
**Hemswell
Parish
Council**

Longstanding Service

After 15 years of service to Hemswell Parish Council as councillor and, latterly, as Vice-Chair, Margaret Foster felt it was the right time to step down after the PC meeting on March 17th 2025. Past and present PC members are very grateful for her support and dedication and for Margaret's contributions to the PC and the Hemswell community. We will miss Margaret's positive outlook and cheerful spirit, but we recognise that after 15 years of service, Margaret deserves a well-earned rest from the PC!

April 1st marks the beginning of the new financial year for the PC, which means reconciling financial accounts and records for submission to our auditors before making them accessible to the public from June 3rd – July 14th, 2025. The budget and the precept have been set for 2025-26 so the PC can begin implementing the aims and projects in its Action Plan. The grass-cutting season has started, and over the coming months, you will see a new bench installed along the Beck, with signage reminding dog owners of their duty to clear up after their pets. A new noticeboard is ready to be installed in the cemetery, and the cemetery gates and bench will be repainted and refurbished. Other benches around the village will be cleaned or scheduled for replacement. The PC was very grateful to the volunteers who made such a difference along the Beck last August, and it plans to hold more tidy-up days this year to carry on the good work.

**Vacancies &
Annual
Meetings
19/05/2025**

All PCs rely upon having proactive members and volunteers willing to get involved and to work to bring about the little changes that can make a big difference to a community. Margaret Foster's resignation leaves the PC with three vacancies, which it would very much like to fill, so if you'd like to know more about the role of the PC and its councillors, please contact the clerk via hemswellparishcouncil@gmail.com.



The next PC meeting is its *Annual Meeting* on Monday, May 19th, at 7.00 pm, but there's an important meeting starting at 6.30 pm on the same day, the *Annual Meeting of the Parish*. This is your opportunity to come along and speak on any matters of local interest – perhaps we can tempt you to attend with the offer of tea, coffee and biscuits? Look out for more details on the village noticeboard and Facebook posts.

**Exercise
your right
to vote on
1st May
2025**

County and Mayoral Elections – Thursday 1st May 2025

You might not have May 1st ringed in your calendar as an important day, but two elections are taking place that day - one for the first new post of Mayor in the Combined Authority Mayoral Election and the other, the Lincolnshire County Elections. It's easy to think that voting doesn't make a difference to anything, but these elected representatives will make choices and decisions on your behalf, so voting lets your voice be heard.

You need to be registered to vote and have valid ID if you plan to vote in person at the Hemswell and Harpswell Village Hall on May 1st 2025 – you can find out more on the West Lindsey website and Facebook page. <https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/elections-voting>



Speed Indicator Device (SID) - Data from Maypole Street and Dawnhill Lane

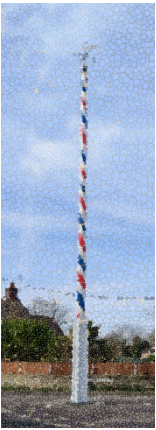
The SID monitored traffic travelling down Maypole Street from 31/8/2024 – 11/10/2024, recording 2572 traffic counts in this period with an average daily movement of 60 vehicles (7-day period). The average speed was 17.36 mph, and the 85th percentile speed was excellent at just 22 mph. The max. recorded speed was 33 mph (08/10/2024 at 15:55).

The SID was moved to Dawnhill Lane and monitored traffic from 12/10/2024 - 15/02/2025. SID recorded 6256 traffic counts in this period with an average daily movement of 54 vehicles (7-day period). The average speed was just 14.08 mph, and the 85th percentile speed was only 17 mph. The max. recorded speed was 27 mph (12/10/2024 at 15:10). The PC is very pleased to report such good results from these two sites. Let's hope the data from Bunkers Hill reveals equally good compliance with the 30 mph speed limit!

Making the Month of May Memorable

May Day – Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May 2025

The Maypole has a fresh coat of paint and is looking bright and shiny in the spring sunshine, ready to be adorned with ribbons for dance rehearsals (starting Monday, April 21st, 6.00-6.30 pm) in the run-up to May Day (May 5th). But before we can all enjoy the dancing, music, BBQ and stalls, the Village Hall Committee are looking for your support and donations – everything from prizes for the raffle, cakes and bakes for the stalls, books, plants, or help with set-up and tidy-up after the event – so keep an eye out for the posts and posters and spread the word about the very special tradition of May Day celebrations that Hemswell is keeping alive.



VE 80 Day – Thursday 8th May 2025

2025 marks 80 years since the end of the Second World War, with Victory in Europe (VE) Day on May 8th 1945 and Victory over Japan (VJ) Day on August 15th 1945. Organisations and councils across the country are marking these momentous anniversaries to ensure that the service and sacrifice of the Second World War generation is always remembered – with beacons, street parties, church bells and fish and chip suppers! If you can knit, craft or crochet a poppy (we have patterns available), please contact Tina Ramsay or Sally Ann Everatt, and they will be added to our collection for displays around the village.



All Saints Church, Hemswell. Churches Festival – Weekend of 10th & 11th of May 2025

The church will be open from 10:00 am-4:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday to share a host of church and local history records and displays. The church records will be available together with the Hemswell censuses from 1841 to 1911 – a great way to find out who lived at your property before you did! Plus, there is a churchyard plan with inscriptions from the memorials. And if you've never heard of Roving Molly, come along to see early photographs and paintings of the mill that stood on the hill in Hemswell. Staying with VE Day celebrations, there will be tributes to the fallen during WWI and WWII. You can also browse the wonderful Hemswell Village 'Memory Books' while enjoying fabulous homemade cakes and bakes with a lovely cup of tea (other beverages are available!). For those of you with musical talents, why not come along and play the church organ to keep our visitors entertained? Please help promote this event – all our local churches need your support. You can find details of the event at <https://www.churchesfestival.info>



We don't have room here to provide full minutes from our PC meetings, but you can always find them on the notice board at the Village Hall and on the PC website, which has all the meeting dates, agendas, policies, budgets, expenditure, etc. required as part of our governance. See <https://hemswell.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>