

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.30pm**

**Apologies**

Cllr Harris

**Present**

Chairman Mr Bust, Mr Paris, Mrs Herbert, Mrs Simmons, Mrs Godfrey, Mr Bevans, clerk Mr P Rickett

Cllrs Laughton and Jackson and 2 members of the public

**Minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true record after removing the words “urgent work”**

**Matters arising from previous meetings**

None

**Proposed improvements to water supply to Southwell**

None

**Village Hall**

The chain and key pad have been fitted - the code will be changed regularly and Mr Bevans will inform those that need it – appears to be appreciated at the moment

Chairs and tables can be hired out, but not the crockery and cutlery

Although the chain is in place there is still a problem with someone leaving their car in front of the Hall – agreed for the clerk to send a letter to those concerned

Village Hall Committee – meeting again in March

The Millennium Tapestry is showing signs of damp – will need remounting with a gap behind for ventilation

A couple of things need looking at – slipped tile and one storage heater not working

**Roads and hedges**

There appears to have been some confusion over the closure of Oxton Hill – it will happen but no one is sure when

Cllr Jackson advised us to try and get the blue grit bins adopted and then NCC will fill them – in the mean time more grit is needed

Radley Road is in a poor state, but nothing much can be done in this weather

Dykes are being cleared out in preparation for NCC highways to sort out the water problem

**Halam Facebook**

Getting more “likes”

**Broadband**

Mrs Godfrey attended a meeting and they were informed that 145 cabinets were now live, but are not as good as expected

You need fibre optic to your box

The further from the box you are the slower it is

There has been a suggestion made about either setting up a group or working one to one with people who either do not have a computer, or wish to learn more – agreed Mrs Godfrey to be point of contact

**Allotments**

Mr Paris to look at the enclosure book and see how things stand with diversifying the use

### **External Audit Seminar**

Mrs Rickett reported back that there will be changes to the way the audit is carried out – we will be able to use our own external auditor or NSDC will appoint one and from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 all minutes and accounts need to be published on the internet. Mrs Rickett will contact NALC and Mr Paris NSDC to see if they will be providing a place on their site for PCs to use or if we will be able to set our own up

### **NALC briefing on Transparency Code for Smaller Councils**

Has been covered under the above

### **Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2015/16**

Mr Paris reported that there will be less money for District and County Councils

### **Open Meeting**

Mrs Herbert reported that the footpath above Machins has been blocked with an electric fence – to be looked into

### **Correspondence**

Items circulated to Councillors

Rural Services ACRE Funding Threat

Local Council Award Scheme

Police and Crime Plan 2015/18

Southwell Draft Neighbourhood Plan - seems to be OK

Updated Legal Topic Note on Elections – list of dates and procedures and the Village Hall is booked

Local Governance Finance Settlement

Connecting Communities on Streetlife – new web site for anyone to use

Provision of OS Data for PC use – the PCs will be able to obtain cheaper maps

### **Planning**

None

### **Planning decisions**

None

### **Finance**

The precept will stay the same at £7500

Agreed to pay

Dog bin £109.20

Key pad for door £99.99

Chain, fittings and fitting of lock and chain £100.00

### **Items for the next agenda**

Computer lessons

### **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9pm