

# Minutes of **Parish Meeting** of Salhouse, on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015, held in Jubilee Hall at 7.30pm.

## **PRESENT**

Vice Chairman Mr. Colin McCormick and Mrs. D.R. Wyatt (Clerk)

Residents = 141

### **1. WELCOME** – Chairman Cllr. Colin McCormick.

A warm welcome to everybody, and I'd like to thank you all for attending. This is the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Salhouse, a meeting at which members of the local councils, police, clubs, organisations and activities in the village can give a report for the last 12 months, try to generate further interest in their group, and hopefully recruit some new members or volunteers. It is not a Parish Council Meeting, but it is organised and hosted by the Parish Council, and we are legally obliged to do this every year.

Before we begin, I must make you aware of the location of the fire exits, which are located at the rear of the room. and to your left and the emergency assembly location which is at the front of the building.

We have what I hope is an interesting Agenda, with a good number of speakers, who I would like to thank in advance. I have a list, in no particular order, of individuals and organisations who have offered to speak or submit a report. If your name is not on that list and you wish to speak, you will still have the opportunity to do so in the Open Session under item 11.

### **2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015 are available in draft form on the seats and available from the Clerk.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING from the minutes**

Chairman called for any comments:- There were no comments.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** The minutes were proposed by Cllr. Mrs. S. Blow and seconded by Mr. Jim Blyth, unanimously agreed to be a true report and duly signed by the Chairman.

*The first part of the meeting having been completed I would like to welcome you all once again to the 2015 Parish Meeting*

### **5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** - read by Cllr. C. McCormick.

Last year I reported that two businesses had closed in the village and I am very pleased to say that both of these have re-opened under new management and are reported to be doing alright. It shows just what a difference a year can make. The clock leaped forward yesterday and Spring seems just around the corner and the village atmosphere is definitely feeling lighter. As I recall it last year, it was rather gloomy and I don't just mean the weather.

A new small housing site has been proposed for Norwich Road and Norfolk awaits news of the Northern Distributor Route, which will bring more or less traffic nearer, depending where you live. The Parish council has asked for the re-opening of the report for the HGV Hierarchy Route and are awaiting replies.

We were fortunate in winning a bid for improved mobile communication called Rural Opensure, there were many bids to choose from, and we are such a small community and we thank Norfolk County Council for their assistance with this.

We also won a bid in the Norfolk County Council 50/50 Partnership Scheme to have some footpaths improved in Station Road, Salhouse and also a bid for a Trod path in Ball Lane, yet to be approved by the Council depending on funding available.

The Parish Council is also working through a steering group to obtain a Neighbourhood Plan, which you will be reported about shortly.

This year is the General Election and in all the publicity it may have gone unnoticed that it is also the year for the Parish Council election. There are eleven places available and we are currently working with only six councillors. Nomination dates are now open and forms available from broadland District Council and the Clerk.

Lastly, we are arranging “Choosing your Charity” again this year, to give you, the residents, the chance to decide how this small amount of money, set aside in the Budget, is distributed. Forms are available here and will be displayed on the Website for one month, for forwarding to the Clerk.

## **6. SALHOUSE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Those of you who attended the consultation on 28<sup>th</sup> February will know that we are well on the way to preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for Salhouse.

At the open day we put forward the areas that are under consideration and we were pleased that over 100 residents were able to attend and discuss the ideas with our team. We have a wealth of feedback which we are now analysing.

The initial result seems to suggest that we should continue with the six policy areas under consideration. Most support was for proposals on the environment, sheltered housing and linking the two parts of Salhouse more effectively with improvements to the footpaths. Design and density of any future housing and improvements to the playing field also featured high on the list. There seems little that we can do about enhancing employment opportunities although we have had various ideas put forward to improve existing facilities. Once we complete the analysis we will have further discussions with interested parties and begin to produce the policies for inclusion in the plan.

In case you missed the presentation, copies of the posters will be available via the village website and we are happy to email individual copies to anyone interested. We will, of course, keep residents advised as we progress. We welcome any additional views, which can be sent to our Email address [salhouse2020@gmail.com](mailto:salhouse2020@gmail.com) or writing to the Parish Clerk. Alternatively, you can find us on Twitter @Salhouse2020.

In addition to specific policies relating to land usage, a Neighbourhood Plan is able to identify the physical things that are important and worth preserving in a village. These may include, for instance, an area of woodland, a pond, a building that is not otherwise listed, streetscape or an important vista. Whilst this list does not give absolute protection to the things that are identified, it does strengthen the opportunity to have protection applied by alerting the planning authority and will ensure they are considered when planning applications that may affect them are received.

Please let the Neighbourhood Plan team know your views by contacting as above.

All of this is very important, as, once approved by referendum within the village, the Neighbourhood plan becomes part of the Broadland District Council Local Plan and as such has legal standing.

## **7. POLICE, /COUNTY& DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.**

District Cllr. Fran Whymark reported that the Council Tax has been frozen for the last 4 years and it has been agreed that the Broadland District Council (BDC) part of your Council Tax will remain the same for at least another 2 years.

The number of unemployed in our area has fallen to 0.93% and the Apprenticeship Scheme continues to assist young people to find jobs. A recent project with Saffron Housing allowed 8 young people to secure employment and the project has been extended, meaning others will get work opportunities in the future.

BDC has listened to residents, farmers and landowners and has decided to ban the release of Chinese Lanterns on all of its land. BDC is encouraging all the Parish Councils in the Broadland area to do so also.

The Growth Triangle Area Action Plan (AAP) is undergoing independent examination by the Secretary of State and a decision should be made before the end of the year. Currently this means the likelihood of 7000 homes between now and 2026 and possible more after that. There will also be a decision on the Northern Distributor Route in the very near future. Both of these decisions will impact upon the village over the coming years and make a Neighbourhood Plan even more important. BDC is encouraging Town and Parish Councils to adopt a joined up approach to infrastructure, which they can do with a Neighbourhood Plan. Neighbourhood Plans will influence the AAP in your area, legally they must under the Localism Act 2011.

The key aims for Salhouse and the whole of Broadland over the next 4 years are:

- Low Council Tax with high quality services
- To continue to drive down crime and anti-social behaviour
- To increase recycling, including food waste and keep Broadland clean
- To support all local businesses create real jobs and attract inward investment
- Deliver new homes, so that local people can stay in Broadland
- Safeguard the environment and get better infrastructure

I look forward to reporting progress in the year ahead.

**Norfolk Constabulary – There was no report.**

## **8. CHOOSING YOUR CHARITY POLICY.**

### **Introduction**

It is in the interest of the villagers to support charities whether they assist a person or a group of people either directly or indirectly. Charities are usually chosen because of a person's general interests or life experiences; they can also be influenced by campaigns or by natural disasters. Organisations can offer grants as a form of charitable donation, although these can be more time consuming to monitor.

All charities must be registered with charity commission.

### **Aim**

The purpose of this document is to set out the Salhouse Parish Councils procedure for donating to charity. We aim to continue the openness of the council and set out our vision for this process. It must be right that the parish council is in a position to help village causes and things that directly assist the well being of those in the village.

### **Scope**

This process will relate to monies put aside by the Parish Council for the specific purpose of making an annual charitable donation subject to budget conditions. It is widely regarded the person or persons making a nomination for charitable monies will be on the electoral register for the village of Salhouse.

### **Procedures**

It is the council's intention to use the Annual Parish Meeting to gauge the villagers' views on selecting/nominating a charity. The parish council proposes to link the amount given to charity with the credits generated from the parish, e.g. recycling scheme.

### **Identifying a charity**

- Charities may receive a nominated by villagers before or during the annual parish meeting, for the coming financial year.
- The charity(s) will ideally be locally based.
- Be able to demonstrate in writing local benefit.
- Monies will be equally divided between the nominations.

## **Funds**

There is a separate Village Groups Projects Fund which will remain.

## **9. PRIEST IN CHARGE, REV'D SANDY DUTTON– Read by the Chairman.**

Many thanks for your invitation to your Annual General meeting, unfortunately as I only received the invitation some five days before it is due to take place on Monday of Holy week I am not able to attend, but please pass my good wishes and prayers onto all who attend the meeting.

As I am unable to be with you in person I would like to offer a brief report for your meeting.

The past year has been a one of mixed experiences for the Anglican Christian communities of Rackheath and Salhouse. The retirement of Revd Lorna Allies and Her husband Peter meant a time of uncertainty and of facing a time of interregnum as well as the sense of loss that is felt when a Christian leader leaves a community, a leader whose hard work and dedication left a legacy within the ministry team that had been built up that ensured that the life of the churches was in safe hands

In July it was my privilege to accept the post of Priest in charge, opening yet another chapter in the history of the three parishes. My arrival in October Just a few weeks before Advent and Christmas meant that there was much to do to get ready for the coming season. I was blessed However by discovering that the valuable work that was being done by the joint Open the Book Team that works within our local primary schools retelling the stories from the bible was well in hand, to which I was able to offer an interpretation of the account of the birth of Jesus from a slightly different perspective of being told through the eyes of a grumpy innkeeper.

The parishes also readily embraced the idea of Posada that originated in Mexico which sees the figures of Mary and Joseph journeying around homes and business to reflect a little of the experience of the holy couples journey to Bethlehem, once again I was able to offer an added dimension which meant that once they journey on a sheep who was lost and trying to find them was left behind with a notice that invited children of all ages to help look for its flock who he hoped he would meet up with on Christmas Eve at our Crib services, this invitation was taken up by many families in both parishes and the added bonus for parents and children at the end of the service in Rackheath was the wondrous moment as they left church when a shooting star passed over head leaving them wondering, could it be Father Christmas?

The season of Advent and Christmas is also a time when many from our communities visit our churches and our carol services and Christingle services are a good opportunity to welcome families into our two beautiful churches and establish a connection with them, and this year was no exception. That sense of connection is something that we as churches will endeavour to build on in the coming months and years ahead in a number of ways and at this point in time we are compiling a questionnaire that we believe will give us a good indication of how we can serve our local communities in relevant ways.

Since Christmas we have been re looking at the problem that All Saints Church, Salhouse faces with its lack of facilities and hopefully in the next few months we will be able to begin to address them with plans for the installation of a toilet and a small but discreet place to make a hot drinks all of which we hope will help to make the church building a more welcoming environment

Although it has only been a few short months since we arrived Rackheath and Salhouse it already feels like home, due to the warmth and enthusiasm of the people of both parishes.

- **SALHOUSE 2000, REGISTERED CHARITY No 1061044 – Read by Sarah Oldfield.**

The new committee has now been in place for two years. Building on previous successes we accomplished a lot last year; thanks to hard work from all the members of the committee.

Far too much was done to list it all here, so this is a summary of the key events:

Two big items that have been resolved are:

- **Car Park lease** – following a lengthy process the car park lease was signed and completed. Thanks to all who worked on this, including the previous committee members and Trustees.
- **Appointment of new Trustees** – following the completion of the car park lease we received resignations from the old Trustees and have registered new Trustees with the Charity Commission:
  - Martin Carney (Chair)
  - Tobi Radcliffe
  - Maria Whithington
  - Shirley Blow

It is unfortunate to report that bookings have been difficult. We lost a number of regular users, including Play Group, Yoga, Rainbows, and more recently Vintage Vigour and Youth Club. This was a sad loss to both the hall and the local community. It has had an impact on hall finances and every attempt is being made to increase income and bookings over the next year.

However, it was not all negative and we have already had a number of new users to the hall. Last year we welcomed Sure Start babies & toddlers group to the hall. We also saw the start-up of the Ping Pong group who meet weekly and this has been very popular. More recently Broadland Fun & Fit have begun a 10 week Yoga programme. It also appears that ad-hoc bookings have increased, which has been important for the hall finances, until we get more regular users. The hall is increasingly popular as a venue for children's parties and sleepovers and it is good to see the hall being used by all ages.

Sadly this year Tim our cleaner/caretaker resigned from the village hall as he wanted to spend more time focussing on his art and is looking to return to full time education to pursue his passion. A cleaner was advertised and Tim's daughter applied for the role. We welcomed Francesca to the team, who started as cleaner on September.

We have kept on top of the general maintenance and the hall continues to look good. We regularly get really positive feedback about how nice the hall is, both in terms of looks and the facilities. The big news is that our secretary was able to secure a grant from the Lottery Commission for over £4k. This meant we could not only replace, but increase the size of all our heaters as last year we had a lot of complaints about the cold. Also, we were able to fit a couple of instant heaters should users require a quick boost to take the chill off, and have fitted one of these in the small hall.

This work seems to have been a success as despite the low weather temperatures, no complaints were received over the worst of the winter months. Thank you to Sarah for all her hard work on securing the grant and for John Middleton from Wroxham Heating for fitting the heaters for us. We have also had a suspected damp patch checked out and coated some of the brick walls with a silicone protection.

We jointly purchased a new trolley for the storage of the tables in the Memorial Hall. Thank you to the W.I and Saga who shared the cost of this with us. Also thanks to Saga for paying for new Perspex in our notice board so villagers can now read the notices! We also had a number of unused wooden chairs which we were able to sell raising over £600 for village hall funds.

The final event of 2014 was the Christmas Fayre. We had a great turn out with numbers up on the previous year. We took record amount and along with a donation of £250 from Britvic Soft drinks we added to our funds for this year. We increased the number of craft stalls so there was a real mix of things to see and do. We had a lot of positive feedback from visitors and stall holders so thank you to everyone who came and supported us.

Following the success of the crafts at the Christmas Fayre, we are holding a Spring Craft Fayre on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 12-4**. Admission will be free and there will be a variety of local crafts for sale, including floristry, jewellery, cards and handicrafts. There will be something for everyone and the committee will be offering cream teas and refreshments. We will also have a raffle with some super prizes, so even if you don't want to buy, come and browse, have a cup of tea and a scone. You might even win a prize, and all funds will go to the upkeep of the hall, so your support will really benefit our local community facility.

For the future, we hope to have Wi-Fi installed in to the village hall in early summer. This will not only benefit the regular users who have told us they will find this useful, but help attract new users for the hall. We continue to promote the hall on various hall hire websites and we have updated the details on the village web page. Many thanks to Malcolm Prestwood for his work updating the village website.

We are small committee who meet four times a year. We would welcome anyone who has some spare time and wants to help keep the hall at the heart of the community. Please contact Martin or Sarah for further details.

Once again, thank you to all the committee for their hard work and to all in the village for your support. We look forward to the village hall's success continuing in 2015.

- **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH – supplied by Malcolm Prestwood Co-ordinator.**

The Speedwatch group has been operating since 2008 and comprises 11 members in Salhouse. This is run in conjunction with the Safety Camera Partnership in Norwich linking the Norfolk Constabulary and County Council under a government scheme formed in 2001. Some 60+ groups are active in Norfolk. The purpose being to curtail speeds and to improve environmental and safety aspects in the village.

Speed observation sessions are typically carried out every 10 – 12 days over 6 to 8 locations within the Parish. These are conducted in 30 and 40 mph zones and Community Speedwatch Signs are deployed advising motorists that checks are in progress.

After each session logs are submitted to the Safety Camera Partnership and after a checking process advisory letters are issued to those exceeding the prescribed limits.

Teams comprise 3 persons at a time to operate the 'speed gun' and to record, and verify, the vehicle information.

In addition to the speedwatch activities above we also deploy a portable speed Activated Message system approximately every 4 months on a rota with other Norfolk villages. This system displays the speed of a vehicle to the driver using an electronic display by the roadside accompanied by a 'slow down' message if exceeding the limit.

As always we are looking for more volunteers to assist and appropriate training will be given. For further details contact either Malcolm Prestwood on 721110 or Stephen Piper on 720993

- **SALHOUSE SAGA MAGAZINE-supplied by /editor Saga Magazine.**

The magazine, which has now been produced for just over 30 years, is an independent publication with no direct affinity to any local organisation. It is produced every 4 months in March, July and November and delivered free of charge to around 680 properties in the village and related locations. The aim of the magazine is to provide reports of local activities, community information and historical articles. This also includes selected information from surrounding communities that could be of interest to Salhouse villagers.

Funding of the magazine relies entirely on advertisers so we are very grateful to them for their continued, and in many cases, long term support. Without them the magazine would not be possible in its current format.

Thanks also go to all of the regular contributors, many of whom have been providing articles and information over many years. Opportunity is taken to invite others to write articles for the magazine on matters of local interest.

Over recent years the magazine has also been able to provide some funding for local benefit through contributions to various organisations.

Despite the advent of electronic media the magazine probably still represents the most effective means of distributing local information to the highest proportion of people within the village.

This report is concluded by thanking the Saga team of helpers namely Doreen Dye, responsible for advertising, Juliette Bendy for assistance with editorial and Pauline Garner on distribution, having taken over the role from Carole Woodward last year.

- **VILLAGE WEBSITE - [www.salhousevillage.org.uk](http://www.salhousevillage.org.uk)- supplied byMalcolm Prestwod**

The village website has been in existence since 2004 and was created to provide on-line information about the village for the benefit of residents, businesses and tourism.

It was created on behalf of the Parish Council and additionally covers general information about the village, and its history, as well as activities taking place. The Agendas and Minutes of all Parish Council Meetings are accessible for a period of at least 2 years.

Links are available to the Salhouse Broad as well as Salhouse School, Wroxham/Hoveton Medical Centre, the Churches and the various local authorities and police bodies.

Regular Norfolk Constabulary Crime Reports for the Acle area are also included. The current edition of the Salhouse Saga Magazine is also available.

Like all such electronic media the information is only as good as the supply of information provided and all members of groups involved with activities are requested to keep the webmaster informed of events, times and any changes in order for this to remain accurate.

- **FRIENDS OF SALHOUSE SCHOOL – Read by the Chairman.**

The last twelve months have been both extremely busy and productive for FOSS as the new Committee has got stuck into a wide ranging plan of fundraising activities. Our events have appealed to both children and families at school, with some external events too in which villagers have been able to take part.

Our school based events have included our popular Christmas and Easter fairs, and we finished the end of the last academic year with an amazing summer event with bouncy castle, barbecue, fabulous live music and lots of stalls and activities to enjoy. In addition, we have held several bingo nights, 2 pamper nights (with a third planned for May 8<sup>th</sup>), cake sales, another successful book donation event, ice cream Fridays during the summer term, non uniform days and school discos.

Our ‘Club 100’ continues to prove popular – this allows people to purchase one or more numbers (£1 per number per month) which then go into a draw to win a small cash prize each month. This is open to anyone over the age of 18 and the school office will be able to provide more details if anyone is interested!

We were delighted to see villagers outside of the school community attending our pamper nights, and the uptake for our garage sale last year was in excess of 40 households with extremely positive feedback.

Aside from the fun and enjoyment gained from these events we have also managed to raise a significant amount of money, and this has been further boosted by two very generous donations from outside organisations. This money will fund some new and exciting outdoor play equipment which will benefit all the children within the school, and we are now at the stage of finalising equipment options before coming to an agreement with Mrs Dukes. We are hopeful that this will come to fruition before the end of the summer term.

None of this would be possible without the dedication and commitment of our committee members and I would like to thank them for their continuing hard work. That ends my report.

- **FRIENDS OF SALHOUSE CHURCH - supplied by Jean Bishop.**

Since Peter Allies left I have been the spokesperson for the Friends of Salhouse Church. FOSC comprises a group of local people, not necessarily Churchgoers, who care about preserving our very special Church. Money is subscribed by membership and the inevitable fundraising activities. We are now waiting to hear if the latest plans for toilet facilities have been accepted and then we shall have a Committee meeting to arrange a major fundraising event, hopefully this autumn. Peter raised a large sum with his 24 hour Singathon and, being a little less ambitious, I hope we may manage a 12 hour Musicathon i.e. any form of music. Hopefully we will have a date in time for the next Saga magazine but it will also be well publicised on the Village website which has a link to our FOSC website.

- **AFTERNOON TEA AND MARDLE**

The Afternoon Tea and Mardle is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 2 – 4 pm, primarily for senior villagers. It provides a place to meet up with friends for a chat and an opportunity to make new friends and find out what is going on if you are recently retired or new to the village. There is a wealth of local knowledge available amongst our regulars which new villagers might find helpful.

Refreshments are £1 and there's a quiz and raffle. We also have a selection of books which Mardlers can borrow at no charge.

The object of the Mardle has always been to provide an informal social event. It is run by volunteers and is non profit making. At the end of the year any surplus funds are spent on the Christmas Mardle, which is a bit more lavish than usual, and refreshments are free.

We have a regular band of Mardlers and several new ones have joined us recently, filling the small hall comfortably, so we must be doing something right.

- **SALHOUSE EVENING W.I.**

**2014** was another busy and enjoyable year for our W.I. membership remaining at 38 with a hardworking committee of 11.

A varied programme of speakers is prepared annually and entertainment arranged for the Birthday and Christmas meetings. Monthly competitions also take place, winners being decided by the number of coins being placed alongside their favourite item. Monies collected from competitions is given to the Association of Country Women Worldwide, an organisation helping women less fortunate than ourselves.

In addition to the monthly meetings, a Craft group also meets monthly which is also open to non-W.I members of the Village. This group is self- funding and now in our 5<sup>th</sup> year with various crafts being pursued and is very active and popular

Also meeting monthly is our Lunch Group, now in its second year, with lunches arranged in turn by members at different local pubs and restaurants, Non W.I. members are also welcome to join our lunch Club.

Outings are arranged throughout the year beginning with our annual visit to the Theatre Royal in January, our annual dinner at a different local restaurant in May, and our Christmas lunch at the Norwich City College restaurant in December. Other outings this year were to the Broderers Guild at the Cathedral where we saw the Bishop's cape under repair, Springfields Shopping Centre in Spalding, East Rushton Gardens and Sandringham Flower Show.

Fundraising continues to be well supported by members with the usual annual events, Spring Fayre, Strawberry Tea and Christmas Fayre in addition to participating in events organised by other Village organisations.

Our 'secret Santa' presents which are brought to our Christmas Party, have for the last two years been given, not to other W.I members, but to the 4 Women Centre in Norwich which are gratefully received and given to less fortunate women.

Christmas cards are exchanged but some members chose to donate to charity, this year our chosen charity was East Anglia Children's Hospice and £20 was sent.

Invitations are received from other local WIs to attend their functions and similarly we enjoy welcoming other WIs to our various parties.

The motto of the Women's Institute is 'inspiring women' and Salhouse certainly meets this criteria but in addition the most important part of our WI is the friendship which is shared by all our members with new members always welcome.

This Mr. Chairman is the report of the Salhouse Evening W.I.

- **READING GROUP REPORT – Read by the Chairman**

The group meets every 6 weeks in members' homes. We discuss the book selections which we obtain from Wroxham Library. The Library now charges a small fee, but is still our favoured source of books.

Refreshments are provided by the host for the evening. Last year we enjoyed an early evening barbecue and plan to have a meal again this summer.

We are an informal group, with no officers and no membership fees. We share the responsibility of hosting the evenings and ordering, collecting and returning the books.

We remain a small group. This means we don't have the cost of booking a meeting room, and it allows time for all of us to speak about the books.

- **SALHOUSE GARDEN CLUB.**

Once again I can report that the Gardening Club is thriving. We currently have about 80 members and our monthly meetings are regularly attended by between 50 and 60 members. In fact we are once again up to our capacity as we really cannot fit in more people at our meetings. We will probably have to start a waiting list for new members but the committee will make a decision once we have completed the renewal of subscriptions for the forthcoming year in April.

Unfortunately, for the first time in 3 years, we have had to increase our subscription to £15. For the first time since we started we have had to dip into our reserves as our expenditure this year has exceeded our income. This is mainly due to the increased cost of speakers and our day trip. The small increase proposed will solve the problem and enable us to continue to produce an interesting and varied programme.

As always, apart from our monthly talks and plant sales, we have again organised evening garden visits in July and August and we will have our full day trip in June. Full detail of the programme for 2015 / 2016 are shown in the latest edition of Saga.

Can I just take this opportunity to let people know that the Gardening Club have again organised a Spring Plant Sale which will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April at Jubilee Hall from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. There will be a plentiful supply of good value plants, a raffle and refreshments.

In conclusion, I would like to publicly thank our secretary, Ian Roofe, and our committee, for the efforts put in over the year to provide such an interesting programme. Also those of our members who help out at the meetings by doing the jobs such as putting out and clearing chairs, providing the raffle and doing the refreshments and other necessary jobs to keep the evenings running smoothly. Without all these willing helpers we would never manage to run such a successful club.

If anyone would like more information about the Club and the Programme please contact either Ian or myself – again, contact detail is in Saga.

- **SALHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH – read by Mr. Gay.**

We give thanks to God that throughout the past year we have continued to meet twice every Sunday to hear his word from the Bible. We have been able to think about the life and ministry of Jesus as recorded in the gospel of Mark and, coming up to Easter his death and resurrection. Sunday school continues every week and we also meet Wednesday evenings for prayer and Bible study.

For the third year, we have continued to run a school lunch club every Wednesday, “Allsorts”, with about a dozen or twenty children attending; we are most grateful to Ann Gripton who works with us in this. This year, we have again provided Bibles to each of the new intake.

We have also continued to work with the local school to assist with a number of assemblies throughout the year and have also responded to a request from staff to provide input to the religious education curriculum by answering children’s questions on the subject of “creation”. We were also pleased to host the school Harvest service in early October, an occasion which saw the building full to bursting (!) and again, included the theme of “creation”.

Our one-day Holiday Bible Club at Christmas time continues to be hugely popular with over 20 children attending this past year. Today, we have started our week long Easter Holiday Bible Club and so far a good number of children have come to take part in the “Great Escape”.

Our carol service took place on the Tuesday before Christmas and with such numbers that the upstairs gallery was again in use. You are all most welcome to any of our meetings, and hopefully you should all have received our Easter invitation cards.

- **SALHOUSE ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB**

Jim Blyth reported that Salhouse Rovers had obtained a ‘standard’ classification from the NCFEA. This means that all the teams and associates etc are CRB registered and also entitles them to free kit and sponsorship for the Under 9s. This is re-newed every year and they see no reason why this should not be re-newed this year. This season we have been running 3 teams, Seniors, Senior Reserves and the Under 9’s and the Seniors won a place in the Cup Final.

The season has not finished yet, but we estimate that all will have done well.

Our fund raiser ( 5-a-side tournament) will be held on 27/28<sup>th</sup> June and we apologise for any inconvenience caused to the residents.

We would like to give our thanks to Tracey, who although not very well, is 100% behind the Club. Last year we had three break ins and this year we have had none and thank you for putting up with us.

- **PING PONG UPDATE- read by Sarah Oldfield**

Ping pong has now been running for a year, meeting on Tuesdays from 1-3 pm in the Village Hall. The group has a regular attendance of between 8-15 people and now have three table tennis tables. A grant from Norfolk Small Grants Fund, to purchase another table has been applied for. Each session

costs £2.50, which includes a cup of tea or coffee and all equipment is provided. You just need suitable footwear and comfortable clothing to take part.

- **TEAM SALHOUSE – Read by the Chairman**

The village remains relatively clear of litter as throughout the year we have carried out regular group litter picks to cover the village and outlying footpaths, for example a recent pick along Bell Lane and Stonehouse Road produced 12 bags of rubbish. We also report on any fly tipping when found.

We were able to restore, to some extent, the verges close to the roundabout following work by Open Reach and a confrontation between cars a few weeks ago but, following the wet autumn, the verges generally are quite soft and when cars park on them, they soon become muddy and an eyesore.

We continue to plant and maintain the various flowerbeds around the village and will shortly be looking into the summer planting. Thanks go to our members who help with this and the watering during the summer months.

We have a current team of around 20 people but will always welcome new members. We can promise an enjoyable time in good company whilst making a difference to the village. You would be welcome even if you are only able to help occasionally.

- **SALHOUSE UNITED CHARITIES TRUST – read by Mrs. Doreen Dye.**

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 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 of coal.

Nowadays it is done differently and people in need or on a low income can apply either in March or September for help towards hospital visits to say Papworth, Addenbrooks or London. Heating, repairs to the home, help with educational books or school uniforms etc. when they would be considered and grants made providing funds were available.

This year we have given no grants as we have not had any requests and we have a balance in the Bank of £4,750.56.

The present Trustees are Mr. Peter Jefford (Chairman), Rev'd Sandy Dutton, representing the Church, Mrs. Shirley Blow, representing the Parish Council, Mrs. Carol Knell, Mr. Robert Cooper, and myself Mrs. Doreen Dye, Secretary/Treasurer.

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**Financial Statement Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
31/12/13	Cash in Bank	£3,294.82
30/4/14	Rotac Farms	50.00

15/4/14	J. C. Fielder	517.50		
8/10/14	J. C. Fielder	517.50		
11/10/13	Wayleaves	100.74	6/12/13	Cash in Bank 4,750.56
7/10/14	Salhouse P.C.	270.00		
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		£4,750.56		£4,750.56
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• **SALHOUSE HISTORY PROJECT – CHAIRMAN.**

Chairman explained that this was his project. Upon the demise of Roy Bullers, who together with his wife Sheila, had been instrumental in providing much information for the Saga and other publications, I wondered what had happened to all that information and paperwork.

Upon enquiring, these papers were passed into my keeping and together with other material which I have obtained, collected and produced into some sort of book. I felt that we would go up the 1999 to finish at the Millennium.

Therefore I need your help in searching all your attics etc for old paperwork, photographs, leaflets etc anything would be helpful, all of which will be returned immediately.

I do not know how long this will take, it definitely will not be out by this Christmas, but maybe next.

I have already received a lot of help, so please pass this message onto your neighbours and people you know who have moved and together make this happen.

Mr. J.Blyth recommended a book obtainable at Jarrolds for good reading on this subject and stated that he would search his boxes for any photographs available.

**10.OPEN SESSION**

Questions were asked about the Sites on Norwich Road, which the Chairman answered with the best details that he had at present.

There being no further business, Chairman thanked all for coming and providing such an interesting meeting, inviting all to join in refreshments and talk to councillors if required.

Meeting was closed at 8.55pm.