

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.30pm**

**Nov 25 1 to consider apologies for absence**

Apologies – Mr Paris

Present

Mrs Blackburn – Chair, Mrs Denyer, Mr Bevans Mr Bust, Mr Subramanian, Mr Wright, clerk Mr Rickett, RFO Mrs Rickett

Cllr Laughton

1 member of the public

**Nov 25 2 Declarations of Councillors interests and dispensations**

None

**Nov 25 3 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September and to receive updates from the previous meeting**

First aid training

Using the defibrillator – there will be places for 15 WI members and 15 members of the public, to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 7pm – 8.15pm. Places will need to be booked, this needs arranging

it was agreed that the PC would donate free use of the hall and £50 towards the first responders – Mr Wright seconded Mr Subramanian

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

No comments

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

Cllr Laughton updated the PC on the progress of Local Government Reform. 2 proposals need to be sent to The Secretary of State by the end of November

There are 2 proposals so far one from the City Council and the other from County Council

There will be a District election in 2027 and the District Cllrs will operate till 2028, when 91 of the 430 Cllrs will be found new jobs with the new Council

**Nov 25 6 Finance**

Agreed to pay

Harvest tea food 305.40

Drinks and license 142.89

Retrospective payment for work on The Turnpike bridge 550.00

Deposit already paid 200.00

Budget update – circulated

Precept 26/27 After discussion it was agreed to increase the Village Hall money and to move it into the earmarked section - £5000.00, leaving a smaller amount in Village Hall sundries to cover toilet rolls etc

Agreed that any money spent on Christmas lights, could be taken from the CIL money, as there is still some available

**Nov 25 7      Village Hall**  
Maintenance schedule  
Part of the schedule includes winter/spring planting for the planters and pots, an idea of cost had been circulated £98.41 – agreed to double this to include summer planting - £200.00 Mrs Denyer seconded Mr Wright, the RFO has included this in the precept  
Cleaners agreed to take on a new cleaner at £18 per hour, 2 cleaners for one hour every 2 weeks  
Christmas tree and lights agreed a budget of £120 Mr Bust seconded Mrs Denyer  
Young farmers Tractor run – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm tractors arrive approx. 6.10pm  
Agreed a budget of £300 for food and drink – will come under Sect 137 – Mr Subramanian seconded Mr Wright  
Storage of flood signs agreed to store the signs and cones at the side of the Village Hall, behind the gate  
Mr Wright bought up 2 items  
1 Halam events want to do a Santa event on December 20<sup>th</sup> - agreed unanimously not to charge  
2 The School wish to run an event in December agreed not to charge 5 for 1 against  
The clerk reported to the PC that the pipework to the Hall is lead and should be replaced with plastic. The clerk was asked to get a lead test done and a quote to replace pipes  
It was bought up that we do not have a legionella test done, clerk to arrange

**Nov 25 8      Allotments**  
Nothing has been heard about the title of the allotments

**Nov 25 9      Roads and hedges**  
Footpath no 7 - Mr Bust as the owner of the field updated the PC. Nothing will happen until after harvest next year  
A contractor has been appointed, as there is a lot of concrete needed, access will need to be through the neighbouring field, owned by Mr Rogers, he will need to be contacted  
Fly tipping School Lane – this has been reported to NSDC by the clerk and Cllr Laughton

**Nov 25 10     agree a budget for winter/spring planting**  
Mr Denyer had circulated a suggestion for the cost, this was discussed under finance, while the precept was being discussed

**Nov 25 11     Harvest Tea**  
a report had been circulated to the Cllrs, outlining how the event went  
£132 was raised. The PC agreed that the RFO would put the money into her account and transfer it to the PC account, as it is difficult to find a bank to pay it into, the RFO would pay it over and let the Cllrs on the account know when it was done  
A letter from a member of the public was read out thanking the PC for the event

**Nov 25 12     Review of policies**  
5 policies were reviewed  
Biodiversity  
Code of Conduct  
Under HR committee  
Anti Bullying and Harassment  
Disciplinary

Grievance

**Nov 25 13 NALC AGM report**

Mrs Denyer had circulated a report of the NALC AGM that she had attended

**Nov 25 14 correspondence**

Nothing to discuss

**Nov 25 15 Lengthsman Scheme**

Report on work

A report had been circulated to the Cllrs

The work is now complete

**Nov 25 16 Biodiversity**

Nothing to discuss

**Nov 25 17 planning**

Greenacres Radley Road

Application for permission in principle for construction of 2 dwellings

A member of the public was allowed to speak and express their views

After much discussion the PC agreed to support the plan in principle, but did not take into account the plans, as they are from 2017 4 for 2 against

Several comments included that these dwellings are in a linear position as much of the Village is, not overly large plot, no footpath or street lights, lack of amenities in the village

Agreed if they put in a full application with plans, this will be looked at to decide whether to accept or reject

**Planning decisions**

Land r/o St Micheals Close – refused NSDC – clerk informed the PC, he had just been notified that this is going to appeal, ours comments will be sent

**Report NSDC land r/o St Micheals Close**

Mr Paris had attended the District Councils planning meeting and had circulated a report

**Nov 25 18 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**

**Nov 25 19 items for the next agenda**

Finger posts The Turnpike – replacement of

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 20.32