

Thank you.....

The Council was pleased to hear the positive feedback and comments about its first newsletter and grateful to members of the Hemswell & Harpswell Village Hall committee for distributing it free of charge. We plan to keep to the same format to share updates and news from the village and surrounding area but don't forget, council business and minutes are available on the noticeboards and website.

Local Councillor Elections

Four parish councillors were elected and took their seats at the Annual PC meeting on May 15th 2023 – Cllr. Bryan Mander (Chair), Cllr. James Roberts (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Margaret Foster and Cllr. Michelle Sheppard. Chris Black had decided not to stand for re-election and councillors expressed their thanks for the long service and support that he had given as a councillor and previously as Chair. This means there are three vacancies to be filled – could you be the right person to get involved and make a difference? Please get in touch with the clerk to find out more about the role and how to apply.

The Annual PC meeting always has a full agenda due to the many administrative and governance documents that must be reviewed, together with the approval of its accounting and audit records. As in previous years, the internal auditor commented on the robust systems in place for the management and administration of the council's affairs – which of course, the council will continue to maintain allowing it to fund and support projects and good causes in the community.

Mr. Paul Howitt-Cowan was successfully re-elected as District Councillor for Hemswell Ward (Independent), and the PC is grateful for his regular newsletters and attendance at PC meetings. You can find the reports on our website, <https://hemswell.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

Update on SID - Our Speed Indicator Device

We all know that excess speed is a major factor in road traffic accidents. The purpose of a SID is not to photograph or record number plates but to monitor driver behaviour and use that information to identify any measures needed to reinforce road safety. Our SID counted a total of 26337 vehicles on Bunkers Hill from Feb-May 2023, with a seven-day average daily movement of 268 vehicles, peaking at 8.00 am and 16:00, travelling at an *average* 26.51 mph. Figures also reveal that 85% of monitored vehicles were travelling at 31.7 mph in a 30 mph area - but most shockingly a speed of 54 mph was captured at 14:15 on 31 May 2023 – nearly twice the legal speed limit! So if you have concerns about speeding in the village, please be aware that data captured by the SID would need supporting details such as vehicle make/model/registration to bring it to the attention of the authorities, which only residents would be able to provide. But hopefully, the presence of SID serves as a reminder to all drivers about their speed and helps change driving habits for the better.



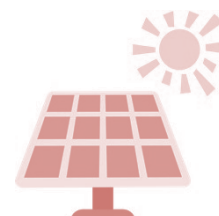
Hemswell and Harpswell 'Memory Books' Meeting - Tuesday 25th July at 7.00 pm

In the first newsletter, we reported that the work generously funded by the PC to digitally copy and preserve the collection of 'Memory Books' was complete. However, volunteers are needed for the next stages of the project and if you'd like to get involved or have experience in archiving or collating records, please come along to the Hemswell & Harpswell Village Hall on *Tuesday 25th July at 7.00 pm*. It doesn't matter if you're not a resident of Hemswell or Harpswell, if you are interested in heritage and local history and can spare a few hours a month to support this work, we'd love to hear from you. Look out for updates on the PC Facebook page and village notice boards.



Tillbridge Solar Limited Public Consultation on 6th July - your chance to get involved

You will most likely have seen the marketing campaigns and corresponding public concern regarding the planned solar and energy storage schemes in our neighbouring areas. Because the Tillbridge Solar Ltd. scheme is so large, with plans to generate over 50MW, it is legally required to carry out public consultations and the Tillbridge Solar project team will be at Hemswell & Harpswell Village Hall on *Thursday 6th July from 2:30 – 6:30 pm*.



**Looking ahead
– Rejuvenating
the Pinfold**

The Parish Council has declared itself an ‘interested party’ with concerns over the density of the developments and loss or impact upon agricultural land and aligns with the statements expressed by the 7000 Acres Group (see website: <https://www.7000acres.co.uk/>). No doubt there is much discussion and debate to come from these planned developments, and the Parish Council will discuss and report any issues that may impact the community via its bimonthly meetings.

Rejuvenating the ‘Pinfold’

In the first newsletter, we wrote that the PC is keen to ‘rejuvenate’ the pinfold on Brook Street. The pinfold (meaning a ‘pound’ or ‘fold/pen’ for stray sheep or cattle found grazing on land without permission) is recorded as Monument record MLI50994 on the Lincolnshire Heritage Explorer website. Once in the pinfold, a Pinder (usually appointed by the Manor Court) was responsible for rounding up, guarding, and caring for the animals until their owner paid a fine to reclaim them. It is thought that the Hemswell Pinfold dates to 1808 or earlier.



Are you a long-term resident of the village and recall the work in 1977 to restore the pinfold? – if so, why not share your views on how it should be rejuvenated? This picture from Vol. 5 of the ‘Memory Books’ was taken in May 1977 and annotated by the late Mrs Steadman.

We’d love to see your designs to help put together the budget and tenders for the work – hopefully with the support of a grant from WLDC. Look out for notices asking for your ideas and input and get in touch.

It’s clear the pinfold now needs some TLC and you’re invited to share your ideas on how best to rejuvenate this historic and special area of the village. Are you a landscaper or garden designer who could draw up some plans? perhaps you’ve transformed a patio and know what might work well in a small space like the pinfold? We’d

PLUS Did you know there’s a ‘Pounds and Pinfolds’ national register? Our pinfold isn’t listed there so perhaps you could visit the website and register it on behalf of the village? If so, please visit: <http://poundsandpinfolds.co.uk.websitebuilder.prositehosting.co.uk/>

Have a seat.....

Cllr. Mander has photographed the village benches and at the next PC meeting (17th July) council will discuss refurbishment/replacement options including material choices and cost. If you can help, e.g., some benches can be restored by pressure washing and re-oiling, or you would like to personalise a new bench with a dedication plaque, please get in touch.



And talking of ‘seats’, don’t forget there are three vacancies to fill on the PC and a full contingency of councillors is a good thing for achieving more within the community and local democracy!

Finally..... Your support and involvement with local events and meetings is always appreciated.

Dates for your Diary		Venue & Start Time
Thursday 6 th July	Tillbridge Solar Ltd – public consultation	Village Hall 2:30 – 6:30 pm
Monday 17 th July	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall 7.00 pm
Tuesday 25 th July	Village ‘Memory Books’ – update & plans for the future	Village Hall 7.00 pm
Sat 16 th Sept	Village Fun Pet show - classes for all (except rodents!), rosettes, refreshments, raffle! More details soon.	Brook Cottage 2:00 pm

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