

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 11 July 2024 at 7.30pm**

**July 24 1**      **apologies**

Mr Subramanian – Work

Proposed by Mr Wright and seconded by Mrs Denyer that we have acceptable categories for reasons of absence – next meeting

**Present**

Chair Mrs Blackburn, Mrs Denyer, Mr Bust, Mr Paris, Mr Bevans, Mr Wright, clerk Mr Rickett, Mrs Rickett RFO

1 member of the public

**July 24 2**      **Councillors declarations of interest**

None

**July 24 3**      **To approve minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and to receive updates**

The minutes were signed as a true and correct record after one amendment “causing cars to clip the hedge on the opposite side of the road”

**July 24 4**      **open meeting**

The member of the public present was there to talk about the planning for Halam House Farm

**July 24 5**      **To receive updates from District and County Councillors**

Nothing to report

**July 24 6**      **Village Hall**

Maintenance schedule

The Chair outlined the idea of a schedule to help maintain the Village Hall, Cllrs were asked their opinions and if they wished to help

Mr Bust and Mr Bevans were going to carry on spraying the weeds on the car park

Mr Bust and the clerk would continue to put up the Christmas tree

Mrs Denyer was willing to put out plant pots and maintain them

Mr Bevans and Mr Paris would ask for volunteers through media and the Village News

It was proposed to try this out Mrs Denyer, seconded Mr Wright agreed unanimously

Advertising

The idea of a banner was raised, but decided to put an article in the Village News highlighting that the Hall is for hire – proposed Mr Bust seconded Mr Wright

Reduce cleaners hours

As the Hall is being used very little at the moment it was decided to finish the cleaners for a while until bookings pick up proposed Mr Bust, seconded Mr Bevans – in the mean time the PCllrs will clean up if necessary

Clear the porch cupboard for storage

The WI have volunteered to clear the cupboard and use it for storage , the Chair is to clarify what they want to store in there. As the PC have already said that when it is clear, part of it will be made lockable for the projector etc to be kept there

### **July 24 7**

#### **allotments**

Registration – clerk to speak to Mr Croston and pass on the information

On going work – Mrs Denyer has looked into funding with STWA and The Lottery Mr Paris has looked at allotment grant sites – will continue with these when we have some quotes

Quotes for

Car access - needs a bridge over the dyke, may involve Highways

Gates – need to decide on width, type and whether locking

Parking – right hand side of the allotments seems the best place, though this is the wettest part

This has brought up a few issues mainly some PCllrs are uncomfortable spending money to benefit a few, though this is alleviated by having a grant and the possibility of fly tipping if the allotments are more accessible

There is a possibility of parking 4 cars on the lane, but this would involve Highways

It was decided that this is a village asset and needs looking after, it needs to be a safe and secure site

Proposed to have 3 quotes Mr Bevans seconded Mrs Denyer – agreed unanimously 6 for

### **July 24 8**

#### **Roads and hedges**

Road maintenance – awaiting information – Mr Bust to speak to Cllr Laughton , clerk to follow up with Highways

Road sweeping – the clerk informed the PC that all 3 main roads are swept 3 times a year approx. 120 days, though this is subject to weather etc. The last sweep was Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Halam Hill - reply has been received stating that Highways does not think that the hedge encroaches onto the road – the pavement by the golf course is to be swept

Footbridges – clerk has had a reply stating both bridges were removed due to being unsafe – it appears no 1 has been replaced and no 7 will be done in the near future

**July 24 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 will be discussed on the next agenda**

**July 24 13**

**Best Kept Village**

The PC were informed that we are through to the next in our category D– judging is from now until 16 August

The judges were impressed with the Village and community spirit, including Winston Churchill and the Land Army Girl

Chair to arrange an article in the Bramley, also to put in the Village News to encourage people to continue to keep the Village looking good

**July 24 16**

**correspondence**

Nothing to act on

**July 24 17**

**Village News**

Draft copy to Chair – just to clarify that Mr Paris sends a draft to the Chair, the clerk and the Editor, Mr Bevans, PCllrs were asked if anyone else would like a copy, were happy to leave things as they are

**July 24 18**

**Biodiversity**

To be kept on the agenda

**July 24 19**

**planning**

Halam House Farm

Vary condition 2

The member of the public present was the owner of 1 of the 2 affected properties, he explained that the wall in the application has not been built to specification, the membrane and heat panel have been left out. The PC had read all the information sent with the application and agreed that it gave no clear reason for the variation in condition

The PC agreed unanimously to turn down the application proposed Mr Paris seconded Mr Bust with comments to be added

We cannot support the amendment as the wall was not built to the original planning application, the membrane and heat protection on the application was not applied. We need to see something that alleviates surface water

Land adj The Old Vicarage Halam Hill

Construction of dwelling and double garage

The PC support this application 4 for 2 against proposed Mr Paris seconded Mr Bust

Comments made, it is a smaller dwelling than the original application, will have little impact on the Village and surrounding area and seems to comply to NSDC requirements

**July 24 19**

**finance**

Agreed to pay cleaners £74.00

Training budget and budget update next agenda

Change of banks the RFO outlined that she is looking into other banks to see if they are better for online banking, more information at the next meeting

**July 24 20**

**items for the next agenda**

Absences – to categorise what explanations are acceptable for absences

Storage cupboard in the porch – to find out what the WI want to use it for

Gov.uk email address for the PC

Village Beacon

Roles and responsibilities – what are the deliverables for each role

Agenda requirements from Cllrs

Previous meeting actions

Best kept village competition

Halam website

Quality Council Award

Training budget

End of year budget update

Change of banks

**July 24 21**

**date and time of next meeting**

The AGAR forms need signing off Chair and RFO to set a meeting when the internal auditors report is received

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 7.30pm

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.34pm