

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Hardingstone Parish

Held on 4th May 2018, 7.30pm via Zoom Videoconference

Present: 6 Parish Councillors and 13 members of the public

1. Approval of the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 20th May 2019

Minutes approved and signed

2. Report from the Parish Council

a. Chairman

At the Parish Council elections councillors were elected uncontested. 8 current councillors stood for re-election and we welcome one new councillor. We are sorry to lose Primrose Gobey as a councillor and thank her for her work over the last 6 years. There are 2 more vacancies for any member of the public that would still like to consider joining.

I would like to thank the clerk and all the councillors and co-opted members who have had to get used to meeting virtually.

Special Thank you to those who helped the vulnerable during the lockdowns.

Thank you to all community groups, who are great for community spirit, especially over the last year.

Thank you to Sue Clements who has taken on the role of Footpath Warden after the retirement of Mick Freeland.

Thank you to the editorial team of HP Source, who provide interesting and colourful newsletters every other month. However, they still need community input to keep it being a success.

We are moving into a new era with the dissolution of Northampton Borough Council and Northamptonshire County Council and the creation of West Northants Council. There will surely be some teething issues, but this will hopefully make things simpler in the long run.

Apologies to anyone I've forgotten to thank.

b. Planning

The Planning Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month to consider planning applications received by West Northants Council for building works in the Parish, and also to respond to consultations regarding developments in nearby areas which could impact on our Parish.

The public are very welcome to attend the meetings and express their views in public time.

Hardingstone Parish Council does not have the power to grant or refuse permission; this is the responsibility of the Planning Authority (West Northants Council) but our comments and those of residents may be taken into account when making their decisions.

Kier Living, who won the contract to build the SUE development have been bought by a financier. The council will monitor the developments.

There has been much talk about the proposed bike track on the Hardingstone 9. The main concerns being regarding wildlife and parking. We have been advised that the Wildlife Trust will be involved in planning stages and that parking will be at Delapre golf centre. Funding is still needed and when

this has been approved there will be a full planning application when people can comment on the plans.

c. F&GP

The Finance and General Purposes Committee normally meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and follows a formal agenda which is posted on the village notice boards no later than Thursday of the week previous. The Councils Chairman and Vice-Chairman plus all the Chairs of the other committees are entitled to attend and vote at each meeting. These meetings are also open to members of the public.

F&GP is mainly responsible for the setting and monitoring of the budget, internal controls and financial reporting. In addition the Committee undertakes all financial and legal issues relating to premises, land and equipment leased or rented. The annual review of all Council policies plus the HR function fall under the committees remit.

For the year to 31 March 2021 I can report the following:

Balance brought forward 2020/21	£76345	comparable to the year previous
Precept	£45000	£5k increase year on year
Other receipts	£12253	Up £8403 on previous year with additional funds from COVID grant from NBC and increased advertising revenue. This additional revenue was not accounted for in the original budget.
Staff costs	£10116	Slightly down on last year
All other payments primarily as a result of COVID	£30275	Down 10 % on year previous –
Balance Carried Forward	£93207	£16862 increase on last year however we have ring-fenced various projects and future spend which has been reported to the Auditor

Ring fenced expenditure includes maintenance at the recreation ground, upkeep of the Parish room, Community events and village maintenance, payroll and associated costs, IT, election costs, communications and training.

Specific ring fenced project expenditure includes Play equipment replacement and new items of £21,174 and lighting for the rec budgeted for £15,000 totalling £36, 174

Our current position allows to make important investment in the village and meet our financial obligations.

Finally I would like to thank all those Councillors and The Parish Clerk who have attended these meetings and supported the Committee during the past year. As my first year as Chair of the F&GP committee thank you Perry and Sally for your guidance.

d. Community and Open Spaces

The purpose of the Community group is to support, encourage and actively work with all residents, village organisations, visitors, businesses, the Police, Neighbourhood Watch, Neighbourhood and Footpath Wardens and WNC to foster a sense of belonging and community, to improve quality of life for all.

We supported covid supporters by purchasing a phone for use. We received funds via a covid relief grant which was passed to the village hall. We have received a second amount which may be able to help other community groups.

We introduced a Christmas tree by the War memorial which has been warmly received. Beds here have been replanted too. Planters have just been purchased to put by the railings in the War memorial to brighten up this area.

The group have assisted in community events such as the Easter Egg hunt run by the school and Midsummer Merriment organised by the church.

This year has been like no other but we still managed to carry out needed works in the parish.

Outside the village hall we have installed bollards to stop cars parking on the path.

We have had fitted more rubber surfaces around some more pieces of play equipment in the recreation ground as well as our usual maintenance.

In Cherry orchard as you come into the village, we have installed a new kissing gate this is being used a great deal since it's installation. Unfortunately, no joy with buying cherry orchard at the moment still waiting for the solicitors to do what they do.

5 – Police

The police were not present at the meeting

6 – NHW

Information is put on noticeboard, in HP Source and reported at Parish Council meetings. Residents should always report incidents and suspicious activity directly to Police.

Tel 101 or email Northants Police and click on "Report"

999 for crime taking place or life in danger

Our local Officer is Jamie Edwards

7 – Reports from Local groups and Organisations

Hardingstone Academy

Covid-19 and the impact on school life

- Staggered start times and high expectations of parents/ carers to follow our rules allowed us to keep everyone as safe as possible.
- Unfortunately we have not been able to invite parents into school but we have provided virtual events as much as possible.
- During lockdown, live lessons were in place, with teachers using shared screens to present lesson content. In school, timetables were followed to enable broad and balanced remote curriculum. All teachers delivered remotely. Teaching Assistants and HLTAs were overseeing key worker and vulnerable pupils by logging into Teams for all of the live lessons. In order to reduce screen time for teachers and pupils, some lessons were pre-recorded. All live lessons were recorded to enable pupils to view again or catch up if they have missed a session. This is also to safeguard both pupils and teachers.

- Assignments were set by each class teacher for children to complete during the live lessons or as part of a pre-recorded lesson. They have a mixture of on-screen and off-screen tasks, including opportunities for social and wellbeing activities (meditation, yoga, mindfulness).
- It was important to continue our celebrations during lockdown so we had whole school celebration assemblies and assemblies to highlight key days such as mental health day.

Support provided to families

Continued communication with families to support them:

- Information about access to online books
 - Online safety information from [National Online Safety | Keeping Children Safe Online in Education](#)
 - Expectations for online learning
[Letter-regarding-online-learning-8.pdf](#)
[Expectations-for-Home-Learning-1.pdf](#)
 - Wi-Fi support [Information-for-Home-Learning.pdf](#)
 - Newsletters e.g. <https://sway.office.com/ZmrIEGWnsKmjgfpZ?ref=Link>
 - Wellbeing links to support families by email
- We ensured that all children had access to the internet –support was provided from the Trust to ensure families had access to technology (laptops and dongles as necessary)
 - Information was sent to parents about government data increases during lockdown
 - We sourced 50 vouchers from BT Wi-Fi to support families
 - Most vulnerable children were in school.
 - Packs of work have been provided initially until technology has been supplied or technical issues solved.
 - A few families work was printed to support them
 - Exercise books provided and parents can collect from school at any point.
 - Pupils we have identified who may struggle with the remote learning aspect, were invited back into school.

Nursery

- In August 2020, we were contacted by the owner of Crazy4Kids, a preschool provider whose establishment is located adjacent to the academy. They informed us that they would be closing their nursery provision from September. Currently we have 36 pupils who attend the Reception setting. This is the largest intake we have experienced since the school was expanded to two form entry in 2015.
- Our motivation for the vision of altering our school age range is to further increase our intake so that it reaches maximum capacity by September 2024. It is vital that all pupils have a smooth transition into full time education. Therefore, providing a preschool setting would enable us to target early intervention more rapidly. Pupils would be provided with strong routines and structure to their day, enabling them to enter the reception setting with higher engagement and wellbeing levels. The provision would follow the child's interests and enable them to build positive relationships and strong attachments with both their peers and early years practitioners before joining the Reception provision. Familiarity with the school would enrich the core areas in the foundation stage, which are key to positive early development; Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language and Physical Development.

Forest Schools

- We now have a trained member of staff that can deliver forest schools.
- Forest school is an outdoor education delivery model in which children will be visiting natural spaces (within the school grounds) to learn personal, social and technical skills. Our PTA has kindly funded the new equipment that we require.

Making links with the community

- We would love it if any members of the parish council would like to become governors.
- As we move out of the Covid-19 restrictions, if any members would like to come into school as volunteer readers, we would appreciate the support,
- Any links we can make with the local community moving forward to enhance our curriculum would also be greatly appreciated.

Scouts

The last year has been very difficult for most people and that includes the members of 1st Hardingstone. I remember when the lock down first started it was all a bit of an adventure and both the leaders and young people made an instant switch to zoom for what we thought might be a term or two at most. How very wrong we were. Almost a full year of zoom meetings has taken its toll on all the members with some section's online attendance dropping to 50%. Through all that, I can't praise the volunteers highly enough for the time they took and the ingenuity that they used to think up ever more wonderful ways to engage the young people and give them an outlet from home and a way to stay in touch with their peers.

We did manage a brief spell of face-to-face scouting before Christmas and I am glad to say that once the Band meet at the hut for the first-time next Sunday, we are all now back face to face. It has come at a cost with many hours spent writing risk assessments, getting approvals and buying the required sanitisers, disinfectants etc.

Through this time, we had to lean quite heavily on our executive committee and none more so than Claire Willis our Chair and Doug Dillow our Treasurer. It was therefore a huge loss to the group when Doug, our long-standing treasurer passed away last month following a short spell in hospital. During his time with the group, he had stewarded us from a point near to insolvency to where we are now, one of the more well-off groups in the district. We have also seen steady year on year growth with numbers and last year we were named the largest scout group in Northamptonshire. I know Doug was exceptionally proud of the group. His funeral was today, and he will be sorely missed.

Our numbers are slightly reduced by Covid fallaway, but we still boast around 130 young people. Our next Group camp scheduled for July will be a huge affair (a belated 60th birthday for the group) and will see 120 members of the group on camp, from our 6-year-old beavers, right up to adult.

One of Doug's dreams was to see us in a new hut. He didn't manage to do that but has strengthened our resolve. We need to start serious discussions with the relevant councils about the future of Hardingstone Scouts and look for a new home, either by build afresh where we are, or finding a place that will less inconvenience the local people with the constant movement of traffic in the evening.

In the meantime, we continue to look to maintain and enhance our current hut and will be looking to build an activity area behind the hut. We have spoken with the Parish before covid about this and received their support. We are determined to see this through now and are looking for contractors to turn this into reality.

As a group we also need to mention the departure of Canon Beverley, not only a wonderful servant of the Church, but a big supporter of us. We were saddened by her moving on but wish her well with her new flock. It is hoped she may be returning to dedicate 6 new flags that we have, one for each section.

I will conclude by thanking the Parish council, Church of St Edmunds and all the local community for the support that they give us.

Guides

During the lockdown, both Brownies and Guides have been busy. They have been invited to talk to the leaders and each other over Zoom meetings. Some have joined on a regular basis some now and again.

During Easter, Easter eggs were delivered to each of the Brownies, the leaders knocked on each of the doors and became the 'Easter Bunny' delivering chocolate eggs. The girls were delighted.

At Christmas again the leaders delivered goodie bags to each girl containing all sorts for them to do – colouring, stickers, pencils and of course chocolate. There were so many smiles and it was lovely to see them all.

The hut over the past few weeks has been kitted out with hand sanitizers, paper towels and lots of hand washing gel. While the weather is fine and dry there will be lots of activities outside to do with keeping fit as well as a Teddy Bears Picnic.

There is a itinerary from the 28th April until the 14th July setting out all the activities we are going to get the girls involved in and all the leaders hope they have a great time seeing their friends and having fun.

The guiding association has given us all risk assessment forms to fill in and then forward to the regional leaders to check. Lets hope all this can happen and the virus stays at bay.

Village Hall

Due to the pandemic, we had a vastly different year, only open for business for about 4 months of the year.

We were approached at the beginning of the first lockdown by Gaynor Myles to be a hub for the Hardingstone covid relief group, we were delighted to be able to assist with this, using our back room at a distribution depot, a few members of our committee assisted with this and found it extremely rewarding and humbling.

The lock down gave us the opportunity to do some much-needed improvement to the hall.

The office was re-vamped the gents' toilets were modernised to allow it to become unisex. Plus, we re-vamped the former kitchenette (part of the friend's room) and converted it into a new toilet and separate kitchenette, allowing us to provide 2 separate hubs for hire with the added bonus of a toilet facility for the outdoor /garden space.

We purchased a temporary shelter for the garden this proved extremely popular but unfortunately storm Francis put pay to this. However, this prompted us to purchase two wooden gazebos for the patio recently installed and we are looking forward to many outdoor events this year. At the time of writing, we are awaiting re furnishment of the patio and new block path to enhance the outdoor area.

Various funding opportunities came our way, including one from the Parish Council and the Hardingstone covid relief group, to help us with all these projects including getting the building covid secure.

Having now opened partially and will continue to do so in stages, in line with the government guidance we are looking forward to welcoming back all our regular users.

Looking to the future we hope to make use of the basement by converting part of it to a dedicated toilet and kitchenette for the new patio area, which we hope to be disabled friendly subject to funding.

Allotment Association

We were lucky that Allotments have been open all through the pandemic, being considered necessary for wellbeing. Guidelines on social distancing were introduced but largely we have been able to continue uninterrupted.

The Allotments are at full occupancy with a waiting list.

Requirements for water have increased with the drier summers and a new system is being installed.

Hardingstone Social Club

I trust everyone has been in good health during this difficult year. Thanks to the Parish Council for their previous grant it was much appreciated.

As a club, we have suspended our meetings since the first lockdown as most members and speakers are of a vulnerable age. We have paid a retainer to the hall to keep our slot and hope to restart later in the year, restrictions permitting.

All members who paid before the first lockdown will not be asked for subs this year as apart from the retainer, we have had no expenses or income.

Hopefully the future will be much better with vaccination roll out and we can get back to some kind of normality.

St Edmund's King and Martyr Hardingstone

2019

St Edmund's was delighted to welcome Archbishop Justin Welby and Bishop Donald to our church in April 2019, visiting 'Experience Young Jesus', a resource developed for schools by the benefice children's team.

There were 36 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 6 of whom were not resident within the parish. The average weekly attendance, counted during October, was 35 but this number increased at festivals. The service pattern of a Said Communion service and an informal 'Elevenses' act of

worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month with a Sung Communion service on 2nd and 4th Sundays continued through the year.

Toddler Praise on Wednesday mornings (in term time) had regular attenders of 13 children and their carers. We celebrated 16 baptisms and held 11 funerals in our church in 2019, and 5 burials of ashes in the churchyard.

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Canon Beverley Hollins visited all church members who requested it, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in hospital. Many members support each other when sick or in need, on an informal basis.

A Christening party was celebrated in October with all the families and children baptised at St Edmunds during the previous 5 years. The church was also instrumental in the Parish Council starting a bi-monthly newsletter distributed to every household in Hardingstone (replacing the Forum); church news is always included.

The Feasibility Study about reordering the church building to make it a more accessible and flexible space for the whole community continued. 5 members of the Diocesan Advisory Committee attended an initial advisory visit to St Edmunds in June, and suggested that the best approach would be to deal with all the pew removal and reflooring in one stage.

A community survey was undertaken between July and September. Replies were received from 86 individuals, with representation from every age range, and from 17 local organisations. The main issues identified were loneliness and the care of older people (55.8%) and lack of facilities for children / teenagers (54.7%).

Ideas to foster a sense of community and activities to bring people together were prevalent, with the suggestion for a community focal point, such as a café, being supported by 80.2% of respondents. There was a similar positive response about potential changes to the church building, with over 80 comments for the PCC to consider. Improvements to the heating, the floor and seating were generally supported, confirming that more detailed discussions with the church architect about changes would be feasible would be worthwhile.

Conversations generated by the survey amongst residents and organisations, resulted in two new initiatives:

Village organisations began meeting to discuss how best to cooperate and collaborate our activities, for the benefit of the Hardingstone community. HOT

An 'Amenities Audit' was undertaken in relation to the various community spaces in the village to suggest how to make best use of them all in a coordinated offering.

Finances held steady in 2019: Total receipts to the general fund were £28,347 of which £21,133 was voluntary donations and a further £5,274 was from fundraising activities. Throughout 2019 we held three fayres with two open gardens, two music concerts, two lunches and a prize draw raffle. Total general income was lower than the previous year as no Gift Aid was claimed during 2019. There were also designated receipts of £550 and donations with restrictions on their expenditure of £3,246.

£25,839 was spent to provide the Christian ministry for St Edmund, King & Martyr Church, including a contribution of £14,400 to the diocesan parish share, which largely provides the training, stipends and housing for the clergy. An additional contribution of £10,000 was paid in January 2020 so the total payment for 2019 was £24,400 - an increase of 29%.

2020

During 2020, so much changed at St Edmunds, as everywhere else. But our core purpose to love and serve the parish community as best we can, remained unchanged. Adapting to the challenges presented by Covid-19, outreach to our local community and work towards reordering St Edmunds church building have been our key endeavours in 2020.

The worshipping community was greatly affected by significantly reduced access to the church building and the ability to access digital media, which is difficult to quantify. Services were suspended from 18th March, after which virtual worship was introduced in various ways for the benefice as a whole, holding services in church only when it was safe to do so. Filmed services from the vicarage, the churchyard and the church were offered, services and meetings held via Zoom, and morning prayer on WhatsApp were particularly appreciated. Printed orders of service and liturgy were physically delivered to 15 households not online most weeks.

Many members of our parish are unable to attend church due to shielding, sickness or age, and home visits have had to be curtailed. But we continued to support each other when sick or in need on an informal basis, and several church members were an integral part of the Hardingstone Covid-19 Support Group, organising help for the most vulnerable people in the parish, particularly telephone support and food parcels.

Keeping in contact with families, children and schools moved online; Toddler Praise formed an active WhatsApp group, and Canon Beverley made films for assemblies and other school occasions. The churchyard was also greatly appreciated by the wider community this year, many attracted by new the wildlife project. Since August, a new service pattern was introduced. Praise@10 celebrates 3 informal lay-led services each month, themed 'Coffee, Craft and Creation', with Communion celebrated on the 4th Sunday.

All baptisms had to be postponed, although we were delighted to celebrate 2 weddings. There were 4 funerals in the church, 4 in a crematorium and 5 burials of ashes in the churchyard.

St Edmunds is part of Greater Northampton deanery which prepared proposals for parish reorganisation. As a result, links have begun to be forged with St Mary's, Far Cotton, church during 2020.

Church finances were severely affected by not being able to host any fundraising events. Collections, giving and donations all reduced significantly too. Therefore £11,26 Gift Aid recovered relating to the 3 years 2017-2019 was a lifeline.

Expenditure was reduced to essentials only so the excess of payments over receipts was only £394. The balance carried forward at 31st December on unrestricted funds totalled £9,517. A further £14,599 is set aside in designated funds and £3,320 carried forward in restricted fund balances. In November 2020, Canon Beverley was appointed Rector of St Peter's church in Weston Favell, leaving Hardingstone in February 2021. Because St Edmunds hasn't been able to pay full parish share

(the cost of a priest) for several years, we will only get half a priest hereafter – just as Hardingstone is about to double in size, and the church reordering project speeds up. No suitable applicants responded to the first advertisement, so it won't be a short vacancy.

Nevertheless, we press on with our plans for reordering and for opening the new community café on 18th May, using the coffee machine purchased with the 2020 grant from the parish council – for which we thank you.

Having visited several different reordered churches, met with experts in various fields and talked with lots of people at the Christian Resources Exhibition in 2020 before lockdown, we were very well informed before appointing MEB Design to help us complete the Feasibility Study. This has enabled us really think through all our ideas to turn a long-term vision for the building into practical solutions. Thankfully, the architects' fees of £4,000 + VAT were met with grants from the Supporters of St Edmunds and the 2019 contribution from the parish council.

Now we need to turn these ideas into an Outline Proposal for the Diocese and to start serious fundraising and applying for grants towards the more than half-a-million cost. We are convinced that ensuring the building is used every day of the week by the whole community and visitors from further afield, is the only way to keep our beautiful historic church open.

The Supporters of St Edmunds

Following on from the launch of the charity in 2018, 2019 was a more active year for the Supporters. We made our first grant to the church, paying 50% of the cost of installing new ladders up the church tower to enable safe access to the roof once more. This was celebrated on St George's day with the First Flying of the New Flag, presented by Christine Wilks. This was escorted, raised and saluted by the Hardingstone Scout troop and appreciated by many others.

In June, the first Midsummer Merriment event was held. Midsummer was chosen partly to coincide with the #Great Get Together weekend, a national celebration of having more in common than divides us – the mantra of the murdered MP Jo Cox – and equally important in village life. We aimed to provide something for everyone, so there were 7 Open Gardens, 16 entries for the Decorated Wheelie Bin competition, Fun & Fines dog walks, and a kids fun run on the Rec. For a first attempt and just 3 organisers, raising £650 was a good achievement.

In September, the grant from the parish council was spent on mounting an exhibition at Delapré Abbey, 'Delapré Gentry & Hardingstone Villagers'. This was widely appreciated, and established even stronger links with the staff and volunteers at the Abbey. We also repeated 'Light for a Loved One', illuminating a second yew tree by the church gate during Advent and Christmas.

2020 affected the Supporters, like every other organisation. Nevertheless, we did offer the Decorated Wheelie Bin competition element of Midsummer Merriment once again, as this was an outdoors trail that anyone could follow safely as part of their daily exercise. There was a great feeling of camaraderie and mutual support in the village last summer, and with choosing the theme 'Heroes' we captured the zeitgeist too.

Light for a Loved One also took place, with new Christmas lights illuminating a third tree up the church path.

In 2020, as the church reordering Feasibility Study took place, the Supporters were pleased to pay grants covering the architects and QS fees. Without undertaking this project, the key aim of the charity – keeping open and the improvement of St Edmunds church building – cannot happen.

Bouverie House

No meetings all year. Awaiting information from Northampton Partnership Homes as to when the room can be used. We will not be in a position to do any cleaning.

Friends of Hardingstone

Last year FoH stopped running the tote which benefited lots of organisations and activities in the village. Thank you to all who paid into this, some for many years. Following the easing of Covid restrictions we look forward to welcoming regular and new villagers to Pins and Needles on 4th Monday in the month and Coffee Mornings on the 1st Saturday in the month, where there is the chance to chat and share information about various activities going on in Hardingstone. We had a successful Jazz evening two days before the first lockdown. We will be offering some support to “The Well” wellbeing cafe opening in St Edmunds. We are considering putting on a coach trip later on in conjunction with another organisation.

History Society

As with other village groups, we had to stop our activities when the government lockdown started in March last year. At that time we had a programme of talks arranged for the following 18 months. Initially we cancelled our meetings up to July that year, but as the restrictions were successively extended, we were forced to gradually cancel all the bookings we had made. Unfortunately the pandemic has also adversely affected the continuing development of our web site, but we are hoping this can resume later this year.

During the lockdown some history societies have managed to provide some meetings for their members using 'Zoom' software to overcome the restrictions. How successful these arrangements have been is not known, but the indications were that very few of our members would want to listen to our speakers in this way.

We are hoping that June 21st will signal the anticipated removal of most restrictions, and that we can then consider meeting again. What effect the pandemic will have had on our membership is very uncertain, so we are proposing a gradual restart in or around September this year, initially with presentations from our own members. This will give us time to then re-book those speakers who are prepared to talk to us face to face, and possibly to consider alternative measures such as 'Zoom' group meetings if appropriate.

We are all really looking forward to a resumption of normality, and hope that nothing stops the wonderful progress that is being made through the vaccination programme.

Bouverie WI

There are 27 ladies who are members from in and around Hardingstone. Meetings were cancelled at short notice in 2020. Many members were unable to use zoom so kept in touch through regular phone calls and emails.

At Christmas a meeting in a bag was delivered to members with a card, chocolate, biscuits, wine, a recipe and a quiz. This was well received and repeated with daffodils at Easter.

We hope to be able to return to monthly meetings soon.

TF Football Academy

TFA is a Northamptonshire based football club with currently around 60 children attending our training sessions and games on a weekly basis

We started TFA in 2018 with the purpose of offering football training for people from all backgrounds and abilities. We have five groups from 4 year olds starting their football journey to older players who want extra training to help them improve on a weekly basis alongside our teams which play in the league. Through being in and around football for over two decades it has shown us how the sport can bring people together and also help us develop key personal skills required as we grow up

To help us maintain the club standards and core values we introduced the 10 rules of TFA. To gain buy in from players they complete our sign up form online agreeing adherence to our core values when they join

Our philosophy at TFA is inspired from the total football era of the game which was pioneered by Johan Cruyff. Cruyff once stated 'Playing Football is very simple, but playing simple football is the hardest thing there is'. We like to try and keep the training and games as simple as possible but at the same time make them as game related as we can. We also work on trying to keep possession of the football and look for the right time to attack on the ball. When we don't have possession of the football we look for the closest player to the attacker to press the ball quickly with the next player closing down the attackers passing option.

We like to create an environment for the players which is Disciplined, focused and fun. I like to explain the drills to the players and ask them feedback on the drill and decisions they can or could have made differently. I also like to relate the situation in training to a match, for example 'If you don't keep control of the ball when dribbling during a game what could happen?' I feel by hearing the feedback from the players I'm gaining their trust and also it gives me a good idea if they understand the drill and why we are practicing it.

We plan to continue using the rec for our two pitches which are 7 a side and 5 a side and this will not change for the upcoming year(s)

We pay for the maintenance and marking of the pitch which is fine and a cost we see as our own as we are the sole users of the pitches

The area has been successful and very welcomed by the parents and we feel very lucky being able to use it on a weekly basis and would like to thank you for allowing us to do so

To help ease the amount of car traffic in the area around weekends we moved our weekly soccer school away from the rec (sundays) although this was an excellent spot for us, we felt we wanted to reduce the number of cars in the area during the weekends with us using the Rec for home games on a Saturday

Step Forward With Lewis

As a qualified instructor I had been running a voluntary running group for 3 years.

During covid many in the village will know me from my fancy dress runs and Street Dances. This brought some good new items in local press and helped with community spirit.

In July I was made redundant from my office job. At this time I qualified as a Personal Trainer and now run boot camps and give PT sessions. The aim is that exercise is fun, and I train with people age 13 to 78. Many have not exercised in years and need help with motivation.

I will be organising a fun run on the rec as part of Midsummer Merriment.

LM Fit

HP Source

In response to the results of a survey in the village, and following the ending of 'Forum' (the Benifice magazine) in April 2019, the Parish Council were reluctant to be responsible for the production of a new village newsletter. So four volunteers set up an editorial team known as 'KAPH' to produce a bi-monthly village magazine called 'HPsource'.

KAPH are now compiling the 13th issue, and feedback to date has been positive. It is important that village residents receive up to date news about the Parish Council and village activities. We print 1100 copies, which are delivered to all properties in the village.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who deliver the newsletter throughout the village. To make the magazine as informative as possible, we ask that everyone involved in village events, especially the uniformed organisations, the schools and village groups, tell us about their activities and forthcoming event programme.