

Minutes of the Parish meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 28th August 2025 at 7.30pm

Aug 25 22 To consider any apologies for absence
Mrs Blackburn, Mr Bevans, Mr Subramanian
Apologies accepted

Present
Mrs Denyer sitting in as Chair, Mr Paris, Mr Bust, Mr Wright, Clerk Mr Rickett and Mrs Rickett

RFO
23 members of the public

Aug 25 23 Declarations of Councillors interests and Dispensations
None

Aug 25 24 To approve minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th August 2025 and to receive updates
Minutes approved – Mr Paris seconded Mr Wright
The clerk asked it to be minuted that his back pay had been approved at the previous meeting, but he has not yet received it – next agenda Mr Bust, seconded Mr Wright

Aug 25 26 To adjourn to allow public participation
This and item Aug 25 25, have been swapped to allow the Parish Councillors to hear what the member of the public have to say

Several members of the public spoke
The main concerns that were raised included:
Access to St Micheals Close, limited width, low visibility on exiting
Could set a precedent of backfill into open countryside in a linear Village
Other new developments have kept to the linear appearance
PIP will start the planning process
Complaints that many neighbours, did not receive a site notice and that the reply time was very short – received 14th August reply by 24th August
Possible that if we keep turning down development they will be imposed on us
Suggested more families could safeguard the school
Infrastructure cannot support more houses, the site floods and there are no amenities

Cllr Rainbow arrived

A Cllr pointed out that there has been a 6 per cent growth in new housing over 3-4 years
PIP Cllr Rainbow is limited as to what she can say as she is on NSDC planning committee
If determined suitable for housing, a detailed application could be put in for further consideration
NSDC has no 5 year land supply, so if turned down can go to appeal
Halam has had problems over the years with flooding and sewerage problems, a tanker spent several months pumping out the station on The Turnpike. STWA have been lining pipes to protect from runoff water
Light pollution and disturbance of wildlife
The chair thanked the public for attending, they left the meeting except for one member of the public and the PC would now discuss the application and make a decision

Aug 25 25 Planning
Land Off St Michaels Close Halam
Application for permission in principle for residential development of four or nine dwellings
After much debate the PC unanimously agreed to reject the application
Proposed Mr Bust seconded Mr Paris
Clerk to inform NSDC and add the comments
No detailed plans
Flooding alleviation details needed ie balancing pond
Highway issues – highways have already stated their reasons to reject
Policies – this land goes against several of NSDC policies including Core Strategy Spatial 3 +12, DM6, DM5 and DM8
Wildlife disturbance
Clerk to put together a reply and send to Mr Paris and Mr Wright for their input

Aug 25 27 Lengthsman Scheme
The clerk informed the PC that the contractor who had quoted was no longer interested as he had taken on more work
The PC decided to concentrate on the weeding and clearing the silt and soil from under the railings and the painting later
The gardening required is under the roadside rails to the Willow tree at the footbridge and to clear the footpath that leads to the footbridge, clerk to obtain quotes

Aug 25 28 Harvest supper update
The flyers are done and Mrs Denyer to see to distribution
Decided that the menu would be sandwiches, sausage rolls etc and apple pies and crumbles.
Mr Paris to put in the Village news asking for donations of pies
The approximate costs will be £250 for food and £160 for drinks
There will be a cash bar and Mr Subramanian will be asked to obtain a drinks license - £30 2 weeks before
Proposed Mr Paris seconded Mr Wright

Aug 25 29 Items for the next agenda
Churchyard bench plaque – proposed cost £59.93
Cleaners public liability Insurance

Aug 25 30 Date and time of next meeting
Thursday 11th September 2025 at 7.30pm

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.12pm