into place last year which allowed the filming, photographing and recording of Council meetings, he also explained that there had been a change of Parish Clerk during the year and Amanda who had previously been Clerk had taken up the post again.

The Chairman told the meeting that the year had started with a road traffic accident in the village which could very easily have been a fatality. Following this the Chairman had met with Senior Highways Officers who although based on evidence were not required to do anything, they did agree to paint road narrowing lines and carry out a speed survey. The Parish Council was closely monitoring the situation.

The Chairman mentioned the problem of dog fouling which the village was struggling to tackle which was sad since it was such a close knit community, he acknowledged that the majority of dog owners were responsible but there were still a few which were letting the other residents down.

The meeting was informed that the Parish Council finances were in a sound position, and the Chairman thanked the Clerk who was also the Responsible Financial Officer for maintaining strict and efficient controls of the finances. Mr Phillips from School House was also thanked for carrying out the role of Internal Auditor.

During the year the Chairman had the honour of laying a wreath at the newly planted commemoration tree in the graveyard to pay tribute to those from the village who lost their lives during conflict.

The Chairman thanked those individuals who volunteered for the various community groups and worked hard behind the scenes to make the village such a vibrant and special place to live.

The Chairman commented that with the forthcoming elections there might be changes to the Parish Council. He thanked the other members of the Parish Council for their support and commitment, the Clerk for her hard work, his wife for her support, and he thanked all residents who contribute to making in his opinion Hemingby one of the best places to live in the country.

**5. Report on Parish Council finances**

The clerk announced that copies of the council's accounts had been circulated around the room and she ran through them. The bank balance as at 31/03/2015 was £873.98 plus £195 Village of the Year (VOY) winnings, the receipts for 2014/15 were £2224.36 of which £1537 was the precept. Payments were £2034.80.

**6. To receive reports from the PCSO, District Councillor and County Councillor**

None of these people were in attendance, so there were no reports given.

**7. Reports from representatives from Play area Committee and Village Hall committee**

Play Area Committee: Charlie Bryant gave details of the accounts for the Committee and commented that it had been a very successful year. He thanked residents for supporting events and informed the meeting that the Committee was looking for new members. The play area continued to be a very attractive facility with families travelling from Horncastle to use it.

Village Hall Committee: Ian Robson gave details of future events taking place in the hall and commented that it had been a successful year and there had been improvements made to the facility.

**8. To receive a presentation from Andrew Baron from the Environment Agency regarding the Horncastle Flood Alleviation Scheme and the impact it will have on Hemingby**

The Chairman welcomed Andrew Baron and thanked him for attending.

Andrew Baron started by explaining that although he worked for the Environment Agency he was also representing other organisations that were involved with the project, which were: Lincolnshire County Council, East Lindsey District Council, Witham Third Internal Drainage Board and Horncastle Town Council who had contributed funds to the project, and VBA who were the contractors and designers. Mr Baron spoke about the existing flood risk in Horncastle, the design of the scheme, the timescales involved, the funding of the work, and the access to the site. The meeting was shown photos of the impact of past flooding in Horncastle, a map showing the location of the storage reservoir, and a diagram of the reservoir showing how it would work. Mr Baron explained that the majority of the construction traffic

would not go through the village, but would instead access the site from Caistor High Street.

Mr Baron answered questions from residents, and emphasised that they hoped to cause as little impact to residents as possible during the construction period, and he informed the meeting that the Environment Agency took a dim view on contractors that did not respect the communities that they were working in. The details of the Site Manager would be passed to the Parish Council so that they could be contacted about any issues. Mr Baron offered to attend future meeting and he invited the Parish Council and members of the community to visit the site. The meeting was assured that there was no chance of water from the flood alleviation scheme reaching the roads; and future maintenance of the scheme would be maintained by staff based at Short Ferry.

**9. Any points that any parishioner may wish to raise.**

- A resident asked if anything could be done regarding the issue of speeding on Green Lane
- A resident informed the meeting that Colonel Dymoke had passed away recently and since he had a family connection with the village, he enquired whether the village would be represented at the commemorative service.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and he closed the meeting at 8.49pm.