

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were held in the Village Hall on Thursday 12th April 2018 at 7pm

Apologies

Mr Bevans

Present

Chairman Mr Bust, Mr Paris, Mrs Herbert, Mrs Simmonds, Mrs Godfrey, Mrs Todd, clerk Mr Rickett
Cllrs Laughton and Rainbow, 4 members of the public

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

Matters arising from previous meetings

Chairman's report

The main concern this year has been the upkeep of the Village Hall, the Hall roof has been replaced along with new windows, gutters and drainage, this has been done with a grant from WREN and donations from parishioners, obtained in the biggest part by Mrs Godfrey. Progress is slow, but it is nearly finished

Planning – we have had full support of NSDC this year on applications, including refusals, alterations to applications

We have been well supported by our County and District Councillors Bruce Laughton and Penny Rainbow

Our Cllr Laughton has sorted highways problems, Halam Hill, moving the new cross roads sign etc, if not all finished at least the majority finished, Cllr Laughton also provided funds for a new dog bin

We have obtained free from the British Heart Foundation 2 defibrillators, one is in the phone box, the other will be on the hairdressers on Radley Road soon

Parishioners have attended meetings and brought to our attention various items, some of which we have tried to sort over the years and some things we have done. This has given the PC chance to explain what happens within the PC

The Chairman thanked all the Cllrs for working unanimously together, thanks to the County and District Cllrs, thanks to the clerk and financial officer for their efforts

The railings at the Beck have been replaced 2 were broken 6 were replaced

The renewed drains seem to be coping fairly well

The gulley sucker came late October

Allotments – the clerk keeps them tidy, the PC may look at turning them into a Village ground – put on May agenda

A member of the public thanked Mrs Godfrey for her work on the grant, and the other cllrs for their efforts through the year

Open meeting

A member of the public asked when Halam Hill would be fully resurfaced, we had been promised 4-5 years, but a partial resurface had been done in 6 months

Speeding – this has been looked at over the last 12 years, Speed Watch has been restarted to monitor speeds with the support of the local police

Conservation

Mr Scott from NSDC arrived to outline what a Conservation Area means

The Conservation Officer advises the planners on Historical assets – 15 have been listed in Halam the last in the 1990's

There are 47 Areas in NSDC

“Townscape” and small villages – look at well defined areas, including modern 20th Century housing, this helps manage future change

A “Designation Area” blanket protects against demolition of 115 cu metre and over buildings and trees over 75mm diameter

Trees need to be notified to NSDC for a free application to cut down or lop

Conservation areas do not prevent development, special attention is given to preserving areas

Halham and Edingley are not conservation areas, but around us are Farnsfield, Kirklington and Oxton

Mr Scott was thanked for coming

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8pm and continued with the Parish Council Meeting