# Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm

#### Feb 24 1 Apologies

Mr Wright – work Cllr Rainbow, Cllr Laughton

#### **Present**

Chairman Mr Bust, Mr Paris, Mr Bevans, Mr Subramanian, Mrs Blackburn, MRs Denyer, clerk Mr Rickett, FO Mrs Rickett

2 members of the public

#### Feb 24 2 Councillors declarations of interest

Mr Paris and Mr Bevans declared an interest in the clothes bank

# The minutes of the January 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 meeting were signed as a true and correct after amendments were made to Jan 24 12, the sheet was inserted into the minute book

#### Feb 24 4 Open meeting

The new owners of Evergreen Barn introduced themselves to the PC. They had concerns about flooding at their property, after discussion the Chairman advised them to contact STWA and if they needed any more help or information to contact the clerk

For general information they informed us that the previous owners had retained the field and a right of way over the field

#### Feb 24 5 District and County Councillors reports

Although Cllr Laughton is not here he had informed the Chairman that the landslips on Halam Hill and Edingley Hill were being sorted

The owners of the trees on School Lane have been contacted
Mr Paris has provided Cllr Laughton with photos of the hedge on
Halam Hill for his meeting with Highways

#### Feb 24 6 Village Hall

Mr Bevans needs to check some outstanding invoices with the RFO
No volunteers have come forward so far to help with general work in
the Village Hall. A list of what needs doing will be put in the Village News

# Feb 24 7 Grant application

Letter for circulation to the Village

After looking in to data protection, Mrs Denyer and Mrs Blackburn will put a letter together for the next meeting, pointing out that the information collected would only be used for this survey and destroyed afterwards

#### Feb 24 8 Notice board

The new notice board is now up outside the Village Hall

It was agreed that only PC notices would be put in, proposed Mr Subramanian, seconded Mrs Denyer

The 2 noticeboards on the bus shelter are to be removed and the RFO to check if the new board needs adding to the insurance

#### Feb 24 9 D Day 80<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024

After discussion it was decided that Mr Paris would speak to Rev Mary to see about a Church service and ringing of the bells

The Beacon would be lit at 9.15pm and the International Tribute read

RFO to register the event

We will probably have a picnic in the field at the Waggon and ask the landlord to provide a bar

# Feb 24 10 allotment registration

out

Mr Paris has sent Mr Croston some information

Would like a statement from the Chairman or Clerk as to how long the allotments have been there

#### Feb 24 11 Roads and hedges

#### Railings on the Turnpike

These are on NCC Highways improvement scheme

#### **Trees on School Lane**

NCC are not concerned about these. The landowner has cut back the hedges. As reported earlier Cllr Laughton will speak to them about the trees

#### Halam hill

Agreed to remove the 2 signpost legs

Mr Paris to send photos of Halam Hill to Cllr Laughton, showing the encroachment of the hedge onto the road

#### Feb 24 12 Flooding

The clerk had had a reply from Mr Marshall, he would prefer a small meeting, but is prepared to attend the Annual Parish Meeting. Areas affected by the flooding include, School Lane, Radley Road and Grey Lane as well as The Turnpike

#### Further support ad documents available for the PC to utilise

Flood management strategy – Mrs Blackburn to circulate

#### Feb 24 13 Halam Village News

#### PC meeting notes

Concern had been raised that some people think these are the official minutes. It was agreed that Mr Paris would clarify that the official minutes would be available after the next meeting on the website. Proposed Mr Subramanian seconded Mr Paris unanimous

#### Feb 24 14 Halam Events Team

#### **Sub-committee**

The RFO explained what is involved with being a sub-committee of the PC – i.e. following standing orders, having meeting open to the public etc

It was agreed to wait and see if the Events Committee approached the

PC

There was a query as to whether the accounts could be made more transparent, Mr Bevans to look into this

The Events were thanked for the work they have put into Village Events

## Feb 24 15 Civility and Respect

This had been bought to the PC's attention by a PC Cllr, as they were not sure if we had signed up. As we haven't it was proposed by Mrs Denyer seconded by Mrs Blackburn agreed 5 for 1 abstention – Mr Bust – to sign up. Clerk to enrol us online

#### Feb 24 16 correspondence

#### **Clothing Bank**

An email had been received asking if the PC would like a clothing bank to raise funds. It was decided not to have one as the School already does a clothes collections proposed Mrs Denyer seconded Mrs Blackburn Mr Paris and Mr Bevans took no part in the vote

#### Feb 24 17 planning

None

### **Planning decisions**

None

#### Feb 24 18 Finance

Agreed to pay

Cleaners 74.00 NALC subs 121.24

Donation Mrs Davis 50.00 – To Halam PCC Budget update circulated before the meeting no questions

# Feb 24 19 items for the next agenda

None at present

#### Feb 24 20 date of next meeting

Thursday 14th March 2024 at 7.30pm

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.28pm