

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 8pm**

**Apologies**

Cllr Rainbow

**Present**

Chairman Mr Bust, Mr Paris, Mrs Herbert, Mrs Simmonds, Mrs Godfrey, Mr Bevans, Mrs Todd, clerk Mr Rickett

**Minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true and correct record**

**Matters arising from previous meetings**

None

**Village Hall**

Bookings have slowed over the summer. The cars parking when the hall is not in use are being monitored

**Grant**

We are waiting for more quotes, a closed meeting will be arranged to look at them

**Roads and hedges**

The hedge has been cut on Halam Hill, the clerk is to thank them for doing it, but see if more can be cut off

There has been an accident on Halam Hill a bike hit a pothole and the rider broke their collar bone, the potholes were reported to Cllr Laughton a month ago

The School lights are still flashing in the holidays and the speed sign still does not work

Clerk to contact Jo Horton at Highways and Cllr Laughton, pointing these problems out and high lighting that Halam Hill is part of the Round Britain Cycle route

A letter was read out from a parishioner also covering these items, but suggesting the potholes cut down on speeding

The rails near Holme Lane need painting, this comes under NCC

**Defibrillator**

In hand

**Speed Watch**

Mr Paris is trying to arrange for the local PCSO to attend the November meeting

A police camera has been operating in Edingley

The School flashing light on the Edingley side is not yet ready

**Open Space**

In response to the request for an Open Space for children the PC put the question on the website and Facebook to see what response there was

Mr Bevan reported that a 129 people had looked at the item and there had been 12 replies all in favour

Some sites suggested were – the field behind St Michaels and the land beside the Wagon car park

It was agreed to look at what other villages had – for costs etc

People would be happy if there was no equipment –just maintained land

The cost of insurance needs looking and who would maintain the land

A parishioner volunteered to look into this

Clerk to talk to NALC

### **Affordable Housing**

After looking at the responses to the survey sent round

There were 3 in favour and 10 against affordable houses

The PC voted 1 for a survey and 6 against, therefore no further action will be taken

### **Dog Bin**

Requests have been made for a second bin, as bags of dog dirt are being left under hedges and thrown into gardens

A new bin could be purchased for £86.52 plus VAT and emptying would be approx £2 per week

Agreed to put in the Village News and on the website asking if people think it is necessary and where to put it

### **Open meeting**

Conservation area/ parish plan/planning statement – this was raised by a parishioner, the PC have already done the Parish Plan and have kept out of Conservation as we have previously felt that we are better to judge each application on its merits. It is of not much benefit unless the Village wants it

We are usually supported by NSDC on planning applications

Mr Paris to speak to NSDC

Put on the agenda for the next meeting

### **Correspondence**

Tour of Britain Bike Race – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 should arrive in Halam approx 12.14pm

The School will turn out to see it and a father is collecting bikes to put out in the Village

### **Finance**

Cleaners agreed to pay £31

Harvest supper 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017 next agenda

### **Planning**

Land at The Turnpike – outline planning permission for residential development of up to 5 dwellings

5 letters were read out including 1 from the footpath officer, stating that the plan shows the footpath has been moved and in actual fact some of the houses stand on the footpath

Many of the letters agreed that the information on line was incorrect – the Waggon was called something else twice and reference was made to a village store in the pub car park which is incorrect

A parishioner has deeds which show they have a 12ft wide access from Back Lane to the adjoining field and 2 houses are shown to be covering this

The plan also includes the car park and overflow within the building site

There was little or no support for this application from those present

The PC unanimous turned down the application on the following grounds

The site lies outside the main built up part of Halam and is therefore development in open countryside

This could lead to applications for similar development in open country

It does not reflect the ribbon development of Halam

The application would destroy a substantial area of wild mature pasture, diminishing the biodiversity of the site

There are concerns over the road safety

The application has proved unpopular in the Village

Concern has been shown over the position of footpath no7

The PC are unhappy to consider “outline” application as this leaves too many unknowns and too many options for the applicant

Land adj The Old Vicarage Halam Hill – erection of a new dwelling and access arrangements (outline)

After much discussion the PC agreed not to support the application

6 against 1 abstention

Comments to be made – on the current application the PC cannot support the application because of the lack of detail

### **Planning decision**

Kestrel Lodge, The Pumping Station – approved by NSDC

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

Harvest Supper

Conservation area

### **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 10pm