

HACHESTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Changes to the Parish Council

Sadly, Nikki Markham has had to resign from the Council due to increasing work and home commitments. We thank her for her hard work, energy and positivity during her period as a Councillor and Chair.

James Hardy has now been elected as our new Chair and has settled into the role brilliantly. Lucy Lavender and Andy Markham joined us as Councillors in 2023 and we're really pleased to welcome them to the team!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2024

24th January

27th March,

22nd May (plus the Annual Parish Meeting- reports from Village Organisations are welcomed)

24th July,

**25th September
and 27th November.**

Plus additional meetings to discuss planning applications as and when necessary.

WINTER - SPRING 2024

TUBE TRAFFIC SURVEYS

You may have noticed tubes across the road in various locations around Hacheston in the past couple of months. The Parish Council has commissioned these surveys to get an idea of the numbers, type and speed of vehicles using the village.

We hope to have an ANPR speed camera visit the village again soon as a result of the surveys and data from our Speed Indicator Devices.



Flood Insurance

A flood in your home is devastating enough, but a real worry if you are not insured or cannot get insurance.

FloodRe is a government led initiative to help buy affordable home insurance. This is particularly hard for those who live in areas who are at high risk of flooding or who have previously been flooded.

"FloodRe is designed to help people who buy buildings or contents insurance for properties which are at risk of flooding, providing they own and live in them. There is also a rule meaning you won't be eligible if your property was built after January 1st 2009". Visit www.floodre.co.uk or talk with your insurers. A list of insurers using Flood Re can be found at www.floodre.co.uk/find-an-insurer.

A wealth of useful information including helpful guides for property flood resilience and recovery can be found at www.floodmary.com

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Please put the following dates in your diary. The more the merrier!

Friday 23rd February–

Bar Night

Friday 29th March

Quiz night

Friday 26th April Book Event –

Sarah Hardy talks about her book *'The Walled Garden'*

Friday 17th May

Village Hall AGM and bar night

Sunday 2nd June Big lunch, village celebration

Friday 28th June Bar night

Sat 27th July Pétanque and BBQ

The screenshot shows the Flood Mary website header with navigation links: HOME, HELP AND RESOURCES, BLOGS & NEWS, FLOOD RE, ABOUT, CONTACT. The main content area features an article titled "The property flood resilience champion" with a photo of Mary Long-Dhonau OBE. The article text reads: "Having been flooded on many occasions, I have been supporting other victims of flooding during recovery for over 20 years. My passion is fighting to raise awareness of flood risk and property flood resilience. You can find me working with homeowners, communities, local authorities, the Environment Agency and Flood Re on this mission." Mary Long-Dhonau OBE.

A grid of six blue buttons with white text and arrows, each linking to a resource:

- ABI: recovering from a flood
- ABI: a guide to resistant and resilient repair
- CIRIA: repairing and restoring buildings following floods
- BDMA: understanding basic flood recovery procedures
- GOV.UK: What happens after a flood
- PCA: Flood damage repair



Next Meeting

The Parish Council next meets at 7.30pm on Wednesday 27th March. We hope our County Councillor and a SCC Highways Engineer will be at that meeting to talk about what we can do to address highways issues in the village. Residents are most welcome to attend too.



Community Speed Watch: Could you be Part of the Team?

One persistent concern of residents is the issue of speeding motorists. In an effort to make Hacheston safer for everyone, we are hoping to re-launch the Community Speed Watch Scheme. We need at least 6 volunteers to run the scheme.

What is Community Speed Watch?

Community Speed Watch is a volunteer-based initiative that aims to address speeding issues in local communities. It empowers residents to take an active role in promoting road safety and reducing speeding through community-led efforts.

How Does it Work?

Volunteers in the Community Speed Watch Scheme work in teams, equipped with speed detection devices. These devices help monitor the speed of passing vehicles. When a speeding vehicle is identified, the details are recorded, and a warning letter is sent to the registered owner, reminding them of the speed limit in the area.

Why Join?

Make a Difference: By volunteering for the Community Speed Watch Scheme, you actively contribute to making our streets safer for everyone, including children and pedestrians.

Community Bonding: Joining the scheme provides an opportunity to connect with fellow residents who share a common goal of promoting road safety in Hacheston.

Flexibility: Volunteering is flexible and can easily fit into your schedule. Whether you have a few hours a week or a month to spare, every contribution makes a positive impact.

Raise Awareness: Community Speed Watch not only addresses speeding but also raises awareness about the importance of adhering to speed limits and fostering responsible driving behaviour.

How Can You Get Involved?

Joining the Community Speed Watch Scheme is easy and rewarding. If you are interested, please email the Parish Council hachestonparishclerk@gmail.com





DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION FOR OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR?

Sally Noble is keen to meet and help as many Hacheston residents as possible. If you have a question for her or would be interested in attending a clinic in the village to chat with her, please email her on: sally.noble@eastsoffolk.gov.uk

A Plea from East Suffolk Services

East Suffolk Services are asking residents to please carefully check what they put in their blue recycling bins. Mistakes cost a lot of money to put right – £100,000 a year in East Suffolk alone!

If you contaminate the bin it not only means East Suffolk can't recycle that material but it's also expensive for the council and is really bad for the environment. According to East Suffolk Council, one in five of its blue bin lorry loads are sent for incineration or landfill because they contain the "wrong" rubbish.

The most common items incorrectly dumped in recycling bins includes glass bottles and jars, plastic shopping bags, black waste sacks, food waste, dirty disposable nappies and cartons. All items must also be loose, not bagged.

There are lots of other places to recycle things that don't go in your household recycling bin. such as Many supermarkets now collect plastic bags, soft plastics and batteries for recycling. The rule with plastic is – if you can scrunch it up it cannot go in the blue bin.

Thank you for your support.



The deadline to apply for East Suffolk Council's Flood Recovery Grant was 31.12.2023 and all payments should now have been made. If you applied but have not had your £500 yet, please contact us on hachestonparishclerk@gmail.com and we will try to help.



With six Councillors already serving, we currently have one vacancy.

We would love for someone with passion, commitment and a desire to help improve our village to consider taking on this interesting voluntary role.

Why Become a Parish Councillor?

Direct Impact: As a Parish Councillor, you have a direct influence on local decisions that shape our community's future. Your voice matters.

Community Advocacy: Represent the interests and concerns of your fellow residents, ensuring their voices are heard at the decision-making table.

Local Initiatives: Contribute to the development of projects and initiatives that enhance the quality of life in our village.

Networking: Forge connections with other local leaders and organisations to foster collaboration and positive change.

The Role of a Parish Councillor

Parish Council meetings take place every other month, providing an accessible commitment for those with busy schedules. During these meetings, Councillors discuss and decide on a range of local issues, from planning applications to traffic-calming measures to consider.

Who Can Apply?

No prior experience is necessary, and we encourage residents from all walks of life to consider this opportunity. If you are passionate about our community and eager to contribute, you could be the ideal candidate.

Make a Difference: Your Village Needs You!

By becoming a Parish Councillor, you have the power to help shape the future of our village. We encourage you to consider this interesting role and are happy to answer any questions you may have.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact hachestonparishclerk@gmail.com or speak with any of our Parish Councillors.



Community Funding: We want to hear from YOU

Have you ever wondered what "CIL payments" are and their impact on your village? Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds are financial contributions made by developers to support local infrastructure and services. And now, it's time for you to have a say in how these funds can enhance our village.

CIL payments are a way for developers to contribute to the local community when they undertake new projects. Hacheston has had significant development in the last few years and now we have £31,000 in our CIL reserves. These funds are intended to address the impact of development on infrastructure and services in the village.

Your Voice, Your Choice

We believe in the power of community engagement, and that's where you come in! We would value your opinion on what you think we should use our CIL funds on. This is an exciting opportunity to shape the future of our village and ensure that the projects align with the needs and aspirations of our residents.

We want to hear from you! Share your thoughts on which projects matter most to you and your fellow residents. Whether it's enhancing green spaces, improving local amenities, or trying to implement traffic-calming measures in the village, your opinion on various possible projects would be appreciated.

Make Your Mark on Our Village

Your participation is vital in ensuring that the CIL funds contribute to projects that residents truly want. Let's work together to create positive change and make our village an even better place to live.

Please select which options you are in favour on our outline survey or feel free to add your own ideas.

Have Your Say



POSSIBLE CIL PROJECTS

We would love your views on how you think our village CIL funds should be spent. These ideas have all been put forward by residents and we have given a rough idea of the cost of each. We are at a very early stage in this- some of these ideas may need the permission of other parties.

Please circle which option(s) you would support and return the form to the Parish Council's post box on the side of the Village Hall.

01

Painted 30mph roundels & SLOW markings



SCC will no longer routinely re-paint these but they are a useful reminder to motorists of the speed limit (£4,300)

02

Bus shelter



Subject to SCC Highway's permission, this would be near the Village Hall driveway for school children's benefit in inclement weather (£3-4k plus installation costs)

03

Village Hall solar panel batteries



To store any excess electricity the Village Hall's panels generate (£7k- £10k+)

04

Electric Vehicle charging point



The costs depend on the speed of charge. (£4- 8k)

05

Other traffic calming measures



Entrance gateways, (£4k) another Speed Indicator Device (£3k), pedestrian crossing (£32k)

06

Out door gym or play equipment



Would you like to see any additional play equipment? (Often £5-10k per item) Would you like an outdoor gym to be installed? (£8-10k+)

07

Benches



Some of the wooden benches at the play area will need replacing soon (£2k for 5)

Any other ideas or comments?
