

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OLD HUNSTANTON

The meeting will be held on Thursday 20th May 2021

Via Zoom at 6.00PM

All members of the public are welcome to attend.

All local government registered electors for the Parish of Old Hunstanton will be entitled to speak and vote at the meeting.

The agenda will be as follows:

- a. Minutes of the 2020 Annual Parish Meeting
- b. Chairman's report on the year of the Parish Council
- c. An open session

Signed.....Chairman Dated 20th May 2021.

OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

This is the report on the work of the Old Hunstanton Parish Council covering the previous 12 months. It is a mandatory element of the Annual Parish Meeting, which is a public meeting. It is not a Parish Council meeting, although the Parish Council has made the arrangements for the meeting and provides a Chairman and Clerk.

I welcome all Parishioners to this meeting, and it is my intention in this report to cover major issues which the Parish Council has dealt with over the past municipal year. It does not cover everything we have done, but those seeking detailed information on all our activities can find it recorded in our monthly Parish Council meeting agendas and minutes, which are available on the Parish Council website.

We were unable to have an Annual Parish Meeting last year because of the pandemic so we have a lot to cover this year.

It was with great regret that the OHPC accepted the resignation of Julia MacKinder who has attended every PC meeting since its inception in 2017. She will be a great loss to the PC and we will miss her insights and experience gained through her unstinted service to the community. She was Vice Chair supporting my Chairmanship over the last four years and I learned a great deal from her. Nick Eastwell was elected to the vacated position of Vice Chair and Robert MarKillie was co-opted on to the PC as her replacement. Not only did Julia attend every meeting of the PC she oversaw the revamp and upgrade of the Children's Playground, an achievement unsurpassed in the annals of the PC. We wish her all the best in her retirement, though I don't think she will be taking things easy somehow!

We have also lost the services of our Parish Clerk, who has also retired. Glynis has been the rock of the PC. She has guided us through the labyrinth of planning applications, correct procedures and protocols that councils have to negotiate over the years. She has been a great support to me personally when I joined the PC and later when I became Chairman. We will be welcoming a new Clerk to the PC from the 1st June so a new chapter begins.

During the pandemic it was necessary for the PC to close the Children's Playground on the advice of the NALC but it has now reopened after a ROSPA inspection and a comprehensive clean. It was disappointing that

we had petty vandalism and, incomprehensibly, six domed nuts removed from the bench fixings!!

Over the last year we have had several traffic and parking issues which we addressed with the Highways Department. I have reported the issues in the Link and Town & Around as well as on the PC website so I will not bore you with the long list we amassed in this report. The Highways Department have a plan which, hopefully, will be implemented in time for the 2022 holiday season. Meanwhile, residents living north of the A149 will see a number of cones from the County Council deployed in and around Sea Lane, Waterworks Road, Wodehouse Road etc. This is an interim measure until the Highways Department implement their previously mentioned plan.

The Village Hall project has been passed to four trustees and they have done an amazing job in such a short time, the lease was only signed in October last year.

Now I turn to other new and ongoing activities of the Parish Council.

We are nearing the consultation part of the Neighbourhood Plan. This is when the PC sends out the proposed plan based on your input in 2018. We want you to read it and agree, amend or disagree and we will act accordingly.

We have a three-monthly forum with the other Parish Councils along the coast which we have named, unsurprisingly, The Saxon Shore Forum. This is intended as a talk shop to go over Parish Council problems and solutions and provide a united front when dealing with the Borough Council and County Council. We all have unique problems which affect coastal holiday areas, and this give us an insight into our neighbours' problems as well as airing our own.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all Parish Councillors who have generously given of their time and expertise over the last 12 months. It has been a hard time for us all in the village so a thank you to all residents for their forbearance and understanding during this trying time. It has been heartening to see the community come together during the pandemic and the thoughtfulness of everyone for their neighbours and the village.

