

## Minutes of the Parish meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> August reply by 24<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.30pm
- As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.12pm