

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 14th November 2024 at 7.30pm

Nov 24 1 **To consider apologies for absence**

Cllr Rainbow

Present – Chair Mrs Blackburn, Mrs Denyer, Mr Paris, Mr Bevans, Mr Subramanian, Mr Bust, Mr Wright, clerk Mr Rickett FRO Mrs Rickett

1 member of the public

Nov 24 2 **Declarations of Councillors interests**

None

Nov 24 3 **To approve minutes of the meeting held on 10th October and to receive updates from the previous meeting**

One amendment to the minutes - Oct 24 6 change Mr Subramanian to Mr Wright

A Gov emails for Parish Council – awaiting a start date

B Quotes for allotment work – quote received and passed to Mrs Denyer who contacted STWA, their opinion was that this work did not benefit enough people and therefore does not qualify for funding. Will keep trying for other grants

C Damaged cross road sign – a Section 115 notice is required for the PC to take ownership of the post – the clerk has applied for the paperwork, in the meantime will send round prices and designs

D Overhanging hedge School Lane adj the Golf Course – update, the Clerk will speak to the Golf Course manager to find out when it will be done

E Banking – several banks have been looked at , a short list has been made, which the RFO circulated. Agreed to look at Unity, just need to check if they do dual authentication for payments

F Store cupboard – clerk has partitioned the cupboard and Mr Bevans has purchased a lock, just needs fitting and the code setting

G Code of Conduct – still to be signed and agreed by 2 Councillors – Training – to be undertaken by all Cllrs as agreed in signing the updated version Mr Bevans has read the Code of Conduct, but does not wish to sign as by adopting, he has accepted it, but feels he does not need to attend a training course. The other Cllr Signed. Mr Bust has signed but does not wish to attend training. Proposed Mr Subramanian seconded Mr Wright that we look into the cost of having NALC come to us to do the training, agreed Mrs Denyer to contact NALC

Update on any information from the monitoring officer – the Chair informed the PC that she had not received any updates, but she will look into this

Nov 24 4 **To adjourn to allow public participation**

No questions

Nov 24 5 **to receive updates from County and District Councillors**

A letter had been received from Cllrs Harris and Roberts and circulated

Nov 24 6 **Village Hall**

Maintenance Schedule – trial maintenance schedule – November activities, prior to winter months – clerk to update on the state of the external doors – the clerk reported that the far end door has rot in the centre and doesn't open easily, this can be boarded and repainted. The clerk had spoke to a decorator who quoted £100 per door, externally preparation, paint and fit a weatherboard. Proposed Mrs Denyer seconded Mr Paris to go ahead, agreed unanimously. Mr Bevans to supply coat hooks for the far end door

Gateways signs, Mrs Blackburn and Mr Paris have cleaned and tided theirs, Mr Wright has sprayed the weeds at the village hall

Looking at the state of the Hall floor agreed that the clerk should get quotes for having it cleaned, so an allowance can be put in the budget if required

Projector – Mr Bevans awaiting for a reply from the WI Committee in January. Suggested that it is mounted on the wall in a security cage

Village Hall Wall – update Mr Bust and the clerk had spoken to Mrs Beckett the owner of the house next door. The idea is to lower the wall in the rotten part, use bricks as necessary and re point. Mrs Beckett is happy with this, with one condition that the gap between the Hall and the wall is blocked off i.e a gate. Mr Bust and the clerk to get quotes

Village Hall lettings – what is the policy in regards to booking parties and impact on the neighbours – this was raised after a recent 18th birthday party, got rowdy and annoyed the neighbours. Mr Bevans spoke to the parents afterwards and they took responsibility. Agreed to put a gate at the side. Proposed Mr Subramanian seconded Mr Bust, stay as we are now with lettings and monitor

FLAG – flood local action group – as this is a Village group proposed Mr Bevans seconded Mr Subramanian that they should be able to use the Hall for meetings free of charge – agreed unanimously

Nov 24 7

Allotments

Mr Paris informed the PC that a specialist solicitor is filing with the Land Registry

Nov 24 8

roads and hedges

Nothing to report

Nov 24 9

Christmas mulled wine and mince pies – need to put together who is in charge of purchasing and preparing food and decorations

Chair to organise food shopping

Mr Bevans mulled wine, will use what is left from the Christmas Market and buy more if needed. Glasses to be borrowed from Mr and Mrs Reid

Mrs Denyer to get a tree and have it delivered. Mr Bust and the clerk will put the tree up Monday 2nd December

Mr Wright to purchase battery tree lights

Agreed start 5.30 pm lights on 5.45pm, tractors arriving 6.10pm 7th December

Nov 24 10

policies to adopt

Disciplinary Policy

Councils Grievance Policy

Anti-harassment and Bullying Policy

Proposed Mr Subramanian seconded Mrs Blackburn – unanimous

Nov 24 11

Correspondence

TV license – a reminder had been sent to the Village Hall, clerk to let them know we do not need one

Nov 24 12

Lengthsman Scheme

What work can be carried out and can it include maintaining Parish Council assets

Nov 24 13

Best Kept Village results

At the recent NALC AGM Halam received a certificate for winning our category, there is a cash prize, the RFO is waiting to be informed

Nov 24 14 HR Committee

Adopt Terms of Reference for HR Standing Committee

To comply with Halam PC Standing Orders a 3rd Cllr is required to be on the HR Committee. If possible this should not be the Chair of the Council. Mr Subramanian was proposed by Mr Paris, seconded Mr Bust

Nov 24 15 Biodiversity

Advice from Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust – adoption of Biodiversity Policy for Halam PC – amendments from the previous meeting had been made – agreed to adopt

Nov 24 16 Planning

None

Planning decisions

None

Nov 24 17 finance

Budget for 25/26 and update of 24/25 – circulated to Councillors

After discussion some amendments were made to the proposed budget, the RFO will make the adjustments and any other amendments that arise and circulate before the next meeting

Agreed to pay for 2 new defibrillator batteries £504.00

Nov 24 18 items for the next agenda

Allotment grants – next steps

PTFA – January 18 2025 opening of new outdoor classroom

Mr Bevans – handover of website and Village Hall bookings

Nov 24 19 Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 12th December 2024 at 7.30pm

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 21.19