

The Closure of the Village Hall car park to visitors to Hardley Windmill on Thursday, June 21st. 2012

The Village Hall was given advanced notification of the Event at the Mill and permission was granted for cars to park at the Hall in order that visitors could be conveyed down the track to the Mill by a minibus borrowed from Langley School. The purpose was to reduce wear to the long gravel track.

Twenty four hours before the Event, Lynn telephoned and withdrew the permission for parking in spite of the fact that no other body had booked the Village Hall. This was a decision of Freda, Sam and Maggie of the Hall Committee.

At the time of the Event the car park was blocked off and a notice placed close (too close) to the road. A car belonging to an elderly couple who had arrived early had a notice placed on its windscreen to warn the owners that their "number plate ,*sic*, had been taken". - A pointless procedure with no legal effect.

The results of this puerile behaviour were:

- A) Cars had to be parked beside the road, thus causing constriction.
- B) The minibus, driven by our PC chairman, had to make awkward turns, thus blocking the road.
- C) A Range Rover, in no way connected with the Mill Event, crashed into the "NO PARKING" notice whilst avoiding the minibus.
- D) Members of the local community were denied the benefit of a parking area and also thereby access to the public bottle bank.

It is important to realise that the Village Hall was built largely with public money for the benefit of the local community. Actions of the sort here detailed suggest that the use of the Hall is to be controlled not by the Parish, but by a clique for the benefit of its friends.

South Norfolk Council has advised that this subject be brought up first at the Parish Council Meeting, following which it is will to proffer legal advice.

Should this account be generally published, Langley with Hardley would be the laughing stock of Norfolk.