

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday
May 9th 2024**

May 24 1 **apologies**

Cllrs Rainbow, Harris and Roberts

Absent

No one

Present

Chairman Mr Bust, Mr Paris, Mr Bevans, Mr Subramanian, Mrs Blackburn, Mrs Denyer, Mr Wright, Clerk Mr Rickett, RFO Mrs Rickett
6 members of the public

May 24 2 **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Chair– Mr Bust -proposed Mr Paris seconded Mr Bevans
Mrs Blackburn- proposed Mr Subramanian seconded Mrs Denyer
Voting 2 for Mr bust, 3 for Mrs Blackburn – Mrs Blackburn elected Chair
Mrs Blackburn took over the meeting and thanked Mr Bust for his time as Chairman
Vice Chair – Mr Paris- proposed Mr Bust seconded Mr Bevans
Mrs Denyer -proposed Mr Wright seconded Mr Subramanian
Voting 2 for Mr Paris, 3 for Mrs Denyer – Mrs Denyer elected as Vice Chair
Mrs Blackburn thanked Mr Paris for his time as Vice Chairman

May 24 3 **election of other representatives**

Christmas charities – Mr Bust and Mr Paris
Press – Mr Paris
Transport – Mr Subramanian
NALC representative – Mrs Denyer
Snow/flood warden – Mrs Blackburn
Flag – Mr Bevans
Crime reduction – Mr Paris
Internal auditor – Mr David Dixon TBC
Financial officer – Mrs Rickett

May 24 4 **Signing of Declaration of office**

The Chair and Vice Chair signed

May 24 5 **Declaration of Cllrs interests**

None declared

May 24 6 **to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 11th April 2024 and to receive updates**

The minutes were signed as a true and correct record

The only thing was the problem with Mrs Denyer logging into the meeting for Biodiversity – after talking with NALC it seems the RFO misspelt Mrs Denyer’s email, but it was not returned as unsent to NALC. We have received all the information from the meeting, so agreed to pay the bill – put on next agenda

May 24 7

Open meeting

All the members of the public were allotment holders

They had several questions

They were concerned about moving if the PC purchased land in the Village

Access to the allotments was not easy particularly after the rain we have had

They asked about drainage ditches as some parts of the allotments have flooded

They have cleared the land, erected polytunnels, made use of old sheds on the plots, and got the land useable

It was bought up about grants for improvements – access and car park

If the land was purchased - behind the OAP bungalows on St Micheals Close, would they have the same size plots? would they have to relocate

It was agreed that the allotment holders should put in writing to the clerk, what they would like to happen to the allotments as moving in the near future is very unlikely

May 24 8

County and District Councillors reports

Nothing from Cllrs Loughton and Rainbow

An email from Cllrs Harris and Roberts had been circulated to the PCllrs

May 24 9

Village Hall

Wi-Fi – extensions for the store/bar would cost £10 per month – agreed Mr Bevans would look into finding a disc – proposed Mr Subramanian seconded Mr Bust

Hugo Fox – the RFO and Mr Bevans explained that we would not be having a decrease in price as this did not apply to PCs and they hadn’t realised that the bill was paid by the PC

King’s portrait – the portrait has arrived and will be put in the middle of the wall on the right hand side of the fire exit

May 24 10

Grant application

Outcome of survey

The clerk and RFO had counted the replies yes 38 no 8 and undecided 2

170 had been sent out, it was a low number of replies, but a positive response

We will keep looking for grants to improve Village facilities

Agreed to put the results in the minutes proposed Mr Bust seconded Mrs Denyer

May 24 11 **D Day 80th 6th June 2024**

A D Day quiz will be held in the Waggon on Friday night
The landlord of the Waggon has agreed to do food and drinks on site
The church bells will be rung at 6.30pm
The bonfire to be lit at 9.15 pm and Mr Paris to read out the address
There will be music through the evening

May 24 12 **allotment registration**

Still ongoing , the prep work has been done
Mr Croston to speak to the Clerk

May 24 13 **Roads and hedges**

Railings on The Turnpike, work is being done by bridges and structures,
Clerk to follow up
There has been a complaint about a mirror erected in the field hedge
opposite the Village Hall and School half way between. There are one
or two others in the Village, Clerk to contact highways and inform them.
School Lane and Holme Lane have had some potholes filled

May 24 14 **Best Kept Village Competition**

We have entered this, posters to be put in the noticeboards – Mrs
Denyer gave the Clerk one , he will obtain a second
Mrs Blackburn suggested asking the Village to have a general tidy up,
on Sunday 9th June starting at 9pm. Put in the Village news

May 24 15 **correspondence**

Biodiversity , the clerk has obtained the slides and these have been
circulated, needs to be considered when viewing planning applications
Chair asked if this could be put as an agenda item to come before
planning

May 24 16 **planning**

None

Planning decisions

The Manor House - approved NSDC

May 24 17 **Finance**

Agreed to pay the following

Cleaners	74.00
Flag	28.80
Envelopes	17.30
Plaque for flagpole	34.99
End of year budget update – put on next agenda	

Insurance – not on the agenda as the company has changed names and there was confusion as to whether this was an inquiry or the quote
As it is a regular payment and needs to be paid by 1st June and it is almost the same as last year agreed to pay - 679.50
Proposed Mr Subramanian seconded Mr Bust

May 24 18 **items for the next agenda**

Neighbourhood Watch
Biodiversity - agenda item and payment
Training budget
End of year budget update

May 24 19 **date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 13th June 2024 at 7.30pm

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.09pm