

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 7.30pm in Halam Village Hall**

**Dec 1 25      Apologies**

Mrs Blackburn - accepted

**Absent**

Mr Bevans – accepted

**Present**

Mrs Denyer – acting chair, Mr Paris, Mr Subramanian, Mr Wright, Mr Bust will be late, clerk Mr Rickett, RFO Mrs Rickett

Cllr Rainbow

1 member of the public

**Dec 2 25      Cllrs declarations of interest and dispensations**

None

**Dec 3 25      To approve Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November and to receive updates from the previous meeting**

Accepted Mr Wright seconded Mr Subramanian

**Dec 4 25      To adjourn to allow public participation**

A member of the public spoke—asking whether the PC had a policy not to support outline or PIP applications, as this seemed to be a policy previously

The chair pointed out that the PC do not have any policies on planning, each one is taken on its own merit. The PC take into account parishioners concerns

A Cllr pointed out that PIP (planning in principal) is for the site only and not any buildings, which is what the PC did, looked at the site

Mr Bust arrived during the open meeting

The member of the public thanked the PC for the event that took in the tractor for the Young Farmers

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

Cllr Rainbow explained that the District Council was setting their budget ready for the Unitary Council in 2028

Food waste collection should start in the first quarter of the new year

Over the last year there have been 34 Code of Conduct complaints received about Parish and District Councillors

**Dec 25 6**

**Finance**

Items to pay	
Harvest Tea flyers	35.00
Cleaners	54.00
Christmas tree	68.40
Lights	64.47
Mince pies	7.50
Mulled wine	120.00
Light in gents toilet	33.73
Fire check	138.00
Flowers for planters	93.86

**Precept**

After much discussion it was agreed to precept for £8000 (eight thousand) the same as last year. Proposed Mr Bust seconded Mr Paris 5 for

Also agreed to make a few amendments to the budget - £5000 set aside for the Village Hall, redecorating etc

**Dec 25 7**

**Village Hall**

Maintenance schedule – the planters are ready for renewing and the car park needs weeding

Mince pies and mulled wine for the Young Farmers Tractor Run Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December – report from – it was a great event enjoyed by all who came, thanks were given to all who helped especially Jackie for the Hall decorating, Fran for the cupcakes and Don and Ann for lending us the wine glasses. A letter of thanks was read out from a member of the public thanking the PC for organising the event. Next year it was decided to cater for 70/80 people, make the start time 5.45pm and no sweets

Clerk asked to look into the price of wine glasses

Clerk will contact the YFC to take away the Christmas tree after Christmas - £5

Legionella testing – the clerk has received quotes between £50 and £350, need to go back and compare what is done in each case

Lead testing – spoke to STWA waiting to hear back

Light in ladies toilet – clerk asked to put the same in the ladies as in the gents proposed Mr Bust seconded Mr Paris

The photos in the store room need sorting

Mr Subramanian to ask the Events team to sort through the store room and see what they want to keep

Clerk asked to get 3 quotes for painting

The clerk pointed out that the PAT test needs doing, it will no longer be free, as those who did it have moved away. The clerk informed the PC that he could get it done for £140, as it needed doing in December Mr Bust proposed and Mr Subramanian seconded that we get it done and other prices could be looked at next year

**Dec 25 8**

**Allotments**

Mr Paris informed the PC that the deeds are still being worked on

**Dec 25 9**

**roads and hedges**

**Fingerpost , on The Turnpike to be replaced**

It is 6 months since the PC decided not to replace the fingerpost with a metal one, instead of the concrete one the District Council have put up

Clerk asked to obtain prices

**Dec 25 10 Correspondence**  
**Rural Watch**  
The clerk had circulated the above from NSDC, a meeting is being held in Ranby on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm, no one is able to attend as it is short notice, nothing to be done, except put forward the Village Hall as a meeting venue

**Dec 25 11 Lengthsman Scheme**  
The invoice date opens 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026  
As we still have approx. £166 to spend, agreed to see if the same firm would come back and do some weed removal in the gutters and clear moss off the pavements  
Agreed Clerk and Vice Chair to sort  
Agreed to see about reapplying next year

**Dec 25 12 Biodiversity**  
The Biodiversity policy needs reviewing at the APCM as it is a statutory duty. Mrs Denyer to circulate copies

**Dec 25 13 Planning**  
1 Radley Terrace  
Single storey side extension and replacement wall  
Agreed to support unanimously Mr Bust seconded Mr Paris, 5 for

**Planning decisions**  
None

**Dec 25 14 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**

**Dec 25 15 items for the next agenda**  
Christmas tree removal  
Fingerpost prices  
Take on a lengthsman  
Biodiversity Policy  
Village Hall painting  
Wine glasses  
Timetable of events for 2026

**Dec 25 16 Date and time of next meeting**  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.30pm

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.03pm