

Hovingham Action Group

Status Report – July 2014

The Action Group held their AGM on the 2nd June 2014, 11 residents attended. It was reported Finance was healthy and provides a sound foundation for ongoing projects. Officers were elected for the coming year, various matters and future plans were discussed at the AGM and at the meeting which followed. These are covered below.

Hovingham Website

- This is currently paid for by the Action Group and it was agreed if it was to be an asset to the village it required updating. An article will be included in the next newsletter to gather support for a working group to look at what should be done to make improvements.

Environment and Wildlife

- Environment & Wildlife groups have been combined into one group.
- The status of the bee hives as they are empty is being investigated. It is thought they could be sold off or given to another beekeeper.
- Future wildflower planting will be more selective so that impact is enhanced.
- For environment and wildlife issues contact [Ann Chapman or David Richardson](#).

Market

- The Hovingham Market held in June (for once) unfortunately hit on poor weather. As a result visitor numbers were down. However the market continues to provide an excellent social and selling setting.
- Any Community Group wanting to run a Community Stall should contact the Market Group.
- For information on market issues contact [Martin Bell](#).

Playground

- A memorial plaque for Sir Marcus Worsley will be unveiled on the new covered shelter once planned work has been completed and the new equipment installed.
- Substantial work is taking place creating tunnels in the timber fort. The playground group are liaising with Hovingham School on this and other projects. The aim is to get the school to use the playground as a resource for learning and exercise.
- Using the Pasture Lane development fund the Playground Committee has ordered new equipment from Image Playgrounds in Sherriff Hutton and this is being installed along with work on the timber fort.
- Willow planting has added an interesting feature to the playground, but there is concern 'exuberant' play use may cause damage. This will be monitored closely.
- Instances of dogs being seen in the playground despite 'No dog' signs.
- Contact [Ann Chapman, Carol Battersby, Rosemary Stewart](#) or [David Richardson](#) if you can provide any support.

Church Clock

- An in depth inspection was carried out by Hills Tower Clocks from Leeds and maintenance needs were identified. This will cost approximately £2,500 and is being financed with donations from private individuals, the Market and Action Groups. The Action Group have also pledged money from the December Market café if this is needed? It is planned for the work to start in September 2014. For further information contact [Ann Chapman or David Richardson](#)

Neighbourhood Watch

- Regular emails are sent out and all villagers should continue to be vigilant They should report any suspicious activity to the police.

Flood Defences

- The flood plan has been reviewed by the Parish Council to ensure the village is prepared for whatever the weather may bring. Recent bad weather which effected the market did not appear to cause undue concern, although the beck did rise somewhat.