

HINXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 15th May 2023.

1. Introduction, Welcome and Apologies.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Reports from Village Organisations:

Churchwarden Report 2022 – 2023 for the Parish Council.

Margaret Malcolm

It is eight years since I first became churchwarden at Hinxton and overall it has been a pretty painless experience! Now the time has come to hand on to someone else but I do so knowing that different members of the congregation – and particularly those of the PCC – are always willing to step up and help whenever the need arises. May my successor be encouraged!

We are so thankful to Lydia Smith, our vicar, for the help and support which she has given throughout the year; leading us so helpfully in worship and guiding us in the various decisions and procedures which have to be followed to keep us in line with the correct way of doing things and helping us to stay in step with Ickleton and Duxford over issues like mask-wearing (now thankfully a thing of the past) and the way in which we celebrate Holy Communion.

We have many ‘passers-by’ who call in to have a look at the church building and many comment on the good condition which it is in. Usually there are comments too about the kneelers which add such a beautiful splash of colour and really do enhance the appearance of the church.

But the church isn’t primarily about the building. We now have a table in the south aisle which has a display, regularly changed, which encourages us to think about why the church is important; why the spiritual aspect of life is important and with a focus on how much God loves us and the blessings that He brings

We want to be a welcoming church and involvement with the local community matters to us. One day in the not-too-distant future our parish boundary is going to expand to the other side of the A1301. Will we be able to reach out to those newcomers and welcome them into our community? Who knows what blessings they might bring?

Church Building

The old boilers in the tower very nearly died a death last autumn but our contractor who looks after these things managed to combine the working parts of both boilers and provide us with one which has kept us going through winter and early spring. However this ideally should be replaced before October this year, and in aiming to keep our carbon footprint to a minimum we are considering all available options

Early this year the old flood lights were replaced and what a difference it makes having the church lit up on dark winter evenings.

We had our Quinquennial inspection last November and it was reassuring to know that overall the church is in very good condition. The gutters and downpipes require attention and it is hoped that these will be cleaned and repainted in the not too distant future. There are also a couple of stonework repairs which also require attention

We can all be very grateful to my predecessor Andrew Walker, and others before him, who worked hard to get the building to its present good state of repair. Inevitably that requires regular fund raising but we and the Friends of

Hinxton Church aim to do that in a way which benefits the whole village, whether by the Silent Auction, an occasional International Meal, a Quiz evening or other events which all can enjoy.

I pass on the baton of Churchwarden knowing that it is not a lonely task. Others are here to support, encourage and share the work..

Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall has enjoyed a busy year with an increase in bookings. The National Childbirth Trust have continued to use the hall on a regular basis and there have been many family gatherings and children`s parties. Our hall is particularly well suited to these types of events and many users come back time and again.

Regular Parish Council meetings, church events, village charities and clubs are all appreciative to have use of the hall. Our monthly coffee mornings have grown in popularity with 20 or more attending for coffee and cake thanks to a rota of hosts and the generosity of the Ann Housden Trust. Recently we have further added tea/social mornings on Mondays and Tuesdays thanks to Mike Boagey and Debbie Harris.

Some new favourites such as the Light Up Hinxton event are now becoming annual occurrences,

We celebrated the late Queen Elizabeth`s Jubilee in June with a Bring and Share lunch party and enjoyed a wine tasting organised by Alex Lake in October. This and the Light up Hinxton event raised a good amount for the local foodbank.

Our financial position is healthy and at present we have £34,181 in the bank which is very similar to this time last year. We are especially pleased with the income from the National Childbirth Trust which has added over £2000 to our account.

We are delighted that Lauren Lake has taken on the Secretarial role on the committee and she is doing a wonderful job.

Discussions continue as to the future development of the hall and in the meantime we will endeavour to ensure all necessary maintenance is carried out.

Rosemary Breen
Hinxton Village Hall Committee

Chairman

Allotments

There is still one allotment available, please contact Clerk if interested

Friends of Hinxton Church

Secretary's Report 2022/23

The last AGM was held in May 2022.

Those present were; Colin Moses (Chair), Andrew Walker (Treasurer), Graham Smith, Merv Russell, Margaret Malcolm, Kate Riley (Secretary)

Apologies; Jane Chater.

The Current Officers were confirmed for the year;

Colin Moses (Chairman), Alex Lake (Treasurer), Kate Riley (Secretary), Merv Russell.

Nominated members agreed to continue and were seconded by one another; Margaret Malcolm (Hinxton Parochial Council), Jane Chater and Graham Smith (Hinxton Parish Council) .

In September of 2022 Sarah Steele was nominated by the PCC to join the committee.

Sadly Colin Moses will be resigning from the role of Chair as of the AGM.

It was confirmed at the AGM 2022 that the subscription rates remain the same for another year, particularly in view of the slow growing membership. These are;

£50 life members

£5 individual members

£10 per family.

Alex Lake will provide the Financial Statement at our AGM for the year ending 31st March 2023 in his first full year as Treasurer. The Committee is reviewing the choice of Bank account for online access, and also the Liability Insurance.

This year has been low key, but The Friends expect to continue with provision of funds towards the church maintenance wherever possible.

The Committee has met in May & September 2022, and February 2023.

During the year, we enjoyed another Garden Evening in the wonderful setting of The Oak House, with food brought and shared by all.

A **total** of £1368.50 was raised on the evening and the raffle proceeds of £315 went to The Friends of Fulbourn Hospital.

My huge thanks to those who cheerfully planned & managed the event. In particular I want to thank the Chaters, and to mention especially Virginia & Andrew Walker who worked endlessly & generously yet again to ensure the success of the evening.

Our thanks also to Alex Clarke of the Red Lion for his support, and to Rosemary Breen for contributions over the year from the sale of her cards.

Lastly, we have sold nearly all of The Hinxton Walk booklets so a new version may be due this year.

I hope to welcome new members of the Community this year, and thank the many unseen helpers who keep us going.

**REPORT FROM THE ANN HOWSDEN TRUSTEES FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF HINXTON
PARISH COUNCIL**

May 2023

Since the last report to the Hinxtton Parish Council, the trustees have met in person on a quarterly basis, with an additional extraordinary meeting to discuss time-critical issues related to the properties.

10th May 2022

30th August 2022

17th November 2022

3rd February 2023 (Extraordinary meeting)

14th March 2023 – Annual General Meeting.

The Report and Financial Statements for the year ending on the 30th September 2022 were approved at the AGM. Although not actually required by the Charities Commission, the accounts were reviewed by an independent examiner.

The decision was taken in April 2023 to switch the investment portfolio to a specific Charities Fund, which is regulated by the Charities Commission and obviates the need for the Charity to develop its own policy on ethical investment.

A number of charitable donations were made during 2022: a sum towards church heating/restoration and churchyard maintenance, Christmas gifts and heating disbursements for a number of Hinxtton pensioners and funding towards 'Light Up Hinxtton'. Trustees have also delivered cards and given flowers or baskets of fruit to Hinxtton residents who have been bereaved or unwell. Refreshments are funded for those who enjoy monthly coffee mornings in Hinxtton Village Hall. The Village Hall Committee very kindly allow use of the Hall rent free for these events, and for face-to-face Charity meetings.

During 2022, a substantial project was undertaken to improve the gardens of the Duxford Road bungalows that belong to the Charity. This involved putting in place new fencing and new sheds, which were repositioned to the bottom of gardens and supplied with electricity, and returfing after removal of old shed plinths and pathways.

Following the death of the tenant of one of the bungalows, a substantial refurbishment was undertaken including installation of a new kitchen, bathroom modifications and redecoration throughout. The availability of the bungalow was advertised on the Hinxtton Facebook page and in posters that were put up around the village. Trustees considered the applications for tenancy and assessed them against the Charity's Objects and the eligibility criteria set out in the Charitable Activities Policy. New tenants moved into the bungalow in May 2023.

3. Annual Report by the Chairman, and a Statement on the Parish Council accounts for Year ending 31 March 2023

Hinxton Parish Council

Receipts and Payments Account - Year Ended 31st March 2023

Year Ended 31st March 2021	Year Ended 31st March 2022		Year Ended 31st March 2023		
£	£	Receipts	£		
15200	13812	Precept	15.795		
3	1.56	Bank Interest	35.21		
1100	0	Grants	566		
1816	1458	VAT	1,422		
150	200	Allotments	180		
802	765.49	Village hall utilities	657.50		
4081	11631	Other Receipts	2,841		
23150	27868	Total Receipts	21,497		
		Payments			
Year Ended 31st March 2021	Year Ended 31st March 2022		Year Ended 31st March 2023		
1072	2154	Insurance	2626		
708	2229	Village Maintenance	9583		
651	689	Village hall Gas / Electric	554		
5109	107	Village Hall/Playground equip	7228		
5116	7277	Administration & misc	1946		
4378	4383	Clerks Fee	4432		
1090	1090	PAYE/NI	1090		
148		Allotments			
0	30	Donations	250		
1836	1138	VAT Payments	2352		
20108	19097	Total Payments	30,068		
CASH		Treasury acct.	Business acct	Village Hall WT	Total
Opening Bank Balance 01/04/22		27,271	11,041	7560	45893
Payments		30068	0		30,068
Receipts		21497	21		21,518
Closing Bank Balance 31/03/23		18699	11062	7560	37322