

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm**

**Apologies**

Cllrs Laughton and Rainbow

**Present**

Chairman Mr Bust, Mr Paris, Mrs Hebert, Mrs Simmons, Mrs Godfrey, Mr Bevens, Mrs Todd. Clerk Mr Rickett  
4 members of the public

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

**Matters arising from previous meetings**

The phone box has been cleaned

Conservation officer Mr Oliver Scott will be attending the April Annual Parish Meeting – possibly ½ hour presentation and 15 -20 minutes of questions

Precept – the PC has received a letter from a member of the public concerning the precept being raised, they queried how it could be raised on 3 for and 2 against, there is little to show from the precept – no bulb planting, no new signs etc, the Hall roof is being paid for by a grant – not the precept increase - carried over to the open meeting

**Village Hall**

The PC will continue using the hall during the roof work; it will be checked before each meeting

No serious construction problems have been found

A christening is booked for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> – clerk to check with the insurance

**Roads and hedges**

Tree at the Old Plough is shading the street light -Mr Paris to speak to the owner

All outstanding problems have been reported to NCC highways

The bridge at the beck on The Turnpike has been damaged NCC highways to take action

**Defibrillator**

The one in the phone box has been wired up and cleaned. The second one looks as if it will go at the back of the post box at Halam Salon Radley Road, once the electric supply can be sorted

**Dog/litter bin**

The dog bin has been put up, used and emptied

**Correspondence**

Items circulated to cllrs

No action on any

**Open meeting**

The main item was the precept

Concern was shown that Halams precept is double Edingleys for a similar sized village. They purchased a village hall through fund raising and the lettings pay for the hall. The PC organised the daffodil planting and run a competition every year

Halams precept appears to only be used on the hall

The precept was raised to cover rising costs i.e. electricity and insurance are some

The question was asked why do the lettings not cover the running costs?

It was also asked what else could the PC do with the precept

Fund raising needs looking at – open gardens was suggested

Agreed to put fund raising on the agenda

### **Finance**

Agreed to pay the following

Clerks wages	1654.80
Defibrillator connection	125.00
Dog bin	195.60
Hall Roof (VAT to reclaim)	1116.33
Best kept village	5.00

### **Planning**

Change of use from Use Class A1 to Use Class C3- extensions and alterations of existing building to form a single detached dwelling

Blonds The Turnpike

Agreed to support unanimously

Erection of a new dwelling and access arrangements

Land adj The Old Vicarage Halam Hill

Agreed to support unanimously

### **Planning decision**

Halam House Farm Radley road

Proposed new farm access – approved NSDC

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

Conservation officer

Fund raising

### **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm APM followed by the Parish Council meeting

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