

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 10th April 2014 at 7.35pm following the APM

Apologies

Cllr Laughton

Present

Chairman Mr Bust, Mr Paris, Mrs Herbert, Mrs Simmonds, Mrs Godfrey, Mr Bevens, clerk Mr P Rickett
Cllr Jackson and 2 parishioners

Minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true record

Proposed improvements to water supply to Southwell

STWA has offered compensation to the PC, we have suggested help with insulating the Village Hall awaiting their reply

Village Hall

Bookings are doing well
Mr Bevens has supplied a microwave, this needs PAT testing, Mrs Godfrey to obtain a price
There are slates on the Hall roof that need looking at - clerk to see to
Flower box needs removing from the front and the weeds spraying - Chairman and clerk to see to

Roads and hedges

School Lane – Western Power have indicated that they will finish off the hedge
Halam Hill – still awaiting Highways to sort the landslip
The Internal Drainage Board has started work on the Beck

Halam Web Site

On going

Additional dog bin

The bin is being monitored, never seems full
Put in Village News that it is an offence to let your dog foul a public footpath

Phone Box

As the Publicans are leaving the Wagon and Horses some one is needed to keep the area clean around the Box and bus shelter – put in Village News for volunteers an allowance will be paid for cleaning materials
Will still need to find out who is paying for the electric at the Phone Box

Councillor vacancy

There has been no request for an election. Agreed to advertise in the Village News to co-opt

Open Meeting

Cllr Jackson explained to the PC that the Boundary Commission was merging Halam into Southwell which will be a 3 Councillor ward

He also explained that the 7.5 tonne weight limit has come into force in the Villages, agricultural vehicles are exempt and lorries requiring access

Correspondence

Items circulated to Councillors

Signing of cheques – agreed to continue with 2 signatures

Transparency Code for Parish Councils – Mr Paris to reply on behalf of the PC Chairman’s Chat - information

Adoption of the Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Document - information

DECC/Defra’s Rural Community Energy Fund – no action

NALC planning seminar – Mrs Godfrey to attend

Closure of Fiskerton Tip – will now go ahead – thanks given to Cllr Laughton for his efforts to keep it open. Comments were made that this will probably lead to an increase in fly-tipping. Agreed to put the phone number and e-mail address in the Village News for people to be able to report fly-tipping

Planning

None

Finance

Agreed to pay the following bills

Dog bin	£106.08
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Village Hall bin	£120.90
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Insurance	£716.25
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NALC planning seminar	£30.00
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Items for the next agenda

Halam Web Site

Phone Box/Bus Shelter

Date of next meeting

Thursday 8th May 2014 at 7.30pm this will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.43pm