

Hundon Annual Parish Meeting



Meeting held remotely on Wednesday 28th April at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr D Nimmons (Chairman), Cllr R Edwards, Cllr B O'Leary, Cllr D Hewett, Cllr C Callow, Cllr M Carpenter

In Attendance: Amanda Parrett, Clerk
Cllr K Richardson (WSC), Cllr M Rushbrook (WSC), Cllr M Evans (SCC)

3 Members of the public

Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr G Spooner.

Minutes from Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th April 2019

It was agreed there had been no Annual Parish Meeting held in 2019 and the 2020 Annual Parish Meeting was abandoned due to the pandemic.

There are no minutes to approve.

Matters Arising from Minutes

None.

Public Charities, Village Hall & Parish Accounts

No report was received from the Village Hall Committee.

The Clerk gave a report on the Accounts for 2020-2021. Projects in the village have included the moving of the War Memorial and donations to the Football Club, Cricket Club and the Post Office.

Expenditure £34,235.36

Income £21,608.08

Bank Balances @ 31/03/2021

Community Account £2,767.98

Business Account £24,589.59

Chairmans Report

It has been a difficult year with the pandemic and the changes in working practice for the Parish Council to be able to complete business.

There has been a great community spirit in the village during this difficult time, with organisations providing support and Hundon's Helpers providing assistance to those in need.

The Parish Council now has a full council following an uncontested Election in April 2021.

Welcome to the new councillors – Mark Carpenter, Chris Callow and Denise Hewett and welcome again to Brian O'Leary and Richard Edwards.

I would like to thank Brian and Richard for stepping in at short notice to ensure the council had a quorate to be able to continue with business.

Since December 2020 the Parish Council have completed projects started earlier in the year, with the moving of the War Memorial to new location at the Village Hall site, providing financial assistance to the football club for the new changing rooms and grants to support the cricket club and the village shop.

Projects rolling forward into 2021 include, purchasing new benches with help from West Suffolk Council Locality Fund, grit bins and providing financial assistance to the Village Hall Committee for the final amendments to the War Memorial.

Grant Applications are welcomed from any organisations and the form is available on the Parish Council Website.

From May meetings are due to return to face to face, although there is a consultation for meeting to continue online.

Suffolk County Council & West Suffolk Council Report

Suffolk Council Council Report (Appendix 1)

West Suffolk Council Report (Appendix 2)

Police Report

There was no representative from the Police. Cllr M Evan gave the clerk details of the new Community Engagement Officer.

School Governors, Village Hall Chairman and Organisations Reports

The Clerk highlighted the main points of the reports. The full reports are attached to the minutes.

- Rogeron Trust (Appendix 3)
- Hundon Herald (Appendix 4)
- Hundon Allotments Tenant's Association (Appendix 5)
- Hundon Primary School (Appendix 6)
- Hundon WI (Appendix 7)
- Hundon Football Club (Appendix 8) – Anne Cutts gave a brief update on progress with the changing rooms. Work has now commenced with the footings.
- Hundon Educational Foundation (Appendix 9)
- Hundon Cricket Club – Nick Clarke gave an update on behalf of the Cricket Club. There has been no cricket since the beginning of the pandemic but the club is now starting to hold matches. At the end of the 2019-2020 season the Cricket Club was in the 2nd Division.

The field continues to be utilised by other organisations in the village.

The continued support from the Parish Council is appreciated.

Any Other Business

None.

Closure

8.10pm

Signed

Chairman

Date.....

Appendix 1

Report from Cllr M Evans – Suffolk County Council

This time last year when annual parish meetings were being cancelled and postponed and I don't think any of us thought we would still be subject to covid restrictions a year on. I certainly didn't think I would still be hearing warnings of an increase in cases – that was what I heard on Monday from Suffolk's Director of Public Health Stuart Keeble when he raised concerns about increasing cases of covid among the over 60s at Ipswich Hospital.

I expect many people attending the APM tonight have had their first, if not second vaccine but we must still follow the guidance.

Amid all the struggles, loss, heartache and challenges of the pandemic there have been some amazing achievements – on a national scale the vaccine programme has been outstanding. As we heard tonight there will be a booster programme in the autumn.

Locally the response in communities has been inspirational – residents, voluntary groups and local businesses stepped up to care for our vulnerable residents – and the efforts of people such as Hundon Little Helpers should be applauded by all of us. I would also mention the team at Hundon School who have been brilliant in supporting the children to learn at home and feel confident when they returned to school.

In my work at the county council I have seen how the challenges of coping with the pandemic have brought people together. My role is cabinet member for children services, education and skills. The whole children's services and schools sector came together at the start of the first lockdown to chart their way through such very uncertain times.

Often at annual parish meetings I speak about school attainment – we won't actually get any verified data on SATS, and fully marked GCES and A Levels until January 2023. What we do know in Suffolk is that – as happens across the country – there is a gap from the day children start at school between those children disadvantaged homes and their peers – they can be as much as 18 months behind. I am determined that all children in Suffolk should have the very best start in school and be giving all the support they need to reach their full potential which is why the county council has signed up with the National Literacy Trust to run a 10 year project to get Suffolk reading. Groups like Home Start Suffolk, Suffolk Mind and Suffolk libraries are taking part and the first hub will open this summer in Haverhill.

Suffolk County Council was among the first councils to declare a climate emergency, pledging to be carbon neutral by 2030. There are a range of projects underway such as the offer to install EV charging points at village halls; the planting of 200,000 trees and extending the county's network of roadside nature reserve verges. I was pleased to be help fund the community wildlife project in Hundon.

The county council's budget for the coming year is nearly £600m. It spends about 75% of its funds on caring for people – vulnerable residents and children in care. By 2031, a fifth of Suffolk's residents will be aged over 70. We will harness new technology and support our care workers, so elderly residents can live independently at home for as long as possible. We fund 250,000 hours of homecare each. The county's care homes are among the best in the country with 90% of providers rated good or outstanding by the Care Quality Commission. This puts our county third in the national league table, and makes us the highest performing large authority

A project that is starting that I think will be of interest to Hundon residents is the deployment of mobile ANPR cameras to strengthen speed enforcement – I will share details with the clerk.

As you know this is my last meeting before the county council elections – and I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you and wish you all well.

Yours with kind regards

Mary

*Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education & Skills
County Councillor for Clare Division, Suffolk County Council*

Appendix 2

Report from Cllr K Richardson & Cllr M Rushbrook – West Suffolk Council

Report for Hundon Parish Council 28 April 2021

Joint report from Karen Richardson and Marion Rushbrook, West Suffolk District councillors for Clare, Hundon and Kedington Ward

We hope you are all keeping well. We are pleased to see shops re-opening and West Suffolk Council are encouraging residents to shop and support local.

There is not much to report this month as we are in purdah – so there are restrictions on communications etc.

Grants to help smaller West Suffolk businesses as the recovery starts

A further £1.8m is being made available to West Suffolk businesses who are not eligible for the Government's Restart Grant, with many to receive automatic payments.

Throughout the pandemic West Suffolk Council (WSC) has been paying out Additional Restrictions Grants to supply chain businesses and those not in the ratings system and so not eligible for the Government grant schemes.

The Government recently launched the Restart Grant with a one-off payment to help businesses in the ratings system reopen safely.

Now using discretionary funding from Government, West Suffolk Council is launching the ARG Restart Payment to help some of those businesses ineligible for the Government scheme but who have business property costs. These include market traders, those in shared premises that aren't the rate payer, and supply chain businesses to retail, hospitality, leisure and tourism.

Businesses in these categories that were allowed to be open on 1 April such as market traders selling essential goods, will also receive a payment based on 70 per cent of the ARG restart grant to businesses that were closed. This is in recognition that although they were allowed to remain open, they have demonstrated that they have been significantly impacted as a result of the national restrictions and consumer behavioural changes.

"As restrictions lift and we move into the recovery phase, the aim of this one-off payment is to help businesses reopen in a COVID secure and safe way," said Julie Baird, Director for Growth at West Suffolk Council.

Businesses in these categories who have previously received the ARG grants will be paid automatically. Those who have not applied for ARG grants before can apply for ARG Restart at www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus/business-support/ The deadline for applications is **2 May 2021**.

The Council is also continuing to make automatic ARG payments to home and mobile businesses covering the period from 1 April until their reopening under the Government's roadmap.

Together, the two grants represent the last of the ARG grants expected to be made available to local businesses.

Meanwhile the Council has already paid out more than £8.5m of the Government's Restart Grant to eligible West Suffolk businesses, since the scheme opened on 1 April. The payments so far have been automatic payments to businesses previously in receipt of the Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSB). Any West Suffolk business that hasn't

previously applied for the LRSG scheme can still apply for the Government's Restart Grant.

See www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus/business-support/ The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021.

Estate Charity Thomas Rogeron/Relief in Need Charity **2020 Report**

Trustees: Messrs Davis, Impey (Chair) and McLardy; Rev Mitchell (part of year); Mesdames Morse and Turner; Miss Upson (clerk).

Farmland: All Rogeron farmland is being rented with income continuing to be stable. That being rented to a local business has been cleared and fenced, resulting in improved access and tidiness.

Allotments: By the end of the year there were approximately 44 allotments, of a variety of sizes, some of which have had no rent paid on them as it's the first year of the tenant taking over their plot, with many being garden extensions. The Hundon Allotments Tenants' Association was formed and their Committee has taken over the day-to-day running of the allotments. One of their aims is to help make the allotments cost neutral for the Trust within 3 years, as the allotment income does not reflect the recent capital expenditure on improvements, nor does it come anywhere near covering the annual running costs, which has implications for the amount of grants that can be given to parishioners. The HATA has, so far, received £2,200 in external grants and is currently looking at other forms of funding, with advice from Community Action Suffolk. 2 new ventures are well on the way, namely an orchard and a wildflower meadow. Many thanks go to all the volunteers who have helped with these, and especially to Liz Hickeys and Fiona Gould for their hard work in setting these projects up. Trees and hedges have been tidied up or removed, depending on their condition. The many rubbish heaps have generally been cleared; from the beginning of 2018 allotment holders have been responsible for disposing of any waste from "their" allotments. Mr Basham has done a sterling job of keeping the grass tidy and the footpaths close mown. The bank at the southern end of the field has been left, for the most part, to encourage wildlife. The Trustees are extremely grateful to Mr Davis for the terrific work he has done on the allotment area (and his goodwill) and to Mr Smith (the Trust's Land Agent) for his excellent advice, support and patience.

Hundon Educational Foundation: This received a grant of £3,750 from Rogerons.

PCC: The PCC received a grant of £2,500 from the Rogeron Charity. Maintenance of the church clock continues to be paid for (as part of the Charity's statute).

Other grants from the "main" trust: 2 local organisations received grants to help ensure their viability, so that members are able to enjoy improved access to leisure and social facilities. The Charity also gives financial support towards the costs of running the Post Office.

RIN: The Relief in Need Charity (Hundon Trust Fund) received £1,250, also from the Trust. Grants of approximately £1,000 were distributed. These included funding to help

members of local organisations enjoy improved access to leisure and social facilities and also grants to help parishioners within their homes, with difficulties caused by the pandemic, with their disability and medical needs and to gain qualifications.

Estate Charity of Thomas Rogeron: Charity number 212255
Relief in Need: Charity number 206373

HUNDON HERALD ANNUAL REPORT FOR PERIOD 1.4.20 TO 31.3.2021

INCOME

ADVERTISING £2515.00

TOTAL £2515.00

EXPENDITURE

PRINTING £2100.00

EXPENSES £41.95p

EXCESS INCOME £373.05p

TOTAL £2515.00

Notes:

1. Figures are for 10 months only as no Heralds were published in May and June because of Covid which reduced the printing costs and advertising income.
2. All adverts were extended by two months and we are now getting back to normal.
3. The figures for 12 months are normally about £2800 for printing and £3000 for advertising income as shown in the previous 2 years' accounts.
4. The number of adverts remain the same ie 47/50 as in previous years.
5. The Herald is budgeted to break even and there is no need for any increase in advertising costs.
6. We continue to get excellent service from the Red Side Up Ltd., the printers.
7. The deliverers are excellent and there is very good support from contributors with articles. Thank also to the Parish council for your support. I have monthly figures if you need to see them.

HATA/Hundon Allotment Field and Green Heart Project – Report for Annual Parish Meeting 21st April 2021

Hundon Allotment Tenants' Association (HATA) took over the management of the allotments in August 2020.

We consulted with allotment holders and as a result have put the fees for the allotments up and developed a new set of terms and conditions. Paid for allotments have gone from 22 in 2019/20 to 44 this year. A walk around the field shows the level of new activity, with new beds (including raised beds) being established and new trees and shrubs being planted. A real community spirit has built up between the allotment holders and we are looking forward to developing this further as Covid restrictions loosen.

In October 2020 HATA put forward a proposal to ultimately take on the management of much of the rest of the allotment field with the following **project objectives**:

- The allotment field is developed and managed to maximise wildlife diversity and its recreational, health and educational value to the community
- External funding sources are identified to permit the initial investment, and ongoing funding streams are found to ensure cost neutrality on an annual basis is reached for the Rogeron Trust within 3 years
- The allotment field is protected for the long term as the green heart of the village.

The Rogeron Trust gave HATA permission to establish a community orchard and wildflower meadow on a limited scale, citing concerns about our ability to access funding and volunteer support to achieve our broader aims. HATA has achieved the objectives we set ourselves for the 6 months following (namely 30 trees, and wildflower meadow initiated – see below).

HATA are extremely grateful to the many volunteers who have made our achievements to date possible, and we are particularly delighted to see children getting involved.

We have spent much of the last 6 months talking with experts and developing a plan for how we would manage and fund the overall project objectives. The plan is in the final stages of expert consultation and we hope to be able to send it to the Rogeron Trust later this month or in early May.

HATA are committed to working as constructively as possible with the Rogeron Trust to give them the confidence to let us deliver the project objectives described above, and hopefully remove the risk of this vital green space being lost to housing development.

Detailed Progress to Date

Funding

HATA has received £2,200 in grants this year (thanks to Broxted and Mary Evans' Locality budget). We are working with an advisor from Community Action Suffolk who is confident we can identify additional grants sources to fund our proposed activities.

Wildflower Meadow

- Biodiversity assessment by representative from Wandlebury Country Park and by Michael Chinery confirms the area is already pretty species rich. They recommended supplementation by seed and wildflower plugs and an appropriate mowing regime.
- Further species audit planned for spring and ongoing – will feed results into Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service
- Series of compost bins made
- Meadow cut and 16 volunteers raked up the mowings and put in compost bins
- Yellow rattle seed planted in December
- Wildflower seed and native plants sown/planted by around 25 volunteers in April
- Appropriate mowing regime will be implemented with mowings removed by volunteers.
- Educational notice boards erected
- Rubbish removed from the bank at the bottom of the meadow
- A new footpath established around the meadow.

Community Orchard

- Noticeboard erected
- Mowings removed by volunteers
- 30 heritage fruit trees (apples, pears, plums, gages) purchased using grant from Broxted and planted by 60 volunteers supported by Greener Growth
- Donated water tank repositioned and shielded by a willow fedge planted by Greener Growth
- We hope to plant more fruit and nut trees on the permitted space remaining in autumn 2021 – we have a donor for these trees lined up.

General

- An advisor from Suffolk Wildlife Trust has visited and written a report covering the wildlife potential for the whole of the field, which is currently being used to help put together an overall management and habitat development plan.
- We are grateful that the Parish Council is supportive of this project and grateful to hear that they have accessed funding for a seat for the field.
- The school is supportive of the project, and they look forward to working with us as the current crisis winds down – we have lots of ideas for developing the field to support the school.
- HATA is also co-operating with the Hundon Gardening Club and Hundon Hedgehog Rescue as we move forward with our ideas for events.

HUNDON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Laying the foundations for a bright future

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Thursday 22nd April, 2021

HUNDON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

HUNDON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Having been kindly invited to provide an update from our school in recent days I find myself wondering where to start!

Whilst the Hundon school site was quiet following the onset of COVID-19 back in March 2020, we as a school remained busy, based at our sister school's site in Little Thurlow, just across the A143. This afforded us greater capacity as we faced the unknown whilst maintaining on-going support for those children from both our schools, who needed us whilst their families supported on the 'frontline'. There we remained, open every day, through Easter, into April and May until early June when we established our school-specific risk assessments and plans for the practicalities of the government constraints and our children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 were able to return, joining key worker and vulnerable families and the 'huddle and bubble' returned to our playground.

We prepared for opening to all pupils in September, outlining our plans to parents in line with government announcements and guidance before the summer term ended and continued to monitor the communications from the cabinet office and Department for Education throughout the summer, updating our plans accordingly. As we had in June, we took a child-friendly, 'common-sense' approach to all aspects, we didn't tape up tables as had been widely seen in the press, we seated two at tables usually for four and where equipment and resources may have been centrally located and shared between a group, each child had their own set. Small differences to minimise what was and continues to be an unsettling time. The same nurturing, calm haven with some adjustments and changes.

Back in September and subsequently our approach has been two-fold:

- Ensuring provision of excellent pastoral support along with enhancing Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHEE), further enriched with additional input (including our Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural Days, events such as World Book Day, Comic Relief, Science Week, World Poetry Day, Healthy Eating Week.) All of which will further build the 'cultural capital' for all our pupils. This is further enhanced with personalised content and support provision to meet individual class, group and pupil needs.
- The continued delivery of our new, bespoke Federation Curriculum which meets the needs of our specific school communities as well as fulfilling the requirements of the National Curriculum and continues to be planned and adjusted to ensure previous learning concepts and skills are re-visited and revised and identified gaps are 'plugged' before new learning is introduced.

Hundon and Thurlow Primary Federation

In between we spent significant time improving our remote learning provision and addressing our substantial connectivity difficulties with hindered internet speed and poor bandwidth, due in part, to our rural locations which was highlighted in the first school 'closure' period. Whilst connectivity and speed remain on-going issues we have also set up our digital learning platforms for both our Federation Schools to facilitate the provision of 'live' lessons and supplement our existing communication and learning platform 'Class Dojo'.

Additional strategic priorities continue to include the on-going maintenance of the overall safety, health and welfare of both our schools, with operational working as well as wellbeing in mind.

Where possible, we are also continuing to prioritise the Federation's development and improvement in all areas, including enhancing the learning environments, further developing the curriculum, improving our technology, for example.

With Hundon in mind, whilst our plans for the development of a base for our wellbeing work needed to be put 'on hold' due to the pandemic we were very pleased to have secured funding with the Local Authority for our replacement window project which started during the Easter holiday and is currently drawing to a close. A two-year process, including close work with the conservation officers and team in Suffolk, culminating in the installation of bespoke, hand finished wooden framed, double glazed windows, befitting the building and locality.

Following on-going work with the Local Authority we are also anticipating work relating to the wall around our school to be undertaken during the school summer holidays.

We currently have 68 pupils on roll having seen a decline in school age pupils within our locality in recent years which has, no doubt, been further exacerbated of late due to the pandemic. We are keen to increase pupil numbers, both here at Hundon and our sister school, Thurlow, to give both our schools greater stability. To do this we have undertaken a number of activities, both strategic and operational, including the appointment of a Marketing Governor and the production of virtual tours of our schools.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Despite the challenges of the past year where we have been able we have participated in community events, including undertaking Remembrance linked to the relocated village war memorial, the 'Stars in the Church' and the Hundon Allotment Tenants' Association planting project.

As a small, family-focused primary school located very much at the heart of the community of Hundon we are keen to develop further our links within the community and participate in village activities as much as our small team has capacity for and, as circumstances allow with restrictions in mind. Please do contact me with future events we can be involved in.

If you have any questions relating to anything here or any other matter, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Warmest regards



Mrs Sharon FitzGerald, Headteacher

Hundon and Thurlow Primary Federation

VISION, ETHOS & STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Laying the foundations for a bright future

The Parable of The Wise and The Foolish Man

(Matthew, Chapter 7, verses 24 to 27 and the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 6, verses 46 to 49)

Our Values

We draw on our Christian vision and values at Thurlow and our community ethos at Hundon to shape how we conduct ourselves and relate to each other.



The Vision

Hundon and Thurlow Primary Federation aspire to support our children to become the best they can be. They are encouraged to be kind, happy, and resilient and prepared for life in Modern Britain.

The Mission Statement

Our purpose is to provide every child with an excellent all-round education through an inspiring, knowledge-rich curriculum, delivered within a supportive, child focused environment at the heart of two village communities.

**Report for Annual Parish Council Meeting 21st April 2021
HUNDON WI**

Hundon WI has been unable to meet since March 2020 which has proved challenging. All members have been kept in touch locally by email or phone call.

At Federation level, by a change from printed to a fortnightly e magazine style newsletter, delivered to those who do not use computers by printing and local delivery.

At national level via the centrally posted WI magazine and by the national MY WI website. A regular programme of speaker events by zoom has also been created.

Our committee meetings have also continued via zoom.

At Christmas all Hundon members received a surprise delivery of a 'Goodie Bag' containing a specially designed china WI Centenary mug together with various confectionery and biscuit choices.

Subject to Covid conditions we are returning with three outside events , all within the village and we would like to thank both Helen and Ian at the Rose and Crown and The Cricket Club for helping with these.

In September we return to the Village Hall with a full programme of events up to March 2022. We are pleased to report that despite such a long absence from physical meetings all the signs are that our members are looking forward to the return of our normal meetings and W I life.

Appendix 8

Hundon Football Club

Dear Amanda

I hope all is well with you, please see promised update for the councillors prior to the AGM.

Dear Chair and Parish Councillors

Please see latest update on progress with the changing facilities

The club has been working closely with the Football Foundation to secure match funding to enable the work to commence on the new facilities. A condition of the match funding from the Football Foundation is the appointment of a Consultant to provide technical expertise to the club and assurance to the Foundation. The Football Foundation recommended Alan Lamb who has worked on a number of similar projects in East Anglia. The club will be able to include Alan's fees in the grant application so the fees will not eat into funds already raised.

Alan has advised the club that in order to start the project as soon as possible and before planning expires we do the work in two phases. The first phase would be the changing rooms and kitchen, phase two would be the social area and storage area.

This would enable the club to continue to fund raise and mean there would be no compromise in the standard of what we build.

To date the club has raised just under £58,000 and the Foundation have indicated they will contribute approximately £70,000. Alan Lamb has advised that we should be able to complete phase one at a cost of approximately £140,000. If we use some of the skills within the club we may be able to reduce this cost and will continue to fund raise for a contingency and phase two.

In the next couple of weeks a start will be made on the foundations to ensure that the planning permission does not expire.

I will be attending the AGM on 21st April, however if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Anne Cutts

Vice Chair Hundon Football Club

