

Minutes of **Parish Meeting** of Salhouse, on Saturday 21st April 2012, held in Jubilee Hall at 6.00pm

PRESENT

Chairman Mr. R.Cooper and Mrs. D.R.Wyatt (Clerk)

Residents = 16

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME – Chairman Mr R. Cooper

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen. Welcome to the 2012 Salhouse Annual Parish Meeting. My name is Robert Cooper and I am Chairman of Salhouse Parish Council. I welcome you all and thank you for coming tonight.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes of 14th April 2011, are available in copy form on the seats and available from the Clerk.

Chairman called for any comments:-

Ms. Jenny Blake asked that contact details be placed with the entries.

This was noted and minutes were proposed by Mr.M. Prestwood, seconded by Mrs. S.Cator, unanimously agreed to be a true report and duly signed by Chairman

MATTERS ARISING

None

The first part of the meeting having been completed I would like to welcome you all to the 2012 Parish Meeting

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Parish Council)

This meeting is for the residents and is not a Parish Council meeting. This where you tell us what you have been doing and what you would like us to consider in the future.

Your councillors have been extremely busy with meetings and consultations and it looks like it is going to be more of the same next year.

Chairman Robert Cooper called upon Mr. Henry Cator and congratulated him on his appointment as High Sheriff of Norfolk.

Mr. H.Cator informed those present that his object during his term was to improve Rural communications through Broadband, thus enabling younger members to access vacancies advertised all over the world.

With the aid of Lorna he has explored WI FI and together they are hoping to encourage more churches to participate in this and get connected.

The position of High Sheriff was originally to collect taxes but I can assure you that I am not being called upon to carry out that task. I will be welcoming any High Court Judges that are in the area and thus I shall be on my best behaviour for this year.

SALHOUSE AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB.

The Gardening Club was established in March 2008, initiated by a demand shown in the Parish Plan. We are now starting on our 5th year of operation and I am pleased to say, thriving.

We have a membership of over 50 and regularly have attendance at our meetings of between 35 & 40 members and guests.

I am able to report that we are financially sound. The committee at the outset took the view that we needed to build sufficient funds in hand to enable us to pay for all speakers for the year ahead. In addition to membership fees we have raised money with raffles, plant sales, and refreshments at meetings. We have achieved our goal and have up to now been able to continually maintain our annual membership fees at the original £10. However, this year, the cost of speakers, visits and hall hire have increased – the total cost for 2011 / 2012 is just

short of £2500 and we have incurred a small loss on activity of £100 – mainly due to subsidising the cost of visits and coach travel. This does not mean that we have an overdraft at the bank – the shortfall is taken from our reserves. The Committee have therefore felt it necessary to increase membership fees to £12 for the forthcoming year. This still represents good value compared to other gardening clubs (some of whom may charge a slightly lower fee, but then make a charge for each meeting.) Guest fees will also increase to £3 – guests always have the opportunity to join the club at any time during the year at a pro rata annual fee (i.e. £2 for each remaining month).

We have decided to run our ‘programme year’ in line with our financial year to simplify the administration and the programme for January, February and March 2013 will be published shortly.

As always, in addition to our regular meetings we have taken part in village fund raising and social events such as the village fete and will continue to do so.

Our day trip this year will be closer to home – we are looking at possibly a visit to Corpusty Mill gardens, followed by a short ‘ free- time’ in Holt with an afternoon visit to the new kitchen garden at Holkham.

Our problem of lack of space has been resolved thanks to help from the governors and staff at the school. We are extremely grateful for their assistance. The school invested in 50 adult size stackable chairs and we purchased our own crockery and cutlery. This enabled us to move our base to the school. The move to the school has, we feel, been a great success and meetings are now much more comfortable for us – and we have room for more members (which was becoming a problem)

We are lucky to have an enthusiastic and dedicated committee and I would like to thank Ian for his time, effort and enthusiasm in organising our programme, Frances for looking after the finances and the rest of the committee for their help and commitment over the past year.

For the benefit of those present, the programme for the rest of 2012 is:

May 15th	Alan Bloom, the life of a gardener – Jaime Blake
June 19th	Garden Visit (probably Ranworth House)
July 17th	Grow your own veg. – Pauline Harper
August 21st	Garden Visit (probably the Mowle, Ludham)
September 18th	Hoecroft through the seasons – Jane Lister
October 16th	Plant Hunting in Bolivia – Tim Marshall
November 20th	Pests and Diseases – Martyn Davey
December 18 th	Christmas social evening

As always, we welcome new members and guests and now have the room to accommodate plenty more! – do come along and enjoy the talks and friendly social atmosphere at the club.

For more information about the club, or our programme, contact Ian on (01603) 211565 or Nick on (01603) 720165

SALHOUSE UNITED CHARITIES – Read by Mr. P.Jefford.

The Salhouse Charity was originally 4 Charities but in 1963 they were amalgamated into one. The money the Charity receives comes from renting:-

6 Acres to the Parish Council for the Playing Field
17 acres to Mr J.C. Fielder
Shooting Rights to Rotac Farms
Wayleaves (Electricity poles across the land)

The original idea was it was for the poor of the Parish and they used to receive 1 cwt. of coal at Christmas time. However, when coal rationing came in 1914 and again in 1939 they received money instead.

Nowadays it is done differently and people in need can apply, either in March or September, for help towards hospital visits to say Papworth, Addenbrooks, London etc. Heating, repairs to the home, help with educational books or school uniforms etc. also bereavement, when they would be considered and grants made providing funds were available. Grants could possibly be made at other times of the year if necessary.

In 2011 income from Rents etc. amounted to £1,028 05. Grants made totalled £1,150.00, which included help in bereavement, industrial accident, medical equipment and heating. Also £500 towards maintenance of Playing Field fencing, leaving a balance in the Bank of £3,109.99 at the end of 2011.

The present Trustees are Revd. Lorna Allies, Chairman, representing the Church, Mrs Carol Knell, Mr. Peter Jefford, Mr. Robert Cooper, representing the Parish Council and Mrs Doreen Dye, Secretary/Treasurer.

JUBILEE HALL – from Ann Shorten on behalf of the Management Committee, read by Cllr.R. Cooper.

Jubilee Hall continues to thrive at present. The hall is a hive of activity for numerous local user groups and is much sort after as a venue for other bookings. Salhouse Playgroup remain our major users at present, although this year has seen the number of children enrolled 'drop' somewhat (as have the local schools). The other major user of the hall is Girlguiding, with 4 units using the hall every week and up until recently also looking after our front garden. It is great to see that the Youth Club is thriving and we were pleased to welcome back Trudy, our Pilates lady. Other users enjoy singing, yoga and exercises and regular meetings take place at the hall for a variety of groups and committees.

We have had to instigate various cost-saving measures at the hall, but these have enabled us to keep hire charges unchanged since 2009. It would be wonderful if, perhaps, the hall and its facilities were treated with more respect by it's users so that funds could be spent on further improvements rather than repairs. We have recently been fortunate in being awarded a grant to replace flooring and as you can see, have also had the hall partly re-decorated - just in time for the Jubilee Celebrations. The management committee is small and absolutely must have new members at its next annual meeting. We rely upon our fantastic volunteers - bookings officer Pat Barnes and treasurer Sue Potter, and of course our caretaker Tim Nelson and take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work keeping this lovely facility up and running.

We trust that the local community promote the facility and use it to the full whenever possible.

Chairman handed over to the Vice Chairman, wished everyone a good meeting and left.

SALHOUSE CHURCH – Read by Lorna Allies.

I appreciate the opportunity to report on the work and life of your Parish Church.

Services and the Ministry Team

This Easter we had a full church for Easter Sunday morning and it is good to see a thriving congregation in a small village church like ours. We continue to offer regular

services each week and have added two new Services once a month. Everyone in the Church was very sad to lose two loved and valued priests during the last few months. First of all Rev'd Frank Thomas and then last month Revd Walter Currie. We will miss them very much.

Linda Stone, will be licenced as a Reader Minister in September and is already conducting a regular monthly Morning Prayer on the third Sunday. The Ministry Team now consists of myself, Linda, John Long from Rackheath, Tom Gripton and Nina Gregory, our Lay Worker.

All Saints Church and Churchyard

After more than 600 years, our beautiful church is still a calm sanctuary for people to worship in or visit. Since we opened the Church on a daily basis, we have had many visitors from here, around the country and abroad. We are pleased that we have been able to keep it open for the village.

There is a good team of people who work to keep the Church maintained and in as good condition as we can. We do not get financial help from the National Church or the Diocese to maintain our building. It is up to us to raise funds or apply for grants from national bodies such as English Heritage - no easy task. In the last three years we have had terrific support from the village of Salhouse in caring for our Church and without the help of both churchgoers and other community members who care for the Church, life would be very tough indeed. Some people keep our church clean, including the little toilet in a shed at the back. Other groups provide elegant flower decorations throughout the year, maintain the Church linen and generally look after and maintain All Saints - not just for those who worship at All Saints, but for the future and for the community.

The Churchyard has also benefitted from help from the Parish Council, Team Salhouse (we really appreciate the flowers in the barrels) and Church members who keep it as clear as they can. Our Steak and Rake day is next Saturday and we are hoping that lots of people will come and spend some time that day working in the Churchyard and enjoying the barbecue. Bring your garden tools and wheelbarrows! As ever, there will be rabbit holes to fill and we all wish that more could be done to move the rabbits on.

Events

We have had some fun events during the year, especially our Cinderella pantomime which everyone, including the actors, thoroughly enjoyed. We are grateful for the constant generosity of Salhouse village. We will be at the Jubilee Fete with our Teatime Church and are looking forward to it. The highlight of this year will be our London 2012 Flower Festival as it takes place in the last week of the Olympics. We will finish with a concert - hopefully Poringland Singers will be here. We hope everyone in the village takes the opportunity to enjoy the festival. Again a great team of people are already working to put that together.

FRIENDS OF SALHOUSE CHURCH – Read by Peter Allies.

FOSC is a sub-committee of All Saints Church PCC, and it had its first meeting in on July 21st last year. Its objective is to raise funds for major projects relating to our village church, recognising that our church is an irreplaceable asset owned by the entire village and that the regular worshippers are unable on their own to raise the sums needed. In the nine months of its existence, FOSC has met regularly every six weeks or so in the friendly surroundings of The Bell. We now have a committee of 10 and a further 10 paid-up members, and have helped towards the total of nearly

£8,000 so far raised towards the project to add toilet and kitchen facilities to the church.

In its short life, FOSC has:

- Managed the successful project to bring water to All Saints Church
- Had a stall at the Christmas Fair
- Organised a table-top sale in February. This was so successful that we are having another on October 27th – a chance to do some early Christmas shopping
- Generated enough interest among residents, mainly by distributing flyers to 750 houses in Salhouse and Rackheath, for us to get a wireless broadband supplier to install equipment on the church tower. This will be running and available to all within a few weeks, and is part of the WiSpire project, which is a co-operative venture between Norwich diocese and the internet company FreeClix. To find out more about a high capacity broadband supply to your house, visit www.wispire.co.uk

Apart from the October table-top sale, the next two fund-raising activities are:

- A fifties tea organised by the Mardlers for Saturday July 28th, all proceeds going towards the extension fund
- A 24-hour Singathon on September 29-30th. This will be broadcast live on the internet, and will involve groups and choirs from near and far. We are hoping for support from the village and sponsorship from as far away as New Zealand

We are very grateful to the organisers of the Salhouse Fete for a donation from the profits from last year's event, and to the many individual donors of sums large and small.

As we approach our first birthday, we are looking for new members to swell our ranks. Single membership is £12 pa, joint £18. We urge anyone who has an interest in helping to maintain our church and keep it going for another six hundred years to come on board. And I just happen to have some membership forms here if anyone would like to take one . . .

Contact details:-

info@friendsofsalhousechurch.com Tel.No Peter Allies 01603 720097

SALHOUSE FETE 2012. – Read by Steve Piper.

Last year's Fete was a great success and attendance of the local community was said to be fair. The weather was kind and everyone enjoyed themselves. The Grand Finale being a superb flypast by a Spitfire. Monies raised were split between the Play Area and the Church with a small "petty cash" to kick off this year's proceedings .

The 2012 Salhouse Fete will be held at Thieves Lane Recreation Ground on Sunday 3rd June between noon and 4 pm. It will have a royal theme this year owing to Her Majesty's Jubilee. It will be followed by a Jubilee Party in the Village Hall from 8.00pm – 12.00p.m. Tickets are on sale now and on a first come first served.

There will be some new attractions including a bouncy castle for the little'uns and a giant slide for the big'uns. We also have a Zumba group coming which should be very entertaining and the Wombles will be making a guest appearances throughout the afternoon.

Local groups will be represented with their own stalls and we are hoping to have mini races for both adults and children such as a sack race, egg and spoon race etc. Our very own

Salhouse Olympics! As at last years' event there will be a dog agility display, which was a great draw, and the usual refreshments and bar facilities.

Other events and attractions are being planned and it is not too late for group or trade stalls to be included. The telephone number to contact the organisers is on the Fete poster which is prominently displayed in all the Village notice boards.

There will be raffle prizes, a prize draw from a tear off strip on the programme.

All we need now is good weather.

I would like to express thanks to the Fete Committee members and volunteers who have put a lot of hard work in behind the scenes and hope that the success of this years' event will encourage others to help at the 2012 Fete which will be a warm up to that other happening in London.

SALHOUSE READING GROUP –read by Cllr. K. Robbins.

Salhouse Reading Group continues to meet about every six weeks. The nine members take turns hosting the meetings at their homes, selecting the books, and making trips to the library. At the meetings we discuss the current selection and other titles which attract our attention. We sometimes read poetry.

We have no leader or officers and we hold no funds. We know our book club works because of its informal and personal nature. We are not seeking additional members. However we would encourage other small groups to set up their own reading clubs, and would be glad to offer advice.

During the period April 2011 to April 2012 Speedwatch teams logged 50 vehicles exceeding the speed limits in the village. These logs are forwarded to the Safety Camera Partnership and the owners of these vehicles will have received an initial advisory letter explaining the dangers and anti-social nature of speeding. Any further record will result in being placed on a central database of potential speeding motorists.

We currently have 9 persons involved with Speedwatch split into 3 teams of 3 persons each. Observation sessions are carried out approximately every 10 to 12 days throughout the year. During this past year there has been the introduction of other systems into the process for the monitoring of speeding within the village.

Salhouse was successful in its application for the provision of a permanent SAM (Speed Awareness Messaging) system under a scheme being run by Norfolk County Council to provide equipment free of charge to villages which met the criteria of being previously involved with speed monitoring campaigns. This system is being installed at the village approach in Bell lane and is currently awaiting connection to the electricity supply.

Furthermore, Salhouse was also added to the list of villages for deployment of a temporary SAM system. Our first deployment of this system took place in Bell Lane during December and was moved to Norwich Rd 40mph section in January. The deployment of this system in Bell proved very effective in moderating the traffic on this fast approach into the village. In due course we will receive this equipment again and on the basis that the Bell lane permanent system will be in operation a decision will need to be taken regarding the preferred location/s.

In addition to the above systems a portable SAM system was also provided to the Speedwatch team for deployment on our regular observation sessions. It is provided for a period of 2 weeks within a rota of other surrounding villages. This comprises a box on a tripod to display vehicle speed to the drivers of approaching vehicles alternating between the actual speed and a smiley or frowning face dependent upon whether within or over the limit.

As ever we welcome volunteers to assist with Speedwatch. A team of 3 persons are deployed for one hour on each observation period and this normally results in a commitment of around one hour per month, or less if more people were available. Training is provided and deployment is always subject to the weather as well as being flexible on timing.

For further information contact M Prestwood on 01603 721110 or S Piper on 01603 720993.

TEAM SALHOUSE – read by Jennie Blake.

Litter Picking

Throughout the year members of Team Salhouse have regularly litter picked their allocated areas around the village and from time to time have also arranged group picks to tackle other areas such as the playing field, Bell Lane, Howletts Loke and Stonehouse Rd.

In September, at the request of Tobi, the Broads Ranger, a litter pick was carried out at the Broad and on the 2 islands between the Broad and the main river.

Bulb Planting

In November we planted a further 8,500 bulbs around the village. Areas planted this time included around the village pond, grass verges on the corner of Topcliffe Avenue, Bell Lane continuation up to the church, around the war memorial and the Princess Diana memorial tree in Upper Street. All completed in a morning with the help of village volunteers and a member of the public who came from Norwich.

We have now achieved our objective of planting daffodils from the village to the Church.

Flower bed maintenance and grass cutting

We continue to water and maintain the flower beds with the seasonal planting of geraniums in May for the summer season and bulbs in November for the following spring season plus trimming and tidying grass verges between visits by the Highways maintenance team. Two tubs by the church lych gate were also planted up and maintained throughout the year.

Wildflower seed was also sown at the end of March this year on the bank opposite the Post Office.

Pond maintenance

In November we discussed our concerns with the Ecologists from Norfolk County Council and Broadland District Council that the 2 ponds in Hall Drive had dried up. They were of the opinion that this was mainly due to the drought conditions we are experiencing. We were advised to treat the invasive weed covering the bottom of the pond with Roundup and this was done.

Team Salhouse membership

For the coming year Team Salhouse intends to continue with these activities. Currently we have an active membership of 18 and we are always looking for new members. We can promise new members the opportunity to make a difference to the village whilst having an enjoyable time and good company.

GIRLGUIDING UK IN SALHOUSE – Supplied by Kate Hall.

During the last 12 months the Guiding Units that meet at Jubilee Hall have enjoyed their own programmes and all have joined in the various District Events. Last summer we held a Fun Day at Hautbois – Rainbows, Brownies and Guides enjoyed Tribal themed games & activities and gained the Hautbois Three Peaks Challenge. At Christmas the Rainbows & Brownies enjoyed a Christmas Disco and Party with a visit from Santa. The whole District went to Great Yarmouth Hippodrome to see the circus and quite a few Brownies spent the morning at the circus skills workshop trying plate spinning, juggling, low wire and spinning hoops. All 14 units in Hautbois District got together for Hautbois District World Thinking Day in February. The theme for 2012 was Saving Our Planet and based on 5 different countries – Tunisia, Ivory Coast, Russia, Japan and Guyana. Guides made fabric pots, sushi, and seed bead flags whilst the Rainbows and Brownies tried origami, made dream catchers, lanterns, masks and played a bean game.

1st Salhouse Rainbows

Rainbows enjoyed a sleepover at Jubilee Hall and four Rainbows attended the Royal Wedding Party. They held a session gardening – pulling out the weeds between the stones in the Guiding Garden. They completed the Cupcake Challenge Badge; done some cooking; made puppets and had fun with trying other crafts. Rainbows visited Nortons Dairy Farm – saw cows and calves and found out how cows are milked. They also went to the cinema to see Lion King 3D and held Pot of Gold Party for Rainbow moving up to Brownies. The Rainbows held their first sleepover at Jubilee Hall and would like to do more.

Unfortunately Leeann, the leader is giving up in July, so we are activity looking for a new leader for the 20 Salhouse Rainbows. Volunteers please contact Kate 01603 722665 for more information

1st Salhouse Brownies

Brownies enjoyed gaining Cooks badge and had a Royal Wedding Garden Party. They visited Salhouse Church and walked back to hall and they also visited Alpacas. They completed Commonwealth Youth Games Challenge; held a sleepover and did the Cupcake Challenge and held a party. The Brownies made outfits from recycled materials for the Designer Badge and modeled them at a fashion show for Children in Need. They enjoyed a joint Christmas Party with 2nd Salhouse Brownies and had pizzas at the end of term. Promise Celebration held for Connie and 3 ex Rainbows have now made their Brownie Promise. The Brownies held a Ready, Steady Cook evening; made dragon puppets for Chinese New Year; plaited ‘camel’ props for Thinking Day; made heart card & gifts; painted pictures on canvas for Mothers Day; decorated mini wheelbarrows which we filled with Easter Eggs; held two leaving parties – one pancake & the other St Trinians – incorporated sports challenges. Several Brownies went on one of two Pack Holidays to Whitwell as well as holding a sleepover

2nd Salhouse Brownies

We've had a great time gaining the Friends to Animal badge, with a visit from Gun Dogs, visits to Salhouse School nature garden and Burnt Fen Alpacas, making weird and wonderful fimo creatures, funky owls. As well as this the Brownies enjoyed learning about all types of animals. They also completed the CYG badge; went to Hautbois for an activity evening, held a Christmas themed sleepover and went tubing. For Children in Need, the girls put on a show – magic, singing, drama... Brownies completed the Cupcake Challenge – made and decorated fairy cakes; made needle cases decorated with cupcakes. Brownies made Easter themed puppets or bags and have been working on their Fire Safety Badge. Several Brownies went on one of two Pack Holidays to Whitwell in addition to their unit sleepovers

1st Salhouse Guides

The Guides also did the cup cake challenge; completed Splash GFI; held a campfire & wide game finding body parts, at Hautbois! They held a Spectacular Party planned for friends & Brownies – they made hairy spiders, scary cat cup cakes, monster cookies. Did ghost flapping and apple bobbing. Patrols completed GFI Showtime & Fitness. Made bird feeders and Christmas Table decorations, Guides have been bowling, swimming, tea at Frankie & Bennys and sold crafts we'd made at Salhouse Fayre. Activities include: Swimming at Riverside Pool, tea at Frankie & Bennies, climbing & abseiling at Hautbois. 3 new Guides were enrolled on the Climbing wall. Patrol activities at Guide meetings have included: Experiment Go For It, Showtime Go For It, Passion for Fashion Go For It and Me in Mind Badge. Guides enjoyed a fantastic night of spooky tales, Hurdy Gurdy dancing, dressing Queen Elizabeth & craft making at a Sleepover at Dragon Hall.

SALHOUSE YOUTH CLUB.

2011-2012 has been a mixed year with attendance figures peaking at around 25, but regularly as low as 9 or 10, and occasionally only a handful turning up (although this is usually due to conflicting events).

We have had successful fund raising stands at Salhouse Broads Halloween Horror Hunt and the Village Hall's Christmas Fayre.

The disco and Christmas talent competitions remain popular with the kids.

There are plans for organising visits out and themed evenings with visitors coming in to see the youth club. Next week St John's are coming to do a session on mummification...or learning how to tie bandages. We have had interest from Kerry Radley to run a kids yoga session every so often and we are looking at other similar possibilities.

For the Jubilee Fete, the youth club is planning to host a miniature 'Salhouse Olympics'.

We currently have a core of leaders running the club: Tessa Brewster is the Chair, Tobi Baker vice-chair, John Sewell is Treasurer/ Secretary and Ben Everitt, Ian Roofe and Tracy Brown complete the team. Despite having 6 dedicated volunteers, we would appreciate input from other members of the village – parents or otherwise who feel that they have a skill to offer and pass on to the young people. All we require is just under 2 hours for the Thursday evening session – and it doesn't have to be every week- once a fortnight, or once a month all helps.

FRIENDS OF SALHOUSE BROAD. – Tobi Baker, Read by Jenny Rose.

The 2011 season was successful with ever increasing visitor numbers both on land and water.

We had a few new events which were all well attended: Paddle...Walk...Discover! (explain), Sunset Cruise (explain), Broadside Concert (explain – modification for 2012).

Our existing events remain popular with the Dawn Chorus leading the way, always being fully booked and our other walks looking at Trees and Flowers attracting reasonable numbers too.

Our big four events of the year did well again: we had over 350 children take part in the Easter Egg Hunt, 10 teams for the Raft Race, raising over £500 for Nelson's Journey and conservation projects at the Broad, good attendance for the Halloween Horror Hunt and over 500 people coming to the Green Boat Show. We have hosted this last event for 6 years, the 7th this year. It is a pioneer event with nothing else quite like it in the UK- most importantly we're pushing the message for greener and more responsible usage of our beautiful Broadland . For 2012 this event has expanded to include 'Green Tourism', encouraging local non boating business to be involved. The dates have also been changed to form the finale of the Broads Outdoors Festival which runs from 5th-20th May. The show will be from 10am-5pm on Sunday 20th May.

I won't talk about any more events for this year, but I will take this opportunity to pass some leaflets around...

Conservation- the main task we had was getting rid of the Himalayan Balsam, which we attacked with vigour. A variety of groups have been involved in this over the years, with 2011 seeing the main assault. Hopefully we have made progress.

The winter has been busy- we've been liaising with the Broads Authority as part of their 'PRISMA' project, creating a dredging deposit site and re-establishing a reed bed to protect the bank along the inside of the spit. This is due to be a large project taking place in the Autumn. In February we started work on a boardwalk connecting the moorings and making the area accessible by wheelchair/ scooter/ pushchair from the car park to the play area. Our partners for this project were mainly students from the City College with some assistance from the Community Service groups to tie up the loose ends. It was completed mid-March and officially opened on 31st March by Yvonne Gafford.

This year, we hope to resurrect the Friends of Salhouse Broad group, which has been limping along for the last few years. In losing an employee, I'm hoping we've gained a volunteer- so watch this space!

Without our volunteers, none of the big 4 events would take place. My thanks go to them for helping make it all run smoothly and being such a success. Bearing in mind our previous best attendance for the EEH of 350+, this year we had 476 children take part.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – Steve Buckle.

Looking back 12 months...

The Joint Core Strategy (JCS); the Legal Challenge and the Northern Distributor Road (NDR) have all been at the fore front of our concerns as indeed has been the Budget fixed last month, regular sewage leaks in Lower St and Upper St and the axing of the local evening bus service.

Steve Buckle wrote this message to all Rackheath residents:

The election result in the Salhouse area shows that the public have decisively rejected the council's plans for an 'eco-town' and the huge amount of building developments it will bring.

In Broadland and across Norfolk we need sustainable solutions to our housing shortage, not new towns being built. We need homes to be built where people want to live and work, with the appropriate infrastructure and services alongside. I look forward to working positively and constructively with my fellow elected Councillors in order to tackle these issues for the good of everyone in our area.

In addition we wrote to the EDP

The principle of the NDR is fine except it is costing too much, goes nowhere, a planners dream ticket and sadly leaves a total lack of infrastructure for the Broadland area that it is meant to serve.

Let us see some facts-how, where and when the £1.3bn boost to the economy will be generated. Who is trying to create this goodwill when residents are being told constantly more houses means more jobs, how?.

Before we do, I suggest consulting with the local residents and their families who stand to be affected the most by the vast intrusion of gargantuan earth moving equipment, diversions, road delays and the associated stress caused needlessly in an area of outstanding natural beauty and scientific interest.

The Broads as we know them will be no more...

The JCS has not been helpful in Salhouse within Wroxham Ward simply because the residents have been opposed to it - their views and time spent in attending consultations have fallen on deaf ears at Broadland District Council.

The engagement of the residents Group Snub, chaired by Stephen Heard, proved that the JCS was unlawful when Justice Ouseley contended the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) which Broadland District Council had undertaken did not explain the suitable alternatives to urban growth in the North East Growth Triangle (NEGT) were required and it was reported in the EDP "*The JCS now back to square one*".

Beyond Green also conducted several presentations last year with a brief to overview and obtain the views of the public in the NEG-T-so not just in Rackheath but also in the neighbouring villages of Beeston, Old Catton, Spixworth.

We quote one of their statements "It was thought important to provide infrastructure early on wherever possible. The account states infrastructure attracted particular focus and reference made to projects which had not delivered on promise made at outline planning. And to be clear and open about timescale for delivery throughout."

Turning to the budget agreed by Broadland DC last month I'd like to echo what my colleague Ben McGilvray reported at Salhouse PC

Council Tax has been frozen for the next 12 months to enable BDC to be awarded the 2.5 pc incentive - a one off grant from the local govt secretary Eric Pickles

You may recall the same minister who refused to call in the Postwick Hub and Broadgate planning applications where the public were given only 1 minute 40 seconds to speak!

The underlying consequences of the budget for the tax year 2012/2013 means that a draw of 567K will be made from reserves and for the next 5 consecutive years. The consequences of the action of this unsustainable budget leaves a black hole which can only be remedied by an increase in CT of 28% to get the budget back in surplus

I have reported to the Environment Agency and Anglian Water the repetitive incidents even before the Mill Rd properties are built that the system including the Pumping station is inadequate and requires improvement and dare I say replacement

The withdrawal of the evening bus service we need to fight to keep and there is an on-going petition. We as a group have distributed information and urge everyone to complete to take the matter further.

Our regular attendance at Salhouse PC meetings demonstrates the hard working commitment of your Parish Councillors chaired by Robert Cooper .

We personally would like to thank all the residents who have emailed or been in touch and to raise any questions or concerns where we will try and help or seek the guidance of our colleagues.

SALHOUSE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE– supplied by Mollie Thompson, President-read by Cllr. K. Robbins.

2011 was another busy year for Salhouse Evening W.I. With a membership of 42, the Committee of 11 were kept occupied arranging an interesting programme of speakers as well as discussing various fund raising events in addition to the outings, theatre trips etc.

Gardeners among the membership particularly enjoyed learning about the propagation of shrubs and how to make our own holly wreaths for Christmas. Unfortunately, our Open Meeting – a guide to colour and make up – failed to encourage any new members.

Due to our on-going fund raising including a shared Coffee Morning with the Gardening club, a tombola stall at the Village Fete and a table at the Christmas Fayre held in the Village hall together with internal fund raising, we continue to have a healthy bank balance.

The open Craft sessions have continued on the first Wednesday of each month but if numbers do not increase, the future of this will need to be considered.

Salhouse Evening WI is a group of ladies who enjoy the friendship it cements, have pleasurable evenings together and contribute to the community. New members would be made very welcome.

PILATES – From Trudi Kemp.

Pilates classes have been running in the Jubilee Hall since the very successful introductory workshop held on 4 October 2005.

Despite a couple of breaks - the most recent for the happy arrival of my little boy, Hugo, now 15 months old, the classes are still well supported.

Thanks go to all those who come along to the classes and to all those involved in the upkeep and management of the Jubilee Hall which allows everything to run so smoothly!

Long may the core strengthening, health enhancing, Pilates technique be available to all the local residents of Salhouse!

Best wishes for a successful 2012 for Salhouse Parish!

AFTERNOON TEA AND MARDLE. – supplied by J. Bendy.

The “Mardle” has been going for 4 years now and seems just as popular as ever, with a loyal group of our more senior villagers who turn out in all weathers to enjoy the homemade refreshments, a good natter and the occasional quiz.

Last year we held a very successful 1940's fundraising event and the proceeds, £650. Going to Friends of Salhouse Church (FOSC) extension fund.

This year on Saturday 28th July, we hope to repeat that success with another Afternoon Tea in Jubilee Hall. We will be moving on ten years to the 1950s and celebrating the Queen's Jubilee as well as raising more money for FOSC.

NORFOLK COUNTY CLLR. JAMES CARSWELL.

Since we all last met at the annual parish meetings I remember saying that the public sector faces challenges regarding finances. I know that for parish councils that you all have worked so hard this year to help the communities you represent and making every penny count.

At county hall it has been a busy year. We launched the better broadband campaign and it has been very successful. Having High speed broadband will be so important for business and families to use whilst we face challenging times. Norfolk County Council was one of the few local authorities that protected the library service and not one single library has closed. It is also great to see the millennium library short listed for the best library, which is credit to all the staff that make it a very good service.

The decision to proceed with a planning application was made by Norfolk County Council's Cabinet on 2 April. Cabinet also decided that, although the Department for Transport funding allocation of £86.5m covers the road from Postwick to the A140 at the Airport, the remaining section to the A1067 (Fakenham road) should be constructed at the same time, and should be dual carriageway (apart from the final link to the single carriageway A1067). I feel that all parishes in the Wroxham division need to work together to put forward their views and concerns about this road.

County hall have also been working hard to launch new apprenticeship schemes that will help young people and people who are looking to retrain the opportunity to find new jobs. I have always been a key supporter of apprenticeships as they can give people valuable experience and further opportunity of finding work in these difficult times.

Both at County hall and Broadland District Council the Conservatives have frozen council tax at 0%. Whilst I have always been a supporter of low tax, we must also face the challenge for the future of raising and finding money to protect our key front line services.

I feel that the biggest issue in my county division has been the concern that residents have raised with about the growth agenda. Many of you will be aware of Snub and their legal challenge to the joint core strategy. I know that people are concerned with infrastructure and how many houses could be built. I have always maintained that parish councils should be able to identify the need of housing through your parish plans. With concerns of water supply, roads and other key infrastructure now is the time where parishes, the district and local community groups come together to resolve issues and concerns and move forward to what parishes need for housing.

But it has also been business as usual for me as a county and district councillor. Constantly raising concerns of speeding in your areas, raising issues regarding heavy traffic and also general highways issues. I was disappointed for some of my parishes when I campaigned heavily for gritting routes to be added. This is something I will continue to fight for and raise with highways.

But it is also that I make all the parishes aware that I will be standing down at the 2013 elections for County. I have really enjoyed being your county councillor and I have also appreciated the support that you all have given me since 2009. But this past year I have realised that being in a full time job and trying to get to parish meetings has been tough. I make no excuses but feel that with the challenges that face our parishes it is important to have

a county councillor that can make as many meetings. I will continue my district role and will support the next county councillor during my term.

So I will continue to work for the parishes to the May elections and I wish you all the very best for the future.

NORFOLK CONSTABULARY –PCSO 8238 R. Hall

Dear Parishioners

I have researched the crimes for the Parish of Salhouse for the Year from 6th May 2011 to 6th May 2012 there has been 37 recorded crimes in the parish. Compared with 42 for the same period last year.

I have broken these down into the following groups.

The group other refers to Domestic etc.

	Salhouse	Salhouse
	2010-2011	2011-2012
Other	9	5
Burglary Dwelling	3	1
Burglary Non Dwelling	4	1
Crime Other		1
Criminal Damage	7	3
Drugs Offences	1	
Fraud and Forgery	1	3
Robbery		
Sexual Offences		2
Theft From Motor Vehicle		3
Theft of motor vehicle	2	1
Theft Other	9	9
Violence Against Person	6	8
Total	42	37

If there are any concerns or queries please contact myself or a member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team at Acle Police Station, we will be pleased to help. We are contactable on 01493 333262 this number goes straight to Acle police station and may not be answered, but there is an answer phone facility which will be listened to at the earliest opportunity. You can also contact me on the above E-mail.

PCSO 8238 Bob Hall

BAPTIST CHAPEL. Report by Mr. Gay.

During the past year, we have recommenced our Sunday evening service which had lapsed, this means two Sunday services 11am and 5.30pm.

We held a mini holiday bible club at Christmas in addition to the usual Easter club; this was due to the timing of the school Christmas holiday and both events proved popular with a number of local children.

Also our Carol service was well attended.

During the year we have installed central heating at the chapel and hope to start work on replacing some of the windows in the coming year.

SALHOUSE V.C.PRIMARY SCHOOL. – Reported by headmistress Mrs. Dukes.

Thank you for the invitation to this meeting.

About the school – Just over 100 pupils mainly from Salhouse but some from surrounding villages. Over 20 full and part time staff many local residents.

A full and proactive governing body with regular meetings throughout the school year.

This year we have continued to develop our outdoor provision – improving our play areas and installing a pavilion at the far end of the field.

Harvest festival was celebrated at the church way back in October and at Christmas time, the children produced a Gift for Life Nativity written by the Diocesan board. The children have been on school trips (eg. Theatre Royal, Dinosaur Park) have had guest speakers (eg. WWII veteran and other senior members of the community), have taken part in competitions with other schools (eg. tag rugby, football and netball). They have held a science day on the theme of ‘water’. Revd. Allies continues to take regular Assemblies. We have introduced Reading Cafes and invite parents in to share in their child’s reading.

We welcome volunteers into the school to listen to children read or to help with activities and trips. It would be good to have a list of expertise of people in the community who wouldn’t mind coming in and talking to the children about their specialism eg. a boat builder to talk about how boats are made, or an architect, engineer, serviceman, etc. or people who have lived in different countries and can talk about their lifestyles.

Extended provision – The Fledglings is Ofsted registered childcare provision from 2 and a half yr olds in the afternoons. The school operates childcare from 7.45am (Breakfast club) to 6pm (after school club). The school also uses their facilities to offer childcare support when the school is not in session – ie. half term and end of term breaks as well as during the summer holidays.

Keep in touch with what happens in school by logging onto the school website – www.salhouseschool.co.uk – activities in each of the classes, newsletters and upcoming events.

Salhouse Community Speedwatch

During the period April 2011 to April 2012 Speedwatch teams logged 50 vehicles exceeding the speed limits in the village. These logs are forwarded to the Safety Camera Partnership and the owners of these vehicles will have received an initial advisory letter explaining the dangers and anti-social nature of speeding. Any further record will result in being placed on a central database of potential speeding motorists.

We currently have 9 persons involved with Speedwatch split into 3 teams of 3 persons each. Observation sessions are carried out approximately every 10 to 12 days throughout the year.

During this past year there has been the introduction of other systems into the process for the monitoring of speeding within the village.

Salhouse was successful in its application for the provision of a permanent SAM (Speed Awareness Messaging) system under a scheme being run by Norfolk County Council to provide equipment free of charge to villages which met the criteria of being previously involved with speed monitoring campaigns. This system is being installed at the village approach in Bell lane and is currently awaiting connection to the electricity supply.

Furthermore, Salhouse was also added to the list of villages for deployment of a temporary SAM system. Our first deployment of this system took place in Bell Lane during December and was moved to Norwich Rd 40mph section in January. The deployment of this system in Bell proved very effective in moderating the traffic on this fast approach into the village. In due course we will receive this equipment again and on the basis that the Bell lane permanent system will be in operation a decision will need to be taken regarding the preferred location/s.

In addition to the above systems a portable SAM system was also provided to the Speedwatch team for deployment on our regular observation sessions. It is provided for a period of 2 weeks within a rota of other surrounding villages. This comprises a box on a tripod to display vehicle speed to the drivers of approaching vehicles alternating between the actual speed and a smiley or frowning face dependent upon whether within or over the limit.

As ever we welcome volunteers to assist with Speedwatch. A team of 3 persons are deployed for one hour on each observation period and this normally results in a commitment of around one hour per month, or less if more people were available. Training is provided and deployment is always subject to the weather as well as being flexible on timing.

For further information contact M Prestwood on 01603 721110 or S Piper on 01603 720993.

There being no further reports or questions, the Vice Chairman (Cllr. K.Robbins) thanked everybody again for coming and invited them to take refreshments and join in the social evening.