

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.30pm**

**Jan 26 1 To consider any apologies for absence**

Mr Bust  
Cllr Rainbow

**Absent**

Mr Bevans

**Present**

Chair Mrs Blackburn, Mrs Denyer, Mr Paris, Mr Subramanian, Mr Wright, Clerk Mr Rickett, RFO  
Mrs Rickett  
Cllr Laughton

**Jan 26 2 Declaration of Councillors interests and dispensations**

None

**Jan 26 3 To approve minutes of the previous meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and to receive updates from the previous meeting**

Agreed to take out the first paragraph of Dec 25 4, and one or 2 more alterations were made within this section

Mrs Thornewill offered, the artificial tree that she had put up in the Village Hall to the PC to keep, but it was agreed that we have no where to store it. Agreed to thank Mrs Thornewill for her offer

Agreed to look at the process of publishing the notes in the Village News

**Jan 26 4 to adjourn to allow public participation**

No members of the public were present

**Jan 25 5 To receive updates from County and District Councillors**

Cllr Laughton spoke - he informed the PC that the County Council budget has been set and will be going up from 27 mill to 92 mill

The Local Government Reform decision should be made in March, he will continue to support the Villages

The road budget has been cut from 7 mill to 4 mill

**Jan 26 6 Finance**

Agreed to pay

Cleaners 72.00

Light in ladies toilet 28.98

Christmas tree removal – RFO needs the bank details for Southwell YFC

PAT test – invoice not yet received

**Jan 26 7 Village Hall**

Maintenance schedule – the tree and decorations from Christmas have been taken down  
The planting of the pots and planters have been done

The grit bins are full, to be put in the Village News that the grit is for the road and pavements only, not peoples drive ways

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Legionella – clerk to check the legality of doing one - risk assessment and how often. Agreed to send for a kit, Mr Wright seconded Mr Subramanian

Lead – leave for the moment, but look into costs

Painting – Get 3 prices, also see about reinstating the panelling in the Hall under the dado rail.  
Also obtain prices for a metal roller shutter for the hatch to the kitchen

CIL money – the clerk informed the PC that they have £1228.08 and need to spend this by 19<sup>th</sup> January 2027

The heater over the screen is not working- clerk to repair

The automatic flush in the gents urinal is not working – clerk to repair

Glasses – Mr and Mrs Reid are happy to keep lending the glasses to the PC, so we will not purchase any at the moment

**Jan 26 8 Allotments**

Mr Paris to see what he can find out about progress

**Jan 26 9 Roads and Hedges**

Fingerpost on The Turnpike -replacement

The clerk handed round a few pictures, showing the type post available. The PC agreed to go with a black/white stripe post, 4 fingers same size as on the current post and a polo top – clerk to get a price

Halam Hill – complaints have been received of near misses towards the top of Halam Hill and of vehicles losing wing mirrors – clerk to contact NCC again to see what they can do about clearing the banks back to widen the road

A complaint had been received about the footpath near Holmhurst The Turnpike, the fence is falling towards the pavement and it is overgrown with blackberries. Clerk to speak to the owner Mr Bust, when he returns from holiday, to see what can be done

School Lane – still problems with parking. Clerk to speak to Cllr Rainbow to see if the local police could come round at start and or finish of school. One of the main offenders is seen parked regularly near the crossroad

**Jan 26 10 Calendar of events for 2026**

Chair to circulate a list of possible events before the next meeting

**Jan 26 11 correspondence**

Mr Bevans informed the PC that the website Domain name expires in February 2026. Chair to liaise with Mr Bevans

**Jan 26 12 Lengthsman scheme**

Clerk to get an invoice raised – Mr Subramanian seconded Mr Paris

Agreed to ask if the firm could come back to the gutters and clear moss from Radley Road, to use up the money left

**Jan 26 13 Biodiversity**

Mrs Denyer had circulated a suggested work plan for Biodiversity. Cllrs to email any suggestions they have to her before the next meeting

**Jan 26 14 planning**

None

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**Planning decisions**

None

**Jan 26 15** To determine which items on the agenda, if any, require the exclusion of public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2) because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and resolve to exclude public and press for these items.

No items

**Jan 26 16** **Items for the next agenda**  
HR Committee – report and recommendations  
Frost stats in the toilets – cover them

**Jan 26 17** **date and time of the next meeting**  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7.30pm

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.26pm