

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 8th January 2015 at 7.30pm

Present

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

Cllr Jackson, Cllr Laughton

Apologies

Mrs Herbert, Cllr Harris

Minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true record

Matters arising from previous meetings

Proposed improvements to water supply to Southwell

The money from Laing O'Rourke has been received - £500

We now have £1000 towards the fabric, refurbishment and improvements of the Village Hall – 4 for 1 against

Mrs Godfrey and Mrs Thompson are looking into match funding for improvements and urgent work

Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee will try to meet regularly

Agreed to put a chain across the car park and fit a key pad lock

This is to try and alleviate the problem of people leaving their cars there and as there are so many keys in circulation, only the regular users will be given the code which Mr Bevans will change regularly and one off users will either be let in or given the code. Anyone wishing to take chairs, tables, crockery etc will need to book through Mr Bevans and pay the hall rate

Cllr Jackson agreed to give us £200 towards the security measures from his fund

Roads and hedges

It was discussed with Cllr Jackson the problems during the recent ice and snow, with little or no gritting being done, he will also look into getting a ton bag of grit for the bins

Halam Facebook

There is an increase in people looking at the page

Allotments

Mr Paris is looking into the legalities of using the allotments for other things

Open meeting

Cllr Laughton informed the PC that Halam Hill will be closed in February for approx 2 weeks while work is being carried out on the drainage – approx £25,000 of work

Oxton Hill will be closed from 11th February for 2 weeks while the trees on the hill are sorted out

Extra yellow markings are to be put outside the school making them compulsory

There is now only 1 beat officer to cover the area from Bulcote to Blidworth
Council elections - Cllr Jackson thinks that the PC will have to contribute towards the elections in May – clerk to speak to the Returning Officer at NSDC

Correspondence

Items circulated to Councillors
Withholding of Council Tax Support Grant
Write to MP's re; - CTSG
Proposed abolition of PWLB
NALC briefing on Transparency Code for Smaller Councils – Mr Paris to look into and report at the next meeting
Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2015/16 – Mr Paris to look at and report to the next meeting
S.137 figure for 2015/16
No action on the other items

Other items
External Audit Seminar February 2015 – Mrs Rickett Financial Officer to attend - £8 agreed to pay

Planning

None

Planning decisions

Little Oak Radley Road – approved by NSDC

Finance

Precept – agreed to precept for £7500/ £8000 depending on the outcome of expenses for the election – clerk and Chairman to decide final figure
Fire check –agreed to pay £38.40

Items for the next agenda

Date of next meeting

Thursday 12th February 2015 at 7.30pm

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