

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 9th January 2025 at 7.30pm

Jan 1 25 **To consider apologies for absence**

Mrs Blackburn and Mr Paris
Cllr Laughton

Present

Vice Mrs Denyer acting as Chair, Mr Bust, Mr Bevans, Mr Subramanian,
Mr Wright arrived late
Cllr Rainbow
1 member of the public

Jan 2 25 **Councillor declaration of Councillors interests**

None

Jan 3 25 **To approve minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2024 and to receive updates from the previous meeting**

As there were no amendments the minutes were signed as a true and correct record

A Gov emails for Parish Council awaiting start date – RFO and Mr Bevans to set up the emails

B damaged cross road sign – update on what Highways intend to do about a new fingerpost – the clerk has had confirmation that Highways will leave the concrete post and put in new fingers – PC agreed to go with this and not put up a cast iron one – proposed Mr Subramanian, seconded Mr Bust, 4 for unanimous

C Banking – sorting last details of mandate etc – just waiting for the Chair to return to add her to the mandate

Jan 4 25 **to adjourn to allow public participation**

The member of the public asked about the copse opposite Pepperbox Cottage on School Lane, she had seen a mobile toilet being taken in there and 2 work vans, and wondered if there was any planning. After discussion it was agreed to let Mr Bust ask the owner as he knows him, if there were any alterations being made to the derelict building in there. He will let the clerk know the outcome, and he will decide if action needs taking

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

Cllr Rainbow informed the PC that not much has happen at NSDC lately, other than NSDC are putting the Kidney Stones up outside their offices at a cost of £87,000,

There has been flooding in 5 local areas.

The work on the new estate on Lower Kirklington Road has had a stop notice put on it, as the developers haven't adhered to the planning conditions before starting work

2 footfall counters are in Southwell, outside the Handicentre and opposite the Rodney on Queen Street. People with smart phone activate it as they go past, data will be produced to show when the busy periods and days are

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Village Hall

Maintenance schedule – January activities – nothing scheduled
Village Hall wall – price for a gate at the side of the Village Hall – clerk has received one price so far £380 plus a survey to find a suitable fixing point. The clerk was asked to obtain 2 more prices, but if they are similar, then go ahead with this one. Proposed Mr Subramanian seconded Mr Bust – agreed unanimously
Overhead heater price for repair – the clerk is waiting for a price from the electrician
Clerk pointed out that the chairs had been stacked too high and started to topple when he removed one- clerk to check risk assessment

Mr Wright arrived

Jan 25 7

Allotments

Grants what to do next – nothing to report
Clerk to invite the allotment holders to the February meeting

Jan 25 8

Roads and footpaths

Some members of the public have been trying to contact the footpaths officer, to see about getting the footbridge replaced between Mr Busts and Mr Browns fields opposite the Village Hall
The clerk informed them that the Footpath Officer had left and there was no replacement, only a contact at VIA. Clerk to chase up

Jan 25 9

minute book replacement

The clerk informed the PC that the current minute book was almost full. A replacement book would cost between £30 - £222
After discussion it was proposed that we now use a ring binder Mrs Denyer seconded Mr Subramanian agreed 4 for 1 against

Jan 25 10

Handover of website and bookings from Mr Bevans to the Chair and Mr Wright

Mr Bevans has been unable to work with the Chair Mrs Blackburn as she has been away over Christmas, he will contact her when she returns

Mr Bevans arranged a date with Mr Wright to show him how the booking system works

The flags and flag pole key are in the locked porch cupboard, Mr Subramanian has agreed to take over, with Mr Bust doing it when he is unavailable

Jan 25 11

correspondence

NALC training for Clerk and Cllrs

Mrs Rickett will attend 2 meetings – Clerking Expertise – 14th January 7-9pm
Rules of the Game – Know your Documents – 5th March 7-9.30pm
Each will cost £45 – agreed
No Cllrs wished to attend any training sessions

Jan 25 12 **lengthsman scheme – what work can be carried out and can it include maintaining Parish Assets**

Mrs Denyer has received some information on this, the clerk to circulate as there is a lot to read – put on next agenda

Jan 25 13 **biodiversity**

Nothing to discuss

Jan 25 14 **planning**

None

Planning decisions

The Manor House – approved NSDC

Jan 25 15 **Finance**

Budget for 25/26 and update for 24/25 – circulated to Cllrs

Set precept for 25/26

After discussion it was agreed to set the precept at £8000, the same as last year proposed Mr Bevans seconded Mr Subramanian 5 for

Payments

Agreed to pay the following

Fire check	138.00
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Christmas tree disposal (YFC)	5.00
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Agreed to leave paying the deposit for the new bank account until the mandate is set up

Jan 25 16 **Items for the next agenda**

Best Kept Village

Allotment holders

Neighbourhood Watch

Agreed to send the PC's best wishes to Mr Paris, who is in hospital at the moment

Jan 25 17 **date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 13th February 2025 at 7.30pm

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 20.38