

Hayton and Tiln Parish Council NEWSLETTER

May 2021



Finally it feels like the world is returning as the lockdown restrictions ease in line with the Government Roadmap. We can all start to live a little and to share special times with our friends and family.

We held our first remote Annual Parish Meeting in May and it was so pleasing to have such a great public attendance. This was followed by our last remote Parish Council Meeting since we can revert to face to face meetings from July. I am delighted to announce that we will be joined by two new Parish Councillors; Pam Dawson and Barbara Barthorpe. This is such a positive move to ensuring more diversity on the Parish Council.

We are still looking for more suggestions to improve the Playing Field as a result of us securing a Lottery Grant. Please do send your thoughts to our Parish Clerk as we would like to move this forward without delay.

Work on the Neighbourhood Plan is now gathering apace. There is lots to do and we would welcome more volunteers to help with information gathering and research. Being part of the group offers many opportunities to learn more about our villages and residents and to make a positive contribution, leaving a legacy for future generations.

**Sue Gott,
Chair of Parish Council**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

HAYTON VILLAGE HALL - June 5th Village Hall Quiz Night

Looking forward to seeing you all at our first Quiz of the year.

However, because of the need to comply with the government Covid rules we need to allocate seating.

So please contact :-
Linda on 471384 or Graham 860846

Please remember to bring your own nibbles and drinks.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 5th July we hope that this will be held in the Village Hall, further information to follow. Please check our facebook page or website for further details

VILLAGE LOTTERY

April Winners

1st David Bovill
2nd Max Lowe
3rd Liz Pryar
4th Sue Wass
5th Graham Barthorpe

May Winners

1st John Wheatley
2nd Jayne Bovill
3rd Ed Martin
4th Tamara Burton
5th Kay Brammer

We are delighted to report that 32 new members have joined the Village Hall Lottery this time; thank you to you all for your support. Thanks too to those who have supported this venture over the years. If anyone still wishes to join in, it's not too late. Please drop your details through the village hall letterbox, together with £10 (for the balance of the year) before June, when the next winners will be drawn.

GENTLY DOES IT

When your twenty first birthday was half a century ago your mind is certainly concentrated upon what the future holds. If I could stand back fifty years and tell the older man I have become not to worry, the older man would reply "I won't".

The inevitability of what comes to all is softened by the courage to accept it, the achievements along the way, the love of your family and friends and the universal vision of our creation.

Dylan Thomas's short but wonderful poem 'Do not go gentle into that good night' relays the sentiment of a younger man worried about the impending death of his father and urges him to rage against the dying of the light. Although it was a noble wish the irony is that Thomas died at the age of thirty nine the victim of a reckless lifestyle.

David Otter

HAYTON PLAYING FIELD

We are still looking for suggestions from residents regarding what improvements they would like to see on the Playing Field. We have a £950 lottery grant to spend and ideas on what to spend this on is welcome from all villagers. Please contact clerk@haytonparish.co.uk

BASSETLAW SPRING CLEAN

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the Hayton Spring clean, although we only had a very small number of volunteers, between them they collected several bags of rubbish. Its nice to now see the village looking so clean and tidy.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

As mentioned in the April newsletter, we are looking for some help please!

The Neighbourhood Plan Group is working away steadily but one of the key elements of the plan that we cannot complete ourselves is getting the input from the Parish residents. Thank you to everyone who returned a questionnaire in November last year; these results formed a view of who is here and what they would like to see, or not see, in terms of future development. The next step we are working on is looking at what our parish has to offer right now and what it means to you.

In an ideal world we would hold a bacon butty incited group walk or perhaps something similar offering cake! However, it is not currently an ideal world – far from it – so instead we are thinking of ways to involve as many individuals and family groups as possible to feed into a larger group result without actually meeting up. We are creating a form to outline the info we need but it could also just be a case of taking notes along your daily walk, doing a drawing of your favourite place in the village or simply commenting on a facebook post alongside others. If you think you might have a short amount of time to help then we would love to hear from you, preferably by the end of May. In fact we need to hear from you as it is a legal requirement of the plan to have consulted with residents so we will be in touch somehow if we are not flooded by willing volunteers!

We are particularly keen to hear from anyone who lives in Tiln as it forms a significant part of our Parish but is a very different place to live from Hayton village. In particular, we want to make sure we have a true representation of what those living in Tiln consider reasonable or unreasonable development so if you wish to have your thoughts taken into account then please do contact us, even with just a few quick comments.

Of course, if you have any other queries or comments regarding the plan then please feel free to get in touch too; contact details below.

Many thanks

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ST PETER'S CHURCH



St. Peter's Church, Hayton. Hope to be re-opening for normal services in the near future. In the meantime we will be arranging the dates for the Pet's Service and Harvest Festival at the APCM at 2.30pm on the 20th May. For those who have not been before the Pet's Service is a joy. Rev'd Mark Cantrill blesses each animal individually. We usually have a Church full of surprisingly well behaved dogs and a few cats, sometimes rabbits, hamsters and once a horse attended. One year we even had a hive of 3000 bees who snoozed quietly in their hive. The short service which gives thanks for all animals both domestic, farmed and wild, usually contains a couple of well known hymns and often a funny song using a well known tune. Harvest is always a cheerful, thankful service with the Church decorated. We enjoy the familiar harvest hymns which are particularly meaningful in a country Church. Sadly, the pandemic has prevented us from meeting together for over a year, but now hopefully, we can look forward to enjoying our traditional village events again.

Elizabeth Hill

GARDENING TIPS APRIL

With rain and warmth at last, perennial plants, grass and weeds are growing apace, and gardens are looking fresh and sparkling in the sunshine. Conditions are perfect for sowing seeds and planting but frosts are still a possibility so it is still a bit early to plant out tender plants. Runner beans, courgettes and sweet corn are best sown in pots and not planted out until June. Likewise, baskets can be planted up and kept in a greenhouse or cold frame. Other jobs include hardening off, earthing up potatoes, checking for and removing viburnum and lily beetles and gooseberry sawfly, weeding before seeds form and removing blanket weed from ponds, leaving it on the side to dry out before adding to the compost heap so that trapped creatures can re-enter the pond.

A pond greatly enhances any garden. It can bring immense pleasure and be a haven for wildlife. Ideally, a pond should be partly in shade as bright sunshine encourages algal growth and not under trees as leaves adversely affect water quality and removing them is a chore. Last year, we converted an old unsightly leaking stagnant duck pond at Blaksmith's Cottage into a picturesque "living" one. Unfortunately, a thick concrete base meant that the new pond had to be fairly shallow and we left some of the old black liner on a steep slope behind the pond as it was cemented in. We used new liner and built up the slope with rocks and terracing to create planting areas as well as constructing ledges for aquatic plants. Finally, stones and gravel have been placed to hide the liner and provide refuge for wild life and a fountain was installed. We now have a variety of aquatic plants, some with beautiful flowers, including a water lily suitable for shallow water. The water was soon bustling with water boatmen, whirligig and other beetles and nymphs and above we had a range of pollinators and even dragonflies. This year, we have frogs and many newts. A few newts can be seen in day light but the best way to see them is by torchlight in the dark. We have just counted 10 whilst on our nightly hedgehog feeding round. Unlike frogs, newts lay their eggs on folded plant leaves, one per leaf. Favoured plants include water forget-me-nots, water mint and marsh marigolds.



We are all being encouraged to avoid regular mowing and to let grass grow long, allowing flowering plants like daisies, buttercups and clover to thrive and attract pollinators. Also many invertebrates including moths feed on grasses. Most of us would want to keep some areas short and cutting curved pathways can have a pleasing effect. Strips will also need to be cut next to borders. Long grass can be cut in mid to late summer but a new wild flower meadow should be cut every two months to a length of about two inches. This encourages root development and perennial flowers. Beware when cutting as amphibians and hedgehogs may be lurking in long grass. Strimmers are a particular risk.

Roger Lloyd-Mostyn

HAYTON PARISH ANNUAL MEETING 2021 REPORTS

DOLE FIELD REPORT -YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees are, Rev. M Cantrill, Mrs S Brindley, Mrs B Barthorpe Mr W Harrison & Mr R Smith.

The condition of the field continues to improve under the tenant's stewardship.

No grants were made this year.

It should be noted that the Dole Field is a separate entity; managed by the above Trustee's who have a responsibility to make a report at the Annual Parish Meeting.

R Smith

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – PLAYING FIELD WORKING PARTY REPORT

Since formation in 2020 the WP has completed:

- the clearance of scrub, tree stumps, debris and rubbish from the western fence line, removing branches which were obstructing grass cutting.
- Re-organised the flood equipment and other stored items in the shed to allow easier access. Delivered 10 empty sandbags, replacing split bags delivered 2 – 3 years ago, to resident at Sherrifs Green, Church Lane.
- Completed an inventory of the shed contents and lodged same with the PC.
- Carried out a tree survey around the PF and submitted to the PC with recommendations for replacements.
- Carried out safety checks on the play equipment as per ToRs
- Checked suitability of bench in shed to replace dilapidated bench on corner of Main St. and Church Lane, removed Main St. bench to the Shed for safe storage and commenced preparation of the 'shed' bench for refurbishment after liaising with the Footit family, who originally sponsored this bench.
- Planted mature Copper Beech tree in SE corner to replace felled Sycamore, Tree donated by Barbara Barthorpe. LP sourced an 8Ft high Sycamore for planting when best, perhaps to replace the dead chestnut identified in the NE corner and scheduled for professional removal.
- Regular litter picks have been carried out and in this regard a note in the Newsletter from the PC to ask the general public to use the litter bins etc. would be appropriate.

The PFWP would like to thank residents who have assisted in the above work and in keeping the PF and play equipment clean and tidy. and we would like to record our appreciation for the work of the PFC who, led by Graham, left us what has been described as one of the best village playing fields in the area.

Cllr L Pickersgill

HAYTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST – CHAIRMANS REPORT 2021-2021

At the beginning of the pandemic we made the collective decision to hold our meetings by E-mail as there would be very little needing our attention, which worked well. However, we were very pleased to hold our first face to face meeting on 30th March outside the Village Hall. We were fortunate to pick a warm, sunny afternoon.

We are pleased to say that because of the extensive refurbishing and maintenance over the last few years the Hall did not require any work from the team over the winter months.

Even though we were not open for events we still had bills to pay and for that reason we were conscious of the need to continue with the Lottery Collection.

We did not collect the annual Lottery in April as we felt that it was inappropriate to approach people at their doors, but resumed in September with an envelope drop for a six months collection. This was very well received by the community.

We have just completed the yearly lottery collection and again the Village has shown their support.

We are very happy to report that we feel the time is right to start events again. We have looked at the measures that will be needed to make the Hall Covid safe and feel that we can do so following all government regulations. They are as follows:-

May Saturday 22nd we will hold a Coffee Morning

June 5th will bring the ever popular Quiz night.

26th June a further Coffee Morning.

We are very conscious of the role the Hall plays in the life of many of the village residents, especially the elderly members who may not get out and socialise as they used to.

We will look to see what is possible under the rules for future events and look forward to seeing all our old friends and possibly some new ones to the village.

Linda Pickersgill, Chair Hayton Village Hall Trust.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – REPORT FROM CHAIR 2020-2021

It has certainly been an unusual year in the history of Hayton Parish Council as we had to quickly adapt to online Parish Council meetings as opposed to our bi-monthly meetings in the Village Hall. Nevertheless, adapt we did supported by Julie, our Parish Clerk, as we got to grips with technology – thank heavens for ‘Zoom’ Despite being on line our Parish Council meetings have been very well supported by both our Parish Councillors and residents. In fact, we have seen an increase in participation which has helped us to continue to make informed decisions and to progress. I would like to take this opportunity to say **‘thank you’** to our Parish Councillors, District and County Councillors who give their time freely to maintain and improve the quality of life in our village. And **‘thank you’** also to those residents who have stepped up to offer their knowledge, support and guidance.

Covid-19 has thrown many challenges our way and two village assets have been impacted significantly as a result; the Village Hall and the Playing Field. The Village Hall has suffered financial losses over the last 12 months that will take time to recover. It would be lovely to see a rally round in support of events so if you are able please do pop along and join in (safely socially distancing of course) and don’t forget you can hire the village hall for private events too.

We now have a newly formed Playing Field Working Party with volunteers who are committed to maintaining this important village asset. We are so lucky to have this wonderful space and it is important that we encourage everyone to use it. Unfortunately we had to close it for a period of time during the initial Covid outbreak but we are pleased to have installed some normality. Benches have been refurbished, unsafe trees felled (with a plan to fell one more at some point this year) and the playground has seen improvements too. Our Parish Clerk also managed to secure a lottery grant which we would like residents to offer suggestions on how this money can be used. This work would not be possible without our volunteers and so we thank all of them for their continued efforts and commitment.

A big **thank you** to the team of volunteers who set out on a miserable weather day in November to plant over 400 saplings, donated by the Woodland Trust at Gypsy Corner. This activity was important to our commitment to protect our countryside and the environment. We have made a further request for additional trees which we hope to receive in time for the next planting season. We will be looking for volunteers to help with planting at that point and will put a call out on our website, Facebook page and Newsletter. We would like to form an Environmental Working Party to continue to consider other improvements and so we are looking for volunteers to offer ideas and support this work.

Despite health challenges, our Path Warden, Howard has continued to work with the Canal Trust and the Council to ensure our paths, highways, by-ways and canal paths are kept in good order. Thankfully, due to Covid, the byways had an opportunity to recover a little as off-roaders were in lockdown. That said, some of them are still in need of more recovery time and there is still work to be done with the agencies. Howard has now taken the decision to hand over the reins to a new volunteer and so we have already put a call out through the newsletter for interested parties to step forward. I am sure Howard would agree it can be a rewarding pastime. On behalf of the Parish Council, and the entire village, we would like to **thank Howard** for his passion, commitment and determination in the role that he has fulfilled for Hayton and Tiln for many years and to wish him good health and some happy down time.

The Parish Council has been involved in many other activities. We continue to work with the authorities to try to improve road safety as speeding remains an ongoing problem through the village (we have new ‘30 for a reason’ signage) although there is still work to be done. We review all planning applications and provide commentary, mindful that we have on-going flooding and drainage problems that again we continue to identify as important issues to tackle in the coming year.

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We spent time with Lightsource understanding the implications of the planning application submitted for the development of a second solar farm on the edge of the village. Planning permission was granted in 2021 and as part of this the Parish will receive a community benefit payment. The exact sum is yet to be confirmed. These monies will be used to invest in the village and we remain open to suggestions via our Parish Clerk.

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group is working hard and tirelessly to produce our Neighbourhood Plan. There is lots to do and timelines are tight. It would be super helpful if we were able to attract more support from residents to help with the activities that need to be completed. Our Neighbourhood Plan is critical in enabling residents to have a say about what development can take place within the villages.

This year the Parish Council also worked hard in the budget process to ensure that there was no increase to the precept. The outcome of which means that residents have benefitted from no increase to their Council Tax in respect of supporting the Parish Council.

It is also important to acknowledge our Parish Clerk, Julie Tisi. Julie has been a breath of fresh air and an immense support to myself as Chair and to the entire Parish Council. Julie is proactive and continues to develop her knowledge and keep us on the straight and narrow. Julie is the keeper of the website, Facebook page and Newsletter, ensuring that there is a wealth of information available at all times. Our newsletter is now back to a monthly edition and we are always looking for new contributors. We all **thank Julie** for her hard work and contribution. In summary, 2020/21 has been a year we wouldn't want to repeat in so many ways but despite the challenges, the Parish Council has remained active and committed to ensuring Hayton and Tiln is a safe and enjoyable place to live. **Sue Gott - Chair**

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – PATH WARDEN 2020-2021

The last 12 months have been quite challenging for various reasons. The Covid 19 restrictions have resulted in many more people being unable to go to their workplaces and have been encouraged to take much more outdoor exercise. This has increased the usage of the PROW's which has been great relaxation for many more people, local and otherwise. The extra footfall has increased the erosion of the muddy stretches a little, but these will recover in time. The PROWs are a great asset and we must endeavour to ensure they continue to be a worthwhile recreation for the community at large.

I was disappointed, therefore, that Notts CC would not agree to a diversion of Footpath No 18 which will now be greatly affected by the forthcoming Tiln Solar Farm complex. A short diversion would have resulted in a much more pleasant aspect for walkers as opposed to being hemmed in by solar panels along part of its present route. The level of maintenance of the network has also shown a sharp decline as Notts CC [Via] struggle to contain budgets.

The time has come, I believe, for a little 'self-help' and some of the maintenance problems may have to be carried out by the Parish Council if we are to maintain the high standards expected. This needs debating by the PC in the near future for agreement and for budget purposes [which should be minimal]

The biggest area for concern at the moment is the condition of the byways which have declined rapidly over the last 12 months. The fragile surfaces have suffered from spells of very wet weather which have been further damaged by heavy farm machinery and the influx of convoys of off road vehicles. Though the installation of TRO's and barriers have helped to contain this problem during the winter period, little else can be achieved. Notts CC has always turned down any thoughts of creating Restricted Byways or downgrading to bridleways/footpaths. However with the assistance of the Parish Council and with advice from the Green Lane Alliance, I believe sound justification for more positive action has been brought to the attention of Notts CC. We currently await their response. Continued

My long time contact at Notts CC, Laura Summers, has now retired and we welcome Graham Bowden as her replacement.

It would be useful for Graham to join a PC meeting where our concerns could be voiced.

In conclusion, the PROWs continue to provide a valuable recreational asset for the community despite the above mentioned issues.

Howard Oates

HAYTON METHODIST CHAPEL— 1823 - 2005.

The Church of England represented by St. Peter's Church, was not the only denomination in Hayton . From its earliest beginnings there was a strong local interest in the Methodist movement, which was founded by John Wesley of Epworth in the mid-eighteenth century.



John Wesley preached in Clayworth on five occasions between 1751 and 1761 and Haytonians no doubt were present. Methodist groups began to meet up for classes and prayer in private houses in the villages, although public worship was still centred on St. Peters. By 1801 a group of 11 applied to the Archbishop of York for a licence to meet in the home of John Selby in Hayton. These meetings were led by Joseph Wilson, a Retford barber and local preacher. In 1803 they had expanded to 20 members and had become part of the newly formed Retford circuit.

By 1823 there were 22 members, and it was at this time that they purchased a plot of land 10 x 8 yards near Church Lane for £2. 00. The Wesleyan Chapel cost £140. 00 to build and was officially opened on the 26th August 1823. There were weekly services and the Chapel became an important part of village life. In 1851 an Ecclesiastical Census revealed that on average more people attended these services than those at St. Peters.

During my childhood, I remember the Sunday School Anniversary when all the children attending stood on the stage and recited or sang their party piece. Everyone was dressed in their very best Sunday clothes. After the concert there was the Anniversary Tea presided over by Mrs Hunt at Walnut Cottage. Afterwards there were children's games and races in Mr. Beards field. During the summer there was the Chapel trip to the seaside, to look forward



to – travelling by bus to Cleethorpes or Skegness with a stop halfway for ice-cream. St. Peters also had a similar summer trip to the seaside – most of us went on both if funds permitted ! Sadly, over the years, the congregation declined and the Chapel closed as a place of worship in May 2005. It was sold, enlarged and converted into a private dwelling house.

Photograph taken in 1900 showing Church Lane, the village school and the chapel can be seen.

Elizabeth Hill (Source Hayton, written by Rosemary Anderson)

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