

Heacham Parish Council
THE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT Cllrs J Waldron (Chairman), E Hammond (Vice Chair), R Pritchard, D Rawnsley
G Reader.
Also present Mrs P Sewell and L Liddington (minute taker)

1. APOLOGIES Mrs Gilbert.

There were no declarations of interest.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from 13th August were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Mrs Sewell thanked Cllr Hammond for sourcing the bulbs that 17 brownies along with 3 of their leaders and members of Heacham In Bloom planted up in the Recreation Ground. Mrs Sewell also told the Committee that there had been enough bulbs for the Brownies to plant a bulb in individual pots so that they had something to keep to remember the planting. The Brownies had done the planting to earn their 'Grow your own' badge. Brown Owl also asked that her thanks be given to the Council. Mrs Sewell said that HIB had also purchased gloves (bulbs can cause irritation) along with lollypop sticks (so pots could be named).

4. OFH COFFEE MORNINGS, SIGNAGE

There is need for new no parking signs and was decided that 'Staff Parking Only' sign be put on the wall. There needs to be a change on the 'Old Friends Hall' sign to include 'Heacham Parish Council' and also some planting – Mrs Sewell said that HIB could sort us some planting when the Spring planting is ordered.

Cllr Reader said that although the water heater is in and running he thought that it should have a built in filter – Cllr Hammond will speak to Mark Pishorn.

Cllr Reader said that there needs to be a blind on the kitchen window.

Cllr Reader said that coffee mornings are going well.

Cllr Reader thanked Cllr Rawlinson, Cllr Rawnsley and his wife Marie for their help in clearing and cleaning the hall.

Cllr Reader told the Committee that CRC had been chosen to install the solar panelling and asked that all those that put in a quote be thanked and informed whether they have the contract or not.

5. LIBRARY

Mrs Sewell reported that the Library was busy throughout August and September and August was the busiest since COVID. Whilst most of our users are villagers, this time of year does see

an increase of users that are holiday makers, especially to use the internet. We have a new volunteer, Vicki who had experience working in Libraries and is fitting in well.

The Library is currently without internet and the Church Office have been asked to sort this out as it is there internet we piggy back onto, people are still able to print from their phones through the ethernet. The bonanza book sale went well this year and a lot of books were sold. Computer sessions are going well and it is hoped the issue with the internet is remedied before the next session.

The next feature for the Library will be murder mystery novels mostly set locally, it thought there may be up to five authors featured.

The November display will focus on remembrance.

Cllr Rawnsley asked Mrs Sewell how the reading challenges had gone over the summer and Mrs Sewell reported that the uptake wasn't as good as was hoped but a decision to continue with it has been taken, with a renaming of the challenge and perhaps try to engage the local Schools with it more. The children that had taken it on had enjoyed it.

6. CARNIVAL

The Chair reported that the pipe band used for this year's parade had been re booked with an increase in fee from £670 to £700 and it was felt that this was still good value.

Cllr Rawnsley said that he had spoken to Naomi (Stilt walker) and she is hoping to do the parade again next year and hoping that there would be four of them.

7. OTHER EVENTS

Remembrance Sunday was discussed as the next meeting would occur after that date. Cllr Waldron and Liz would man the road closure by the entrance to Church Lane as they had last year and Stuart would be asked if he and Rodney would man the other end of the closure.

Mrs Carr had helped last year but as she wasn't present she could not be confirmed as a helper this year, Liz will contact her and ask about her availability and willingness in due course.

Cllr Pritchard said that he would attach his poppy to the village sign as usual. Mrs Sewell asked if anyone knew the whereabouts of the poppy used on the Lavender Bed as that could be placed on the bed again as there will be no planting there until the spring.

8. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 12th November 2024, 7pm at the Old Friends Hall.

Meeting closed at 20.10.

.....Chairman

.....Date