



# HEMSBY HERALD

## Parish Council Newsletter - March 2013

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a casual vacancy exists in the office of Parish Councillor for the Parish of Hemsby.

An election to fill the said vacancies will be held within sixty days (computed in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1972) of the date of this Notice, if by the 12 April 2013 a request for such an election is made in writing to the Returning Officer by TEN electors for the said Parish. In the event of no such request being received within the requisite period, the Council of the Parish of Hemsby will fill the vacancies on that Council by co-option.

Notices and requests by electors in connection with this vacancy should be delivered to R. W. PACKHAM, Returning Officer, Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF.

Dated this 21st day of March, 2013

### **IF ONLY .....**

As a regular dog walker round the streets of Hemsby, I am increasingly disgusted at the piles of dog poo left on our paths. Apart from being unsightly, unhealthy, smelly and an attraction to flies, it is against the law to leave your dog poo on the footpath. Have you ever trod in any. Has your child ever walked into your house and spread foul footprints all over your carpet. Poo bags are readily available from local supermarkets and are cheap enough not to need a

mortgage to buy. Our Council does a variety of jobs in the interest of health and appearance. I have seen staff edging all the grass verges to make them look neat and tidy, only then to tread in some poo left by an irresponsible dog owner. This is what made me decide to write this article for the Parish Council newsletter. I sincerely hope that ALL dog owners read this article and do what SHOULD be done when exercising their dogs.

(Anonymous resident)



# What is



It's a new NHS telephone number being introduced to help make it easier for you to access local health services. If you live in, or are visiting Norfolk and Waveney you can now call 111 when you need medical help fast, but it's not a 999 emergency. You will be assessed, given advice and directed straightaway to the local service that can help you best. That could be A&E, an out of hours GP, a minor injury unit, community nurse, emergency dentist or a late opening chemist. You can ring the 111 number 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Calls from landlines and mobile phones are free.

## When do I use it?

You should use the NHS 111 service if:

- you need medical help fast, but it's not a 999 emergency;
- you think you need to go to A&E or another NHS urgent care service;
- you don't know who to call for medical help or you don't have a GP to call; or
- you require health information or reassurance about what to do next.

For less urgent health needs, you should still contact your GP or local pharmacist in the usual way. For immediate, life-threatening emergencies, continue to call 999.

## How does it work?

- 111 will get you through to a team of highly-trained advisers, who are supported by experienced nurses. They will ask you questions to assess your symptoms, and give you the health care advice you need or direct you to the right local service.
- The NHS 111 team will where possible book you an appointment or transfer you directly to the people you need to speak to.
- If NHS 111 advisers think you need an ambulance, one will be sent just as quickly as if you had dialled 999.

## Why should I use it?

- NHS 111 is a fast and easy way to get the right help – wherever you are, and whatever the time.
- It can also help us to free up 999 and local A&E departments so that they can focus on emergency cases.
- If a health professional has given you a specific telephone number to call when you are concerned about your condition, please continue to use that number.

## Who can use it?

- The 111 number is now available to callers living in, or visiting Norfolk and Waveney.
- If you are outside this area, please contact NHS Direct on 0845 4647.
- Calls to 111 are free, including mobiles, 24 hours a day.
- You can find out more at [www.nhs.uk/111](http://www.nhs.uk/111)
- If you have any feedback about the 111 service you can call the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on 0800 587 4132 or email [pals@norfolk.nhs.uk](mailto:pals@norfolk.nhs.uk)

***You think you need A&E. But you're not sure.  
There's now a number to call.***



# Struggling to pay your energy bills?

*Drop-in and get free help and advice with:*

- Personal energy efficiency and benefits health checks
- Advice on how to reduce energy bills
- Information on grants and how to claim
- Support in dealing with energy suppliers
- Information on local fuel bulk buying groups.

Hemsby Village Hall Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March & Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April between 1 and 3pm.

For more information contact:

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## Healthwatch Norfolk- Get involved in your voice in health and social care



### **What is Healthwatch Norfolk?**

Healthwatch Norfolk's role is to champion the interests of ordinary people from across Norfolk in health and social care services.

Healthwatch Norfolk will work to help local people to bring about improvements in current services and to influence how future services are designed and delivered. Healthwatch Norfolk will champion fairness and equal access to information, services and treatment. It will strive to ensure that it represents as well as possible the views of the wide cross-section of people within our community across all parts of Norfolk.

### **Get involved**

Every voice counts when it comes to shaping the future of health and social care, and when it comes to improving it for today. Everything that Healthwatch Norfolk does will bring the voice and influence of local people to the development and delivery of local services.

One of the key ways we will do this is through our membership. Members will be an important way of gathering grassroots intelligence of what's really going on and they will help shape Healthwatch Norfolk's strategy and priorities. Members will directly elect 4 of the board members that will lead Healthwatch Norfolk.

People need to feel that Healthwatch Norfolk belongs to and reflects them and their local community. So we need members from all walks of life. For more information please go to [www.norfolkrc.org.uk/healthwatch](http://www.norfolkrc.org.uk/healthwatch) or call 01362 698216

## Thinking Fuel: domestic fuel bulk buying in NR29

The cost of domestic fuel has become a real concern. In 2010 heating oil rose 44% in price. As a result the latest figures from the Department for Energy and Climate Change have shown a rise in fuel poverty in Norfolk to 61,143 households in 2008, 17% of the County's homes. These figures are based on five year old data, the situation is predicted to be worse due to the recent recession, unemployment and fuel bill rises.

Great Yarmouth is among the worst affected areas in the Country for fuel poverty. In addition the situation is often worse in rural areas because of low incomes, older housing stock, poor standards of insulation and limited access to mains gas.

Because Norfolk Rural Community Council (Norfolk RCC), works in rural communities, we are acutely aware of the issue of rural fuel poverty, a situation that can only get worse in these straightened times of cutbacks and ever increasing fuel costs.

As a result Norfolk RCC has set up a Scheme called Thinking Fuel to address the issue by providing communities with an option for reducing their domestic oil costs through bulk buying. We have set up a partnership with A F Affinity, the trading arm of Anglia Farmers, one of the UK's largest bulk buying groups.

We have set up five village bulk buying schemes in rural Great Yarmouth, and if you live in any of the following parishes you can join the scheme at no cost to you:

- Hemsby
- Winterton
- Martham
- Ormesby St Margaret with Scratby (which includes Ormesby St Michael)
- Rollesby and Repps.

The numbers of participants are growing constantly, as people continually register on the schemes. Thinking Fuel Hemsby has the greatest numbers with over 180 people currently registered.

Each of the individual members has enjoyed an average saving of 8% on fuel purchases.

If you are interested in hearing more about it please contact:

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# Gardening Tips



Throughout the chill winds of January and February I search out midwinter evergreen stalwarts in my garden and others I happen to be working in. Only when the ground is frozen do this gardener stop, pause and allow a shiver. Since December my fence has been awash with a very large and old, winter flowering jasmine - *jasminum nudiflorum*. Its bright and profuse yellow flowers stretch 4 fence panels in length as it gaily brightens the walk up the garden path throughout the coldest days. Clusters of pink and white flowers adorn *Viburnum bodnantense* 'dawn', its fragrance a joy to behold on its leafless branches. In summer the leaves when brushed against smell strongly of celery! Another stunning fragrance comes from the evergreen winter flowering box, *Buxus Sorrocco*. From January it opens its tiny white flowers and flings its fragrance round all four corners of a very large patio. It doesn't need a close up sniff as it is very generous in its release and you can smell it in the air. No matter what the weather the deep shiny evergreen leaves of camellia and rhododendrons become the back bones of the border. Large items of 'furniture' that help fill up otherwise empty spaces left by the dormant perennials. The corkscrew hazel is also another ornamental winter shrub with twisted contorted stems that is worth a stroll in the garden edges as its 'artistic tendency' is covered by its leaves throughout the rest of the year. Mahonia 'charity' with its prehistoric serrated leaves tend to put people off this shrub, but its fragrant spires of yellow flowers are a worthy addition. It is not just our gardens that hold our winter splendours. A journey along a winter hedgerow -Ormsby bypass to Filby roundabout- is a spectacle with upright burnt orange twigs and catkins that join in a winter embrace with the bright red and the more deep purple stems of the dogwoods. Whatever your delights of winter just remember round the corner awaits spring and the busy burst of buds and bustling gardeners, armed and dangerous with a fist full of seed packets and pockets of enthusiasm in anticipation of warmer days.....

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## **NOTES FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2012**

### ***# Police report***

Figures are for 19/10/2012 - 18/11/2012 for the Hemsby area. Between the stated dates there have been 72 calls to police which have resulted in 18 crimes being recorded which are as follows:- Possession of Cannabis x 1, Common Assault x 5, Theft x3, Burglary other than Dwelling x 1, Criminal Damage x 6, Malicious Wounding x 1, Fear / Provocation of Violence x 1. Of these 18 crimes, 9 occurred on local holiday establishments. See report under Public discussion.

### ***# Casual vacancy on the Parish Council -***

Notices are being displayed in the Parish Council Notice Boards

### ***# Sponsored flower beds***

A specification of works to maintain the flower beds is being produced and at next meeting, it will be agreed and then going out to tender for the work.

### ***# Planning applications to be considered by Great Yarmouth Borough Council***

06/12/0591/F extensions at 2 Mill Road - no objections.

### ***# Great Yarmouth Borough Council planning decisions***

06/12/0469/F erection of a grain store, storage building and associated works, including provision of a weighbridge, office and hard standing area - granted

### **# *Tree preservation orders***

TPO No 2 Beech tree at 7 Homestead Gardens, it is dead so it is being removed

TPO removal of sweet chestnut - School House, School Loke.

### **# *Appeal Norfolk Homes***

Erection of two storey dwelling in lieu of single storey Plot 45 Common Road

The Parish Council is sending a letter to the Inspector expressing their disappointment at Norfolk Homes actions.

### **# *Vandalism and criminal damage***

Dug outs on the extension to the playing field - A group of youngsters have totally damaged the dug outs and the repairs will cost around £600 to carry out the repairs. The Police were called and a couple of youngsters were interviewed and they gave the names and addresses of other youngsters involved - PC Williamson is getting the children involved doing a car wash to raise the money for the damage to the dug outs.

Parish Council toilets - youngsters are blocking the sinks with toilet paper so that the toilets get flooded. It was agreed the Toilets will be locked at 4pm until the problems are resolved.

### **# *Meeting with the Doctors***

Concerns were expressed at lack of home visits and this is the formula that the Coastal Practices use, and it is on their website:

#### Home Visits

The Practice provides a home visiting service for terminal care patients and the completely housebound. Other patients are not visited but asked to attend the surgery for the full range of facilities. If you have problems with transport the reception staff will be happy to suggest local taxi and minicab firms which offer transport at reasonable rates.

Please request a home visit by phoning your usual surgery number. Your details will be taken. You may be advised by our trained reception staff that your problem is an emergency, if this is the case, we will call an ambulance on your behalf. You will be called back by our on-the-day team to discuss your problem. We ask that all requests are received by 10.30 in the morning.

Please bear in mind that a home visit is not an equivalent to a consultation in the surgery where we have the full range of equipment and resource to manage your problem.

#### 111 Telephone Service

Borough Councillor Weymouth reported responses seem to be very up and down, having spoken to the commissioners all calls are recorded so that matters can be investigated. If anyone is unhappy with the service they need to contact 'Pals' or contact BCllr Weymouth who will have the matter looked into.

### **# *Parish Council Grants***

Eight parish Groups applied for a Grant and it was agreed the following would be distributed:

St Marys Afternoon Club, Hemsby Sports & Social Bowls Club, Fakes Road Residents, St Marys Close, Hemsby Festival, Brownies, Hemsby Indoor Bowls Club and Hemsby Inshore Rescue.

### **# *Tenders for year ending 31 March 2014***

All the existing contractors are happy to extend their contract for a further year without an increase, this is all in line with Great Yarmouth Borough Council's request to keep the Concurrent Grant total the same for next financial year.

### **# *Parish Council Assets***

The buildings have been re-valued by Aldreds and the figures for insurance have been reviewed.

# Working in partnership with Orwell Housing Association for affordable housing in Hemsby. A public meeting was held on the 1 November 2012 which the Chairman, PCllr Craig and BCllr Weymouth attended. From the publics input a three bedroom house is being changed to two, one bed flats.

### **# *Date of the next full Parish Council meeting***

Monday 17 December 2012 in the Pavilion at Waters Lane, Hemsby, commencing at 7 30pm.

## NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 DECEMBER 2012

### **# Police**

PC Steve Potter reported since the last PC meeting:

P2 x criminal damage (damage on Fakes Road, damage to a MV on St Mary's Close)

1 x Theft of a motor vehicle (Actually occurred in April but only just reported)

1 x Theft of heating oil (1000 litres stolen from an address on Homestead gardens)

1 x Assault (two residents in a residential home)

Only 37 calls to police in the last month so a good month for the village.

# Damage to dug outs - the youngsters carried out a car wash last Sunday and raised £54.13p

PC Potter was advised:

# There has been an incident in St Marys Close where elderly are living, he will have the matter looked into.

# The PC cleaner/litter picker is being intimidated by the youngsters who follow her, throw wet toilet paper and rocks at her. The toilets are being left in a disgusting state excrement is being wiped all over toilet seats and wash hand basins.

# BT kiosk - excrement is being put on the hand set - a lady has got it all in her hair.

Police update from 4-11 December 2012

The following is a local policing update for the Hemsby neighbourhood:

Renewed pledge to tackle domestic abuse

Police District Superintendent Nick Davison and Norfolk Assistant Chief Constable Gareth Wilson were at Great Yarmouth Town Hall on Wednesday 28 November to witness Great Yarmouth Borough Council signing up to the Norfolk Says No White Ribbon campaign and to commit continuing police support to the initiative.

The sign-up event was organised as part of national domestic violence week and the Norfolk Says No week of events and saw council managing director Richard Packham and leader councillor Trevor Wainwright re-signing their commitment to the campaign in front of other partners, including Norfolk Constabulary, Victim Support, GFS Platform, councillors and members of staff from the council's housing and communities teams. These partners also pledged their continuing commitment to the campaign with Supt Davison signing as the local district commander and as the chair of the local Safer Communities Partnership.

Norfolk Says No was started in 2009 by the Norfolk Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Board (DASVB) to raise awareness of the unacceptability of domestic abuse and the resources that are available.

Each year of the campaign puts a particular focus on one of the groups experiencing domestic violence and this year's campaign is being targeted at domestic abuse being experienced by older and vulnerable people. The partners pledged to work together to support and protect victims and survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence, and their children, as well as working to bring perpetrators to justice.

### **# Invitation to drivers - Hemsby**

Drivers in the area are being invited along to a sponsored car wash at Hemsby Village Hall on Sunday 16 December, to help raise cash to restore the football dugouts at Waters Lane that were damaged back in November. It's estimated that it will cost several hundred pounds to replace the shelters that were damaged between 6.30pm and 7pm on Monday 12 November.

Safer Neighbourhood Team officers as part of a restorative justice initiative, supported by the sports club, have agreed a community resolution where a number of youths will carry out car washing to earn money to repair the dugouts. The car wash will take place between 9am and around 12 noon and anyone who lives locally is invited to bring their vehicle along for a good clean. Drivers will be asked to make a donation ahead of having their vehicle washed.

Criminal No.54042/12

Other criminal damage to A St Marys Close Hemsby between 4/12 - 22.00 to 5/12 8.00

Victim has had paint thrown over his vehicle. No permanent damage but attempt had been made.

You can dial 101 if you have any information about the crimes listed here or want to talk to local police about any issues.

The new non-emergency number is now in use across the country and is the quick and easy way to contact police in non-emergency situations.

In an emergency, if a life is in danger or a crime is in progress, always use 999.

For further crime prevention advice & news from your neighbourhood visit [www.norfolk.police.uk](http://www.norfolk.police.uk)

#### **# Hemsby Events Committee**

Letter of resignation has been received from Barry Thornton

#### **# Hemsby Harlequins**

Panto rehearsals under way show is on in January 2013.

#### **# Casual vacancy for a Parish Councillor**

Great Yarmouth Borough Council has advised 10 electors have not asked for an election therefore someone can be co-opted onto the PC. Notices are to be displayed in the Parish Council notice board and at the Post Office

#### **# Planning applications that were considered by Parish Councillors**

06/12/0658/F construction of new toilet extension to the rear of the property Lacon Arms for MBs - No objections.

06/12/0676/F proposed single storey rear extension 10 Winterton Road for Ms Eden - A Parish Councillors application so PC feel they cannot comment.

06/12/0666/F 1 Ryelands proposed single storey side extension for Mr & Mrs Rowand - No objections.

06/12/0699/F single storey rear extension 3 Beach Road - No objections

#### **# Great Yarmouth Borough Council planning decisions**

06/12/0591/F first floor ext over kitchen to form a bedroom 2 Mill Road for Mr Setchell - refused

06/12/0608/F renewal of PP 06/10/0629/F for use of PF for market/car boot sales for HPC - permission given until 31.10.17. PCllr Craig proposed GYBC should be contacted and advising this permission has been in place for longer than 10 years so the PC should not be asking for renewal it should be classed as permanent, seconded PCllr Caley, all in agreement.

#### **# Paramedic /Ambulance Service**

The Ambulance Service has been invited to attend a meeting in the new year. The First Responders would be happy to attend a meeting to give details of the service they are providing.

#### **# Affordable Housing Scheme**

From the public input a three bedroom house is being changed to two one bed flats,

#### **# Date of the next full Parish Council meeting**

Monday 21 January 2013 in the Parish Office, Kingsway, Hemsby, commencing at 7 30pm.

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### **NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2013**

#### **# Police**

PC Steve Potter sent a verbal report: Crime summary for 12/12/12 to 18/01/13

There have been 10 crimes as follows: 3 x Criminal Damages, 1 x Drugs offence (Cannabis found on persons sitting in North Road Bus Shelter), 2 x Thefts (Theft of garden ornaments on Pitt Road. Theft in a dwelling POSSIBLY CIVIL), 4 x Violence Offences (Male assaulted on Beach Road but refused to make a complaint. One assault at The Vineries between 2 elderly residents. 1 domestic related assault, Female assaulted at the social club during New Years Eve.

That's it for the crimes. At this time last year you had 14 crimes so there is a reduction this year.

There has been 67 calls to police in this time. Given the recent ASB issues you have raised I can inform you that 22 of the 67 calls were categorised as ASB by control. 7 of those incidents did not need any police response and only 12 of the 67 calls related to the public complaining about the youths. On the majority of these calls youths were spoken to and either advised about their behavior, or letters were sent to parents followed by visits from police.

#### **# Casual vacancy**

James Gray has been co-opted onto the Parish Council.

**# Planning application considered**

06/12/0754/F 6 bungalows 4 houses at Clydesdale Drive (land behind Pit Road) for Badgers Homes – PCllrs expressed grave concerns over the number of parking spaces within the development.

06/12/0759/F dev of 9 affordable residential units with associated landscaping parking and highway works Newport Road – no objections.

06/12/0766/CU change of use of existing garage into an appointment only tattoo studio 31 Barlceycroft for Mr Mourton – no objections.

06/13/0009/F renewal of PP 06/09/0730/F for proposed dwelling – Kalamalka St Thomas’s Road, Hemsby for Mr Teigh – No objections.

**# Planning decisions made by Great Yarmouth Borough Council**

06/12/0658/F construction of new toilet extension to the rear of the property Lacon Arms for MBs – granted

06/12/0676/F proposed single storey rear extension 10 Winterton Road for Ms Eden – granted

06/12/0666/F 1 Ryelands proposed single storey side extension for Mr & Mrs Rowand – granted

06/12/0699/F single storey rear ext & alt 3 Beach Road for Mr & Mrs Pierce - granted

**# Date of the next full Parish Council meeting**

Monday 18 February 2013 in the Parish Office, Kingsway, Hemsby, commencing at 7.30pm.

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**NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 18 FEBRUARY 2013**

**# Police**

PC Steve Potter sent in the following report: From 19/01/13 - 16/02/13

1 x Burglary non dwelling (bikes stolen from an insecure shed on), 2 x criminal damages (2 vehicles keyed at same address), 1 x drugs offence (18 cannabis plants found after police executed a warrant) There are no further crimes to report.

There were 47 calls to Police of which only 4 related to ASB (Snowballs being thrown)

It was clear that parishioners are not ringing in with ASB and incidents.

The Police are to be notified of these issues and a note is to go in the Hemsby Herald advising people to contact the Police on 101, or the PClerk and it is not necessary to give your name, but incidents must be recorded.

**# Youth Hub**

Vincent Daly the Chairman and Lead Youth Worker will be leaving between 15th & 31st March Advert for a replacement: URGENTLY REQUIRE A NEW LEADER FOR IMMEDIATE START Duties include:

- § Attending sessions every Wednesday Evening in the Pavilion
- § Foreseeing Health & Safety Requirements & Organising Activities
- § Being a Lead Contact for Group
- § Managing Training for Volunteers
- § Countersigning CRB Checks for New Volunteers

The potential candidate will have to undergo an enhanced CRB Check, full induction and training will be given. If position is not filled, group will face closure at end of March

Please forward your interests to Vincent by emailing hemsbyypclub@yahoo.co.uk

**# Co-option as a Parish Councillor**

James Gray has been co-opted onto the Parish Council.

**# HEMSBY village boundary sign** - is one missing

Norfolk County Council has replaced the old parish terminal signs with a 'clockmantle' 30MPH type sign, they did try to place a parish sign on both sides of Yarmouth Road but unfortunately the widths available and sign size meant if it were to be installed the likelihood of truck mirrors hitting the sign was significant.

### **# Play area at the playing field**

An Independent company has carried out a safety inspection - copy on file.

GYB Services has programmed works in next years schedule

### **# Insurance renewal**

The value of the Parish Council assets has been reviewed and Zurich Insurance is to be informed.

### **# Repairs to the playing field Car Park**

£1000 Donation to go towards repairs to the Car Park has been received from the Village Hall Committee.

### **# Burial Ground Fees**

The Parish Council has agreed to the following as the fees from the 1 March 2013:

Body of still born child..... FOC

Body of child under the age of 12 yrs..... FOC

Burial plot for a body of a person over the age of 12 years

and any additional body going into the plot..... £210

Ashes of child under the age of 12 years..... FOC

Ashes plot for a body of a person over the age of 12 years

and any additional body going into the plot..... £100

Memorial stone fee..... £75

No charge of additional inscription

Hemsby Parish Burial Ground is for residents of the parish only. Former parishioners who left the Parish to reside in hospital or in a residential home within the parish will be eligible for a plot. The Parish Council reserves at its discretion to vary these charges and rules in extenuating circumstances.

### **# Planning applications considered**

06/13/0020/F proposed single storey rear ext revised submission with the addition of a side window - 10 Winterton Road for Ms C Eden - Parish Councillors feel they are not in a position to comment as the Planning Application is for a PCllrs.

06/13/0024/F first floor extension over kitchen to form bedroom 2 Mill Road for Mr E Setchell - No objections

06/13/0014/F variation of condition 4 of PP 06/94/0937/F to allow siting of childrens coin operated rides on forecourt - Treasure Island for Mr Boswell - No objections

### **# Doctors meeting**

Doctors Meeting 28th January 2013 Hemsby Surgery.

Attended representing Hemsby Parish Council, also present a representative from Hemsby W.I, a representative from Hemsby Monday Club and Shirley Weymouth.

Practice Manager has requested that she would like people to think it over for the next meeting as she doesn't think she can give it her full attention due to her work commitments.

General health checks are available at the surgeries for those who fall into the age bracket of 40 -74 providing they have no existing or chronic conditions already diagnosed. This came as a surprise to many present as most had not heard of this. The surgeries said they usually contacted people by letter to invite them to come along for a health check, this again came as a surprise as no one had had one of these letters. It was agreed the surgeries would display this information and also if people wished for the health check to phone to book an appt.

Paramedic services. This was discussed again, it appears there will possibly be 3 cars to cover an extremely large area, and the sites where the cars may be based. If the paramedics were called out from base they were then to wait at the call out site until needed elsewhere rather than returning to base after each call out. It was wondered if a car should be attached to a surgery most felt this would be a good idea. Many felt that a loss of paramedic services would be terrible due to the rural area we live in.

Micro suction clinic Martham - Due to close March 2013. Due to funding a decision has been made to close the micro suction clinic, it has been running very successfully for the past 4-5 years but due to budget cuts it had been decided that the money used for the clinic could be put to better use

elsewhere. Patients will now be referred to the James Paget problem ear clinic instead. Surgeries will still continue to offer ear syringing.

The patient questionnaire was handed round for everyone to look at and comment upon and see if anything needed to be revised before it went to print and before it was put into the surgeries, Home visits were included on this as feedback is needed, lots of comments about people feeling they were being discouraged from requesting a home visit, The Dr in attendance said that if there was no alternative a home visit would be done, but by large they prefer to see patients in the surgery as they can conduct more thorough examinations as they have more resources and equipment to hand.

It was discussed that it would be nice if the surgeries could display the Dr's who work there, surgery hours and other information about what the surgeries have to offer, this is going to be done.

The W.I representative brought up the subject of transport for relatives of people in hospital who for varying reasons could not get to see their relatives i.e. could not drive, no buses etc. The W.I representative had looked into this and discovered there are several places people can contact.

For patients, transport only contact James Paget 01493 453777.

For relatives, Transport Plus 01603 422807 you pay mileage 42p per mile, they would require 3 days notice.

DIAL 01493 337650

Potter Heigham have a 'good neighbour' scheme it has about 20 volunteers. This is run by Norfolk Rural Community and the Victory Housing Association. This is for their area only . For information contact Jill 01692 670735

Ludham also run a similar scheme but again it is just for their area. For information contact Sheila 01692 678582

Hemsby are trial'ing an internet booking service. If anyone is interested they have to see the girls on reception as they will then be given a password to access the bookings on line service.

#### **# Highway issues**

The keep left signs at the cross roads Kingsway, Newport Road, Yarmouth Road have been demolished Norfolk County Council has arranged for temporary signs to be erected. Replacement bollards are on order - damaged items have been removed.

#### **# Maintenance of the flower beds**

Maria Ellis has received a contract for a year commencing 1st April 2013 to carry out the maintenance and planting.

#### **# Moles in the play area and playing field**

After discussions it was agreed to leave this item with HPFMC, but they must ensure the person company who is employed has insurance.

#### **# Conifers on the playing field**

The boundary conifers on the playing field need cutting or removal. On checking with Great Yarmouth Borough Council, the funding for this work would have to be put on parishioners Parish Precept on their Council tax - there are 1108 properties that the cost would be put on, example £5000 cost would be £5 per property. If this work is to be carried out then the funding would not be obtained until Precepting for 2014/15.

#### **# Rocking manhole cover at the crossroads**

At Ormesby Road/The Street & Waters Lane junction - Anglian Water are to be advised of the problem.

#### **# Date of the next full Parish Council meeting**

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***We are always looking for interesting items for this magazine, especially organisations advertising future events. Please email your input directly to [ambowgen@aol.com](mailto:ambowgen@aol.com)  
The next issue of the Hemsby Herald will be March 2013.***



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