

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 14th August 2025 at 7.30pm

Aug 25 1 **To consider any apologies for absence**

Mr Bevans, Mr Wright
Cllr Rainbow

Present

Chair Mrs Blackburn, Mrs Denyer, Mr Paris, Mrs Bust, Mr Subramanian, clerk Mr Rickett and RFO Mrs Rickett

No members of the public

Aug 25 2 **Declarations of Councillors interests and dispensation**

none declared

Aug 25 3 **To approve minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th July 2025 and to receive updates from the previous meeting**

- A. Alterations to Standing Orders – the alteration to Sect 19 had been circulated, was approved, agreed to adopt
- B. Alterations to HR Standing Committee Terms of Reference – had been circulated, was approved agreed to adopt – proposed Mr Bust, seconded Mr Paris
- C. First Aid Training – no information as yet received - next agenda
- D. Public Liability insurance for the Lengthsman Scheme – the clerk explained to the PC that any contract work carried out on behalf of the PC, needs to have Public Liability and a waste carriers license, both which need to be seen before work is carried out. Agreed to go back to the proposed contractor and explain this. Also agreed that the work schedule needs altering to say that the soil needs removing as well, otherwise the weeds will grow back, agreed to get a price for painting the roadside railings. A full breakdown of costs and labour will be needed
A cllr also asked if the cleaner need Public Liability insurance – clerk to contact the cleaner, she has been on holiday, so will speak to her in the next few days

Aug 25 4 **To Adjourn to allow Public participation**

As Standing Orders are suspended for this part of the meeting, Mr Bust asked the Chair if she had spoken to the Cllr who was reported to the Monitoring Officer, she has not at moment but will speak in the next few days

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

None received

Aug 25 6 **Finance**

Agreed to pay
Cleaner – no invoice yet received
Back pay for clerk - £107.52
NALC Meeting - Biodiversity - £45.00
Quarterly budget update – circulated and approved

Aug 25 7 **Village Hall**

Maintenance schedule – next meeting

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Aug 25 8 **allotments**

The new tenant is still sorting out her plots – agreed not to charge till next year

Tyres are being used as planters clerk to remind tenants that they need to be removed when they give up their plot

Clerk to update the contract, to make it clear that tyres must be removed or they will be classed as “dumping”

Aug 25 9

roads and hedges

Update on finger posts and bridge railings

Finger posts – cast iron finger posts were turned down at the April 25 meeting, so cannot be discussed again until November 25, put on the agenda then

Bridge railings – VIA cannot confirm when they will be done

Parking School Lane – a letter was read out from Halam C of E School, a memo has been sent to parents and staff asking them to park, with out causing obstructions on the cross roads. The head of the School also mentioned that staff from the hairdressers also park there, clerk to speak to the hair salon owner

Trees Halam Hill – the overhanging trees belonging to Norwood Golf have been cut, Clerk to contact NCC and ask that they cut theirs on the side of the hill

Footpath no 7 Mr Bust informed the PC that his field was clear, so that the stile can be done. Clerk to contact the footpaths officer and let him know

Aug 25 10

Harvest Supper

Mrs Denyer informed the PC that the plans for the Harvest Supper were not working out. After discussion it was proposed to have afternoon tea, in the Village Hall Sunday 12th October 2 – 5pm. Tea and cakes, strawberries and cream, possibly Prosecco. Mr Paris to arrange flyers, Mrs Denyer to arrange delivery

Aug 25 11

Village Christmas tree

To understand whether there is an opportunity to erect a Christmas tree outside of the Church and what permissions will be required. If Council approve then plan for logistics in powering the tree and sourcing materials

The clerk explained the problem of fitting a permeant base, we would need the tree first. The verge is not very wide, so the tree could protrude into the road or onto the pavement

Agreed to look into a bigger tree outside the Village Hall, where the base can be made to suit

Aug 25 12

Community Protection officer – to invite to the September meeting

Agreed to invite The Officer to the meeting, let them speak first, then any questions

Clerk to contact him and get a rough idea of how long the talk is and some idea of the topics covered, so this can be advertised

Aug 25 13

tour of Britain

The Tour is not coming through Halam, it was old advertising that had been seen

Aug 25 14

Website review – transfer domain name to Halam PC

Mrs Blackburn and Mr Bevans had been working on this and found the easiest solution was to let the domain name finish later this year, then restart with Halam PC

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Aug 25 15

Correspondence

NALC AGM – 15th October – agreed Mrs Denyer to be the voting delegate, clerk to inform NALC

Aug 25 16

Lengthsman Scheme

Proposal to accept the quotation of £200 to paint the white railings along the footpath at the side of the Beck on The Turnpike and the footbridge over the Beck at St Helens Lane

After discussion it was agreed that the clerk contact the contractor again asking for a requote, to remove the soil and silt build up under the railings to prevent the weeds coming back and a price for painting the roadside railings and footbridge railings. Was also asked to get clarification on Public Liability insurance and Tier one waste carriers license. Also Cllrs were concerned about the original price of paint as they think he has under estimated, so would like clarification

Aug 25 17

Biodiversity

Nothing to discuss

Aug 25 18

Planning

Pepperbox Cottage School Lane

Variation of Condition 2, Condition 3 & Condition 4 of PP 20/00311/FUL Householder application for erection of a two-storey extension with single-storey projection at the back, creation of a new main entrance with a porch and internal associated works, relocation of the drive to the north-west corner of the site and replacement of the single garage with a double garage

After discussion the PC agreed to support the application 5 for

Planning decisions

Littleddale Cottage Farm Mansfield Road – approved NSDC

Land adj The Old Vicarage – approved NSDC

A planning item had been received to late for the agenda – land rear of St Micheals Close – 4 – 9 dwellings

Extra meeting set for Thursday 28th August, to allow replies to be sent before the deadline

Aug 25 19

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.

HR Standing Committee Terms of Reference - to adopt – adopted at the start of the meeting under item 3

Aug 25 20

items for the September meeting

Plaque for Churchyard bench

Aug 25 21

date and time of next meeting

Thursday 28th August 2025 at 7.30pm for planning issue

Thursday 11th September 2025 at 7.30pm

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.21 pm

