

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on October 10th 2024 at 7.30pm

Oct 24 1 **apologies**

Mr Subramanian – accepted by PC

Present

Chair Mrs Blackburn, Mrs Denyer, Mr Paris, Mr Bust, Mr Bevans, Mr Wright
Cllrs Laughton and Rainbow
1 member of the public

Oct 24 2 **Councillors declaration of interests**

None

Oct 24 3 **To approve minutes of the previous meeting held 25th September 2024 and to receive updates from the previous meeting**

- A) Gov emails for Parish Council – RFO informed the PC that these had been applied for
- B) Quotes for allotment work – clerk informed the PC that he was seeing the gentleman who had looked at the allotments next week
- C) Damaged cross roads sign – RFO was waiting for a reply from Highways – Cllr Laughton suggested contacting Louise Poole at VIA
- D) Overhanging hedge School Lane adj the Golf Course – Clerk has spoken to the manager and it should be done in November, they are also doing the hedge on Halam Hill as requested by Highways, as the overhanging top is catching on buses
- E) Banking – several have been looked at , a short list needs to be made – RFO informed the PC that she is waiting to hear from Lloyds, this is the last bank
- F) Code of Conduct – to revisit and adopt updated version – the Chair had those who had read this, sign off - agreed to adopt
Mr Bevans informed the PC that it had been brought to his attention that there was a rumour that he “had fell on his sword” in the meeting when the Chair read out the statement
- G) Store cupboard – update and cost – the clerk informed the PC that he had divided off the lefthand side of the cupboard and needed to fit a lock, agreed that he could spend up to £31 proposed Mrs Denyer seconded Mr Wright

Oct 24 4 **to adjourn to allow public participation**

Nothing to discuss

Oct 24 5 **To receive updates from County and District Councillors**

Cllr Rainbow informed the PC that there was a community fund available, but any request over £5000 needs to be match funded
The Kiddey Stone survey had finished
NSDC had a Corporate Peer Review, by officers from other areas to see if the DC is using Best Practice – some training has been recommended
Cllr Laughton brought us up to date on the A614 upgrade, they have written to the Department of Transport to see if they can get them moving – will take 2 years and £27mill

Oct 24 6 **Village Hall**

Maintenance schedule – clean Gateway signs – 3 Cllrs volunteered to do this the Chair Halam Hill and Mansfield Road, Mr Subramanian School Lane and Mr Paris Radley Road
Mrs Denyer reported that she had looked at the exterior doors and they needed more work than just painting -agreed to let the clerk look at them and see what needed

doing, possibly replacing the end door with something to block it off, as it is not used and to look at the finials. Then contact the painter who originally painted them and ask for a quote

Projector – Mr Bevans reported that it was not working properly, agreed for him to speak to the WI and see if they wish make a donation towards a new one, as they had done with this one

- Oct 24 7** **allotments**
Mr Paris informed the PC that he had given more information to Mr Croston, so hopefully we should hear something soon on the progress of the title
- Oct 24 8** **Roads and hedges**
Nothing to discuss
- Oct 24 9** **Standing Orders review**
SO3c- public note SO3b – notice to Cllrs
After discussion agreed no further action
- Oct 24 10** **Christmas mulled wine and hot chocolate Saturday 7th December**
Christmas light switch on 7th December 2024 next steps
To decide on timing and roles
After much discussion it was proposed by Mr Wright seconded Mrs Denyer that a budget of £300 was set to cover Christmas tree/decorations/ food and drink, prices to be sorted and finalised at the next meeting
- Oct 24 11** **Quality Council Award**
Opportunity for the PC to demonstrate best practice
Agreed to leave off the agenda until the Clerk has more information
- Oct 24 12** **Correspondence**
Aqua Sacs
NSDC has offered PC's the opportunity to buy aqua sacs at a reduced price - £3.78
After much discussion it was agreed not to purchase any, as we have no where to store them, and trying to work out how many we need – it would either be not enough or far to many, also as the Flood Department has pointed out, it is really the homeowners job to protect their homes
A couple of Cllrs who have used them, said they were heavy, awkward to use and could not be reused
- Oct 24 13** **Best Kept Village – next steps**
The result will be known at the NALC AGM on Saturday
After much discussion, it was agreed that we need to be better organised, it was decided that now was too soon to start talking about it, so will leave off the agenda until February 2025
- Oct 24 14** **Lengthsman Scheme**
Will this be suitable for the PC, to understand the scheme and what work can be carried out
Agreed to leave until the clerk has contacted VIA
- Oct 24 15** **Parish Council Assets**
Tidying and maintaining - benches, phone box, bus shelter and noticeboards

Do we need arrangements for general maintenance and keeping the surrounding areas clean and tidy

Clerk to find out if this can be linked with the Lengthsman Scheme

Oct 24 16

Public Protection Orders

Dogs banned from School field

Dogs on leads in Churchyard

Agreed to put a notice in the noticeboard outside the Church, reminding people to keep their dogs on leads

Check that these are still in force and publish in Halam News reminding people that it is a £1000 fine

Oct 24 17

Biodiversity

Proposed Biodiversity Policy for Halam PC for adoption

2 amendments – take out neighbourhood plan and chemicals

Put on the next agenda

Oct 24 18

planning

None

Planning decisions

Land adj The Old Vicarage Halam Hill – approved NSDC

Oct 24 19

Finance

April 25 – March 26 business plan

To discuss our key areas of focus and objectives for next year with the aim to ensure we account for sufficient budget to support discussions at the December meeting

Clerk to make out the budget, so any amendments can be made

Agreed to pay – VE Day Flag 44.80

2 new defib batteries 504.00 need to order

Proposed Mr Bust, seconded Mr Paris

Budget update to 30 June 2024

No comments were made, clerk to let Chair know what we had spent under Village Hall sundries

Oct 24 20

items for the next agenda

Village Hall wall

Lengthsman Scheme

Sound system/projector

Code of Conduct

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 21.30