

Haxey Parish Council, Newsletter, October 2014

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Remembrance Service

The laying of remembrance wreaths will take place at the War Memorial, Burrell's Corner, on Tuesday 11th November commencing at 10.45am.

British Legion, veterans, uniform groups and members of the public are invited to attend.

The service will include the Last Post and Reveille being played by a local teenager and the 2 minute silence at 11am. The Parish Council is in the process of organising a road closure of Epworth Road, East Lound Road and Graizelound Field Road on Tuesday 11th November from 10.45am to 11.15am. Any concerns please contact the Parish Clerk for further details.

The Parish Council are providing wreaths for both war memorials and are contributing to the cost of refreshments after the church service on the Sunday.

Recent Parish Council Activity

Finance Committee Meeting

The Parish Council Finance Committee met in September to discuss the next year's budget, consider the Parish Council's next year's Insurance premium and make a recommendation to the Full Council on the Parish Land Valuation and Rent Review which had been completed by Grice and Hunter in December 2013. Following detailed discussion, the Committee acknowledged the continued national recessionary conditions, the recognised improvement in the situation and the current state of the Parish Council Finances, the fact that the Council had not increased the Parish Land rent for several years and the Valuation Review had indicated a generally modest increase. The Committee decided unanimously to recommend to the Full Council that the Parish Council Land Rent is increased in line with the valuation set out in the report.

The Committee went on to consider the latest quotation for the Parish Council Insurance policy. The schedule of insurance was examined, amendments agreed and the Committee noted that despite the amendments and the inclusion of Westwoodside Playing Fields, there had been an overall modest saving on the premium for the next year. The Committee decided unanimously to recommend to the Full Council that the quotation is accepted.

Finally, the Committee considered the projected income, outgoings and expenditure expected on Parish Council projects for the coming year and the precept spreadsheet reflecting the finances was scrutinized in detail. The past allocation of the precept by the Principal Authority was discussed and a projection of what might be expected for the coming financial year was considered. The Committee agreed unanimously that at this point in the financial cycle and considering the fact that the precept had not been increased for some 5 years, it would be moving towards a recommendation for an increase in precept to £40,000 (an increase in £5000 over the last 5 years). A further meeting would be held in November to finalise the recommendation to the Full Council for the 2015/16 precept, when it was hoped more information would be available on how the precept would be devolved by the Principal Authority.

Haxey Parish Council Land Working Party

The Parish Council Land Working Party met recently to discuss issues concerning the Parish Allotment Site as the Tenancy Agreement with Haxey Parish Allotment Association comes up for

renewal after the first 5 years of operation. Following detailed discussions with Association Representatives, the Working Party took an action to revise all the Tenancy paperwork and following agreement with the Association, the Tenancy will be extended for a further 5 years. The Association advised the Working Party that they had now been awarded a grant from the Lottery for the installation of electricity to the site and work would be started on this in the near future. The Working Party was also advised that a number of the Plot Holders had relinquished their plots over the past few months for various reasons not connected to the facility provided and there were still a small number of plots available. The Association will be advertising these plots outside of the Parish to ensure that the site is fully utilised, so if any Parish Resident is interested they should contact the Chairman of the Association, Steve Brown on 01427 753517, email brownsteve1955@gmail.com or the Clerk to the Parish Council. Preference will still be given to Parish Residents.

The Working Party also decided to remove and dispose of the back up grit and salt bags currently stored in the Allotment container. The back up supply of salt had not been used for the past 3 years and had now become difficult to manage. Once the old salt has been removed from the Allotment site, should any of the Parish Council's green salt bins need to be replenished over the Winter period, the Clerk to the Parish Council should be advised so arrangements to refill the bins can be made with North Lincolnshire Council. The Parish Community Emergency plan has been amended to reflect the new situation.

Finally, as the Parish Council is responsible for the St Nicholas Church Closed Churchyard, the Working Party discussed the survey commissioned by the Council and carried out by a memorials specialist to identify work required on the closed churchyard to make the area safe. The survey had identified 16 memorials that needed attention, which would cost the Parish in excess of £1600. It was decided that the Working Party would recommend to the Full Council that the work should be authorised and should be split into 2 work packages and that the first phase should commence as soon as practicable. Following negotiations with the memorials specialist, this was expected by the end of the year. In the meantime, the memorials identified would be published on the Council website and in the Arrow (details below), stating that any relatives should contact the Clerk to the Parish Council prior to 10th December, 2014. If no contact is received, the Parish Council will assume that there is no objection to any remedial work on the memorials being carried out.

Location	Name on Memorial	Work Required	Location	Name on Memorial	Work Required
CS 20	Jane Cooper	Dowelling required	NL R3 03	John Jackson	Dowelling required
CS 23	William Jackson	Dowelling required	NL R3 04	William Spencer	Bury base
NL R1 04	Abigail Hewson	Dowelling required	NL R3 05	Thomas Spencer	Bury base
NL R13 01	John Eastwood	Dowelling required	NL R4 02	Herbert Rigby	Dowelling required
NL R2 02	Theresa Hollome	Dowelling required	NL R4 05	Arthur Allen	Bury base
NL R3 01	Violet Coop	Dowelling required	NL R7 03	Sarah Garratt	Dowelling required
NL R3 02	Mary Kellet	Dowelling required	NR R15 01	Matilda Newborn	Bury base
NL R6 03	William Solvin	Bury base	NR R8 02	John Hather	Bury base

CS = Church Side NL = Nature Left NR = Nature Right