

# Hemswell Cliff Parish Council



## Community Improvement



## Proposal



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# Foreword

Hemswell Cliff is a decommissioned former RAF Base which was sold off by the MOD in the 90's. It has not been without it's challenges but the village has a vision to be a **"Normal"** village. Over the years the Parish Council has worked tirelessly to try and achieve this with unfaltering support from [West Lindsey District Council](#).

In 2015 we replaced the old ramshackle Ball Park left by the MOD with a new £100K facility which is still going strong.

In 2022 we opened allotments for the village which are proving popular

In 2023 the Parish Council adopted the Play Parks from HRC ([Hemswell Residents Company](#)) and is now working hard to secure funding to update them.

In November 2023 Hemswell Cliff's Neighbourhood plan was officially adopted, giving a clear vision for the village.

The Village is really now starting to pull together and with the new owners of the old Sergeants Mess ([The Broadcast Engineering Conservation Group](#)) being super keen to be part of the village they are well on the way to opening a new Village Community Room in the [BEM](#). Funded by [FCC](#) and [WLDC](#).

Never before has the Village worked together so hard to realise it's dreams. We look forward to working together with WLDC, HRC, the BECG and local businesses and funders to keep improving the village for the better.

The following proposal is our next step to bring the village together, improve facilities and realise the visions of the Neighbourhood Plan.



# PHASE 1

## Destination Space 1

- 3 x Backed Recycled Plastic Benches
- 50p shaped concrete slab
- Beech hedge surrounding slab
- Miscellaneous



This space was inspired by the feedback received at our teen/young adult engagement session, the community engagement online survey and the neighbourhood plan. This recreational area will benefit residents and those who visit or work in the Parish. Bringing to life our vision of making Hemswell Cliff a cohesive Parish.

***This phase will be complete in January 2025***

The benches were funded by local businesses and Hemswell Residents Company, and the Parish Council funded the Concrete Base and Trees.

## Destination Space 2

Benches to be added for spectators of friends and family playing football in the newly installed goal posts on the green. Creating a usable space to appeal to all age groups on and off the Estate.

- 2 x Goal Posts
- 2 x Recycled Plastic Benches (see Phase 5)

Breakdown on next page



# Destination Space 1 & 2

## Breakdown of Costs

### Parish Council and Local Businesses

£1,800 Concrete Pad (Parish Council)

£1,089 3 x Backed benches (Local Businesses & HRC)

£574 2 x Backless benches (Local Businesses)

£125 Trees (Parish Council)

£40 Plants

Grass seed to be confirmed

£397 1 x wheelchair access bench (Local Business)

£287 1 x Planter (Local Business)

£574 1 x Buddy Bench (Parish Council)

£19 1 x Buddy Bench sign (Parish Council)

£100 5 x Litter Pick signs (Parish Council)

£100 Teen Engagement Night (Donations)

£1.660 Goal posts (Parish Council)

This does not include VAT fixings or delivery on benches

TOTAL ABOVE £6,765

**All to be Complete in January 2025**

# PHASE 2

## Ball Park

- Ball Park Lights
- £30,000 (approx.)
- Path to connect middle path to ballpark (see map)
- £8,257.71 concrete
- Outdoor Gym
- £10,000
- Ramps for bikes
- Excess soil repurposed from path installation
- 1 X Backless Recycled Plastic Bench (local Businesses)

# PHASE 3

## Destination Space 1 (Part 2)

- Path to connect ballpark to the benches on Phase 1 then running down the side of Bettesworth Avenue to the middle path
- Drop kerb to access field (Phase 6)
- £20,000 concrete
- Already spent in the area see Phase 1 costings

# PHASE 4

## “Anyone For Soccer”

- Goal posts (from Phase 1)
- £1,660 (Complete December 2024)
- Path from wheelchair access picnic towards Bettsworth Avenue running alongside to join middle path
- £ 20,000 concrete

# PHASE 5

## Destination Space 2 (Part 2)

- 3 X Backed Recycled Benches ( Local Businesses )
- Concrete Pads x3 £1350 (Parish Council)
- Path to connect phase 4 path and goal post spectator benches then to middle path hedge side
- £4000 concrete

# PHASE 6

## Drop Kerbs

Section 20 Equality Act 2010; Places a duty to make reasonable Adjustments for those with disabilities on all those to whom the Act applies. This duty is triggered in circumstances where a disabled person is placed at a substantial disadvantage in comparison to persons who are not disabled.

To allow excess for ALL onto the Estate from the A631 crossing by the bus stop near Gibson Road turning.

To make it safe for anyone walking with a pram/wheelchair /scooter/ young child or any one with mobility issues to get better access to and from the shop/park/ BEM and the school without the need to endanger themselves or others by being on the road.

Equality Act 2010 Section 21

***Failing to make reasonable adjustments is unlawful and amounts to disability discrimination***

We do have a lot of old and disabled people in the Parish who are isolated because they cannot get around due to the lack of dropped kerbs, we do have proof of this, and we have dropped a that 3 words pin to show all intended drop kerbs

**15 no. Drop kerbs for £16,785.00 + vat**

[HRC](#) Directors have given us their full backing.

Again, this is another example of how we would like to bring the community together.

They will not be able to access the [BEM community space](#) unless they get taken in a car or scoot in the road

They cannot go to meet their Children/Grandchildren from school. The list goes on.

# Phase 7

## BEM Disabled Toilet & Baby Change Facilities.

With the BEM (Broadcast Engineering Museum) being well on the way with the new Community Room Funded by FCC & WLDC there is still a need for a new Disabled access toilet & baby change facilities.

This will not only compliment the new community room but will make it more accessible to all, be it disabled members of the community or parents with young children.

To refit out the toilet to disabled access requirements and fit a drop down baby change table would be around £3800

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A new community hub set to revitalise village life.  
The Broadcast Engineering Conservation Group (BECG) is planning to turn Studio 2, located within the Broadcast Engineering Museum on Capper Avenue, into a focal point for village life. ... See more



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# Phase Costings

## Already Funded

Phase 1 £6765 Parish Council & local Business donations

Phase 5 Concrete Pads - £1350 Parish Council (Feb 25)

Phase 8 Play Parks £20k National lottery Community fund (Feb 25)



## Seeking from WLDC

Phase 2 - Ball Park Lighting £30,000 (estimate)

Path & Ramps £8257.71

Outdoor Gym £10,000

Backless Recycled Bench (Donations)

Phase 3 - Path £20,000

Phase 4 - Path £20,000

Phase 5 - 3 Backed Recycled Benches (Donations)

Path £4000

Phase 6 - Drop kerbs x 15 £16785

Phase 7 - BEM Disabled Toilet & Baby Change £3800

**Total Required £112,842 (Estimate)**

## Other Applications Made

Phase 8 - Play Parks £100,000 FCC

**PLEASE SEE PHASE 8 FOR INTERACTIVE MAP**

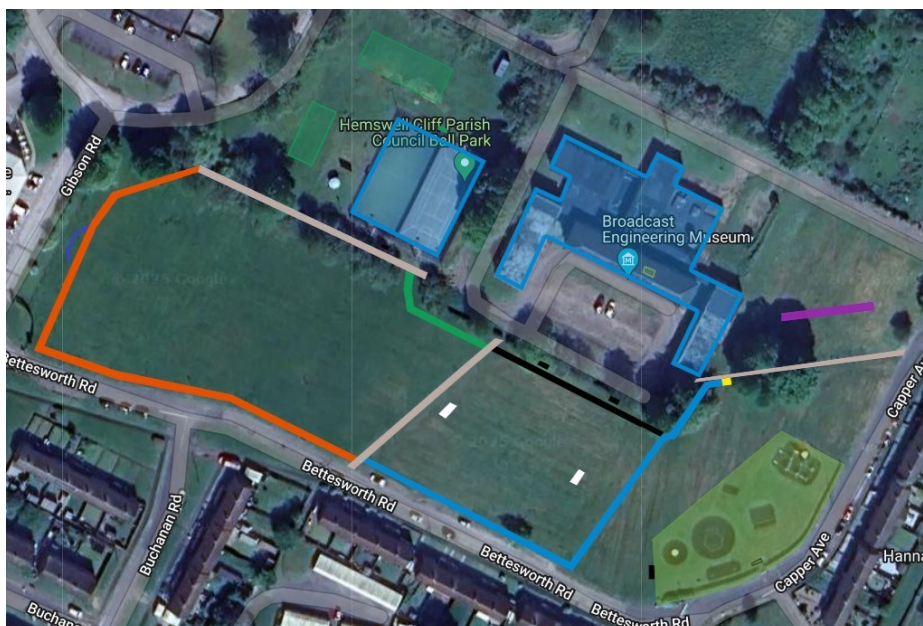
# Phase 8

## Play Park Regeneration

£120,000 (approximately) to replace missing and outdated equipment at both Capper Ave and Minden Place play parks.

- Approach larger local businesses to secure match funding
- National Lottery application now awarded £20k (Feb 25)
- Apply to FCC when all the above is in place
- Tender complete - contractor chosen
- Remove old tired equipment
- Replace with New
- Resurface and use empty areas in both parks to site new equipment.

## Proposal Map



[Click on the map to see an interactive map with more details](#)

# Hemswell Cliff Neighbourhood Plan

A few points from the Hemswell Cliff Neighborhood plan adopted Nov 2023 this plan would achieve.

Key issues:

## **Social**

Need to develop footpaths accessible to all residents for leisure or fitness walking and for social contact with others. Benches and attractive landscaping along the paths will invite people to sit, enjoy the beauty and meet one another.

improve the small play park in the north side residential neighborhood because children feel safer in this enclosed space. Add benches to the play park.

## **Environment**

Beautify the communal green areas of the residential neighborhoods on the north side of the A631 by planting and maintaining attractive landscaping with shrubs and flowers.

Create and maintain wildlife spaces consisting of plantings within or along borders of open green spaces, so that insects and birds can flourish.

## **Vision Statement**

Hemswell Cliff will include all members of the Parish as a united community, without the divisions that currently exist. Community engagement will be encouraged, utilizing existing and future facilities.

Sensible development on appropriate sites will support the expanding economy, encourage enterprise, create new jobs and enable provision of community services such as a facility for a GP/health center. Better connectivity will enable those residents without cars to access regular and reliable public transport, to increase people’s opportunities and decrease isolation. The village will be a safe and resilient place to live in, presenting adaptive solutions in the face of climate change and related events.



Figure 7: Hemswell Cliff's Touchstone

## Objectives:

To create cohesion within the village to bring people together.

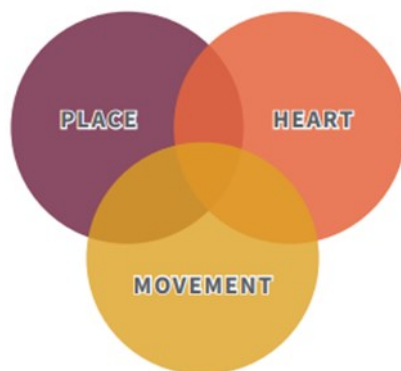
To develop social space and regular social events that include everyone who wants to take part.

To maintain current facilities and create new areas in the village for community use.

# Hemswell Cliff Neighborhood Plan

## Design Code

Design Code follows from earlier work with Hemswell Cliff Parish Council, West Lindsey District Council set out in the Hemswell Cliff Masterplan, together with the accompanying Character Study. The Design Code sets out to articulate how the Masterplan might be developed and provides guidance for future development to ensure that it may be realised



**STRUCTURE OF THE DESIGN CODE** The Design Code is set out in THREE sections, responding to the themes that form the basis for how Hemswell Cliff should develop to achieve the goals set out in the Masterplan.

These are:

**Making the PLACE** Looking at the broad strategic elements to ensure that Hemswell Cliff works as a place.

**Responding to movement** Looking at how people can move around Hemswell Cliff and making clear, safe and attractive connections to make sure that the community, neighbourhoods and the range of uses all co-exist satisfactorily.

# Hemswell Cliff Neighborhood Plan

## Design Code

**Creating a Heart** Addressing how new development should be arranged to introduce a new Local Centre for Hemswell Cliff; setting out how it might be organised, what it should be comprised of and how it should look and feel.

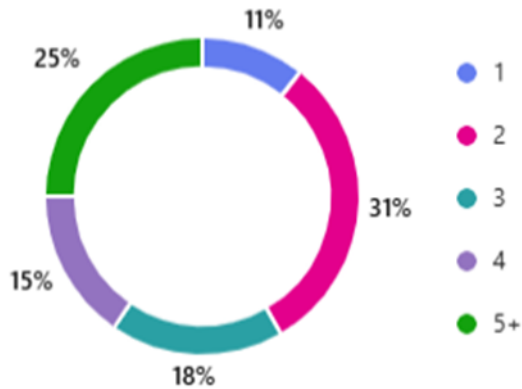
Hemswell Cliff is a village in need of a Centre. With a large residential population, which is set to increase, together with a primary school, the Antiques Centre and other surrounding businesses, there is an urgent and compelling need to provide a local centre that can provide a range of services and facilities to serve this community and become its heart.

**PROVIDING A NEW HEART** The Emerging Masterplan identified a strategic location for a new Local Centre, positioned to the south of the Parade Ground. The large open space within Hemswell Cliff, wrapped around the former Sergeants Mess, is already an underused focal point within the community and this should be brought within the boundary of a redefined Local Centre organised around this space. The new Local Centre should be a destination in its own right and a focal point for Hemswell Cliff. The Local Centre needs to achieve the following: • Have a strong arrangement and layout; • Be an attractive destination that functions well and serves the community.

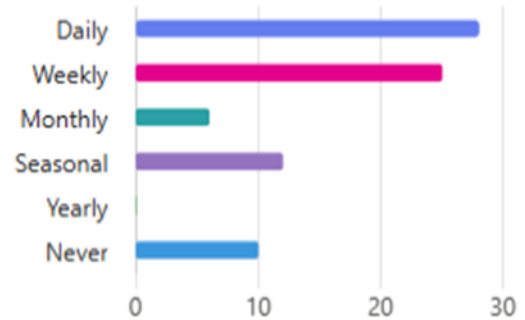
# Community Engagement Feedback

84 responses received

Number of people in household



How often do you use the community green spaces



What facilities would benefit your household?



## Anonymous comments:

1	Age-appropriate sections of park - park is aimed at a small age range.
2	Big signs reminding people to pick up their poo and put rubbish in bins. Respect the community areas for all to enjoy. The parks to be fenced again to protect children from those un responsible dog owns who do not
3	Hedges, greenery, flowers, nature areas
4	More parking spaces. Less rubbish outside people house, back of garages and in the alley ways. A bus service that takes you to Gainsborough.

5	Somewhere for the kids to go when it is raining etc.
6	The ability for disabled parents/grandparents in wheelchairs or mobility scooters to get to the park area and go between areas
7	Clear paths and space for wheelchairs and mobility scooters shaded if possible
8	BBQ area, wildlife/pond area, communal garden, sensory garden, gates to stop parking for market on Sundays, mobility scooter and wheelchair access to all and from all paths, better grass cutting on main field, community hub, history board, more community functions.
9	Personally, I would like a cricket pitch. I am far too old to play (I can hardly walk), but a tree-shaded cricket pitch would be a sheer delight. Oh, and we must avoid being lumbered with any wind farms within sight.
10	Community orchard for everyone to help themselves to free fruit
11	A nursery school! None for non-drivers in Hemswell Cliff
12	Community Centre for the older children. Pool table and darts board etc. They have the ballpark which my son goes to regularly. But in the winter months would be good to have somewhere for them to meet their friends. I think an adult should be present when accessing the Community Centre which I am happy to help with when not at work.
13	Gym equipment for the older children
14	Decent grass cutter service who has pride in their work and are not miserable and disrespectful to our grass areas.
15	Accessible foot path to the Post Office especially for a person on mobility scooter, nearly fell of its very uneven



# Teen/young adult engagement session 01/08/24 feedback



## Equipment:

Ball court equipment, nets, rackets, Goal posts etc

Different seating areas for different ages (play dales Encounter 8 highlighted)

Rugby Posts

Outdoor Gym (corner behind ball court to allow to use without being watched)

Path/Circuit

Own space to 'hang out' bench away from younger children

Zip-wire

Taller play equipment

Climbing Net

Trim Trail

Training buddy

### **Activities:**

Teen/Young adult council

Movie night at BEM

Book club

Craft evenings

Youth club

### **Bench Locations:**

Bus stops

A631 between Dog Kennel Lane and Post Office

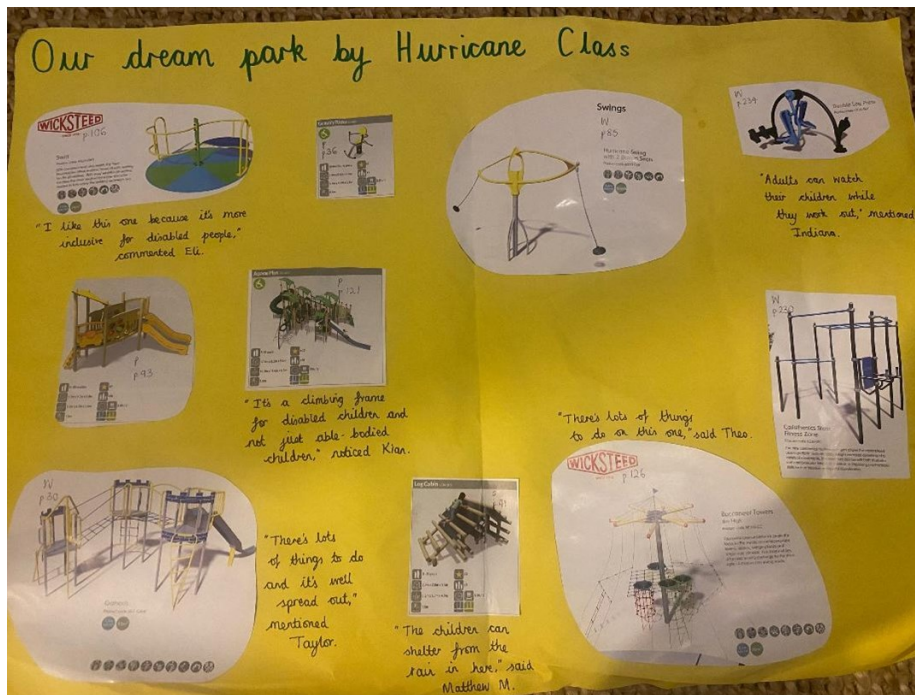
### **Other:**

Different social media platforms used to reach youth e.g. Instagram, TikTok

Actions being taken via cameras, some on the estate are acting up to the cameras as they believe they do not work/action will not be taken.

# The children at Hemswell Cliff Primary School

## designed their dream park



## Competition winners:

From Hemswell Cliff Primary School who took part in the Parish Councils litter poster competition. The winning poster by Theo Donaldson the creator of the tagline

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