

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village hall on Thursday 12th December 2024 at 7.30pm

Dec 24 1 **To consider any apologies for absence**

Mr Subramanian
Cllrs Harris and Roberts

Present

Chair Mrs Blackburn, Mrs Denyer, Mr Paris, Mr Bust, Mr Bevans, Mr Wright
One member of the public

Dec 24 2 **Declarations of Councillors interests**

None

Dec 24 3 **To approve minutes of the meeting held on November 14th and to receive updates from the previous meeting**

A Gov emails for the Parish Council – the RFO has applied for funding - £100 and with Mr Bevans will set up the email addresses on Hugo Fox site

B Damaged cross road sign – the section 115 notice has been received – RFO to fill in
Agreed to wait before choosing a sign and find out what NCC are likely to replace this one with

C Overhanging hedge School lane – this has now been cut

D Banking – Dual authentication – Proposed Mr Wright that the RFO sets up the payment and 2 of the signatories approve, seconded Mr Bust and Mr Paris. Once registered it will be agreed who will be signatories

E Code of Conduct training -after going through the available dates it was agreed on January 30th at 7pm in the Village Hall proposed Mr Paris seconded Mr Bust– Mrs Denyer to contact NALC

Update from the monitoring officer -the Chair had received a reply saying no further action would be taken, it was up to her if she wished to speak privately to the person concerned. Mr Bust proposed that she should speak to them, seconded Mr Bevans agreed unanimously

Dec 24 4 **to adjourn to allow public participation**

The member of the public present, thanked the PC for the mulled wine and mince pie evening in conjunction with the Young Farmers Tractor Run. She also mentioned that the FY Just Giving Link could be put in the Village News

Dec 24 5 **To receive updates from County and District Cllrs**

A statement had been received from Cllr Harris and Roberts and had been circulated to PCllrs

Dec 24 6 **Village Hall**

Maintenance schedule – December activities

Proposed floor cleaning – the clerk has received a quote to have the floor re sanded and sealed - £2330. After discussion decided to try mopping a couple of times, before getting anymore quotes, proposed Mrs Blackburn, seconded Mr Bevans

Cleaning bus shelter and phone box – Mrs Blackburn agreed to do this along with the crossroad bench

Village Hall wall

Mr Bust has spoken to Mrs Beckett again, she has decided that she is not happy with the wall being lowered, after the problem with the party and the possibility of devaluing her house

Agreed to maintain the height, just look at repairing the damaged section. Agreed to look at putting a wooden gate there proposed Mr Paris, seconded Mr Bust

Dec 24 7

Allotments

Grants what to do next?

The paperwork is with the solicitors

STWA have said no to a grant, as it would not be, for the benefit of enough people

Agreed to invite the allotment holders to the February meeting to explain the situation proposed Mr Bust, seconded Mrs Denyer

Dec 24 8

Roads and hedges

Contact IDB and NCC to remove build-up of silt – ford under footbridge, bank and below willow tree, NCC inspect culverts, bridges, remove build-up of debris under road bridge

Clerk to contact IDB and NCC and forward photos to be sent to the clerk from Mrs Denyer

Dec 24 9

Christmas mulled wine and mince pies – update on the event – volunteers to take down decorations – disposal of Christmas tree

Thanks were given to the PC by the member of the public present, thanks from the PC were given to Mrs Denyer and Mr and Mrs Blackburn, for their efforts

The clerk agreed to take down the tree, Mrs Denyer the decorations and return the reindeer to Mrs Blackburn

Agreed to get Southwell YFC to remove the Christmas tree – clerk to contact - £5 removal fee for charity - agreed

Dec 24 10

hand over of website and bookings from Mr Bevans

As Mr Bevans is leaving next year, it was decided to start handing over things. A new editor has been found for the Village News

Mr Wright offered to take on the bookings for the Village Hall

Mrs Blackburn will take on the website

The clerk had received confirmation that Mr Bevans could continue as a Cllr after moving as long as he attended meetings in person, so that the 6 month rule would not come in, until the end of his term

Dec 24 11

correspondence

A letter had been received from Halam School PFTA, inviting us to see the new outside classroom we had donated to - Saturday 18th January 2025 at 2pm. Mr Paris, Mr Bust, Mrs Blackburn and Mr Bevans said they would attend

Dec 24 12

Lengthsman Scheme

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

RFO to pass on information to Mrs Denyer

Dec 24 13

Best Kept Village results

The RFO informed the PC that we had, had £125 paid into our account as our prize money

Dec24 14

Halam Christmas Charities

A question had been raised over what involvement the PC had with this

Mr Paris and Mr Bust – current officers for the PC, explained how this came about.

2 PCllrs and 2 Churchwardens are overseers of the poor, there were many donations for the poor of the Village, that eventually they were put together and the Charities Commission invests the money. The money - Co-op voucher at the moment – is distributed to any household in Halam who has a resident over 60

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting 2 PCllrs will be elected onto the Christmas Charity

Dec 24 15

biodiversity

Nothing to update

Dec 24 16

Planning

The Manor House Radley Road – detached garden shed
Proposed Mr Bevans seconded Mr Wright 6 for unanimous

Planning decisions

The Dials Grey Lane – works to tree protected by TPO
Granted NSDC

Dec 24 17

finance

Budget 25/26

Budget update

Both have been circulated, a few questions were asked – one about how low reserves would be if we spent everything we budgeted for. The RFO explained it looks like this every year, but never actually happens

It was noted the CIL money needs to be spent by December 2025 or the remaining has to be returned

Agreed to pay	
Cupboard lock	4.49
Christmas tree	56.60
Food wine and lights	173.55
Road salt	66.00

Dec 24 18

items for the next agenda

Overhead heaters

Dec 24 19

date and time of next meeting

Thursday 9th January 2025 at 7.30pm

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 21.28