

DRAFT Minutes of Parish Meeting of Salhouse, on Saturday 14th May 2011, held in Jubilee Hall at 7.00pm

PRESENT

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

Residents = 29

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME – Chairman Mr R. Cooper

Welcome to the 2011 Annual Parish Meeting. Tonight this **not** a Parish Council meeting but belongs to the villagers. The Agenda is before you and I hope we can achieve the objectives of the evening in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. This is a real opportunity for clubs and **village** groups to update fellow villagers on their activities in the past 12 months. It is an important opportunity which is actively encouraged by the Parish Council. At 8.30pm we will break for refreshments and then at 9.00pm we can sit back and enjoy music from the excellent Broadland Youth Choir

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes of 17th April 2010, had been circulated to all present in the form of a pamphlet for all the village, and there are a few dotted about for your use.

Agreed unanimously 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 2011 Parish Meeting

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Parish Council)

I do not intend to cover the Parish Council activities as these are already comprehensively written up in the minutes of the Parish Council meetings and in my Saga articles, both of which are available for you to read at any time either on Noticeboards, in the Magazine, or on the Website. Needless to say, we are kept very busy and do not expect this to change.

SALHOUSE CHURCH

Rev. Lorna Allies sent a message for this meeting:- I would like to say that I have found incredible good will in the village of Salhouse to its Church and I want to register my grateful thanks to the whole community for that. Thank you all and now I pass you over to Peter

Good evening everybody, to start with I would like to announce that the Church is now open every day. This beautiful building which has been here for well over two hundred years and with the loving care lavished on it by all will remain so for a few hundred more.

I am leading a project to build a toilet and kitchen extension. This is to provide proper facilities for weddings, christenings and funerals. We also have children visiting from other schools in the area and we have lessons in the Church. Our Grade II listed church is an asset to our village, bringing visitors now that it is open daily. They will also benefit from toilet facilities as we will make them available.

I am also trying to set up a Friends of Salhouse Church organisation which will be Community led rather than Church led and will have as its focus the building and its heritage and its use to the general community.

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 or on a low income 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. when they would be considered and grants made providing funds were available. Grants can also be made at any other time of year if required.

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

Balance at Bank 3.12.09 was £3117.80, income received totalled £ 1024.14, outgoing payments totalling £410.00.

Cash at Bank at 31.12.10 = £3731.94

EMERGENCY RESPONSE – Read by Mrs. K. Jefford

Broadland District Council's Emergency Planning Response Officer is encouraging Parish Councils to create an Emergency Response Plan for each Parish.

We have seen many examples in recent years where communities have been badly affected by severe weather events or man-made catastrophes. We cannot prevent these events happening in the majority of cases, but we can prepare ourselves and our resources in the most effective way possible.

The purpose of an Emergency Response Plan would be to be prepared for any emergency situation that could arise within the Parish or affecting the Parish.

The priorities of the Plan would be:

1. To identify all the possible emergency situations that could affect the village, and assess their probability of happening and their impact on the community. These could include severe weather, flooding or a major road, rail or air crash.
2. To identify those in the village most at risk – most notably the elderly and vulnerable.
3. To identify places of refuge in the village in case of storm, flood, etc, and key-holders.
4. To identify those with the most relevant skills (first aid, etc), voluntary groups who could assist, people with useful equipment and resources.
5. To designate lines of communication both within and outside the village.
6. To nominate an Emergency Coordinator, and a Deputy.

To create a network of Emergency 'Area Team Leaders' who would report in to the Emergency Coordinator. We would like to invite members or former members of the Neighbourhood Watch team to assist in this as they already form a proven and effective network. This extra responsibility would involve very little extra work. The Clerk has already written to them asking if they would volunteer to take on this task. We have had a good response already, but we would welcome further offers of assistance from anyone who has not yet responded or who feels they would like to help or participate in this task.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – Steve Buckle.

As your new District Councillor it is very early days to have had the opportunity to chat to you. However the Parish Council can raise issues for you. On Monday we (the new councillors) will be having another induction meeting and we will be sharing ideas, such as Salhouse Church. My e-mail address is available from the Clerk and I can confirm that Ben McGilvray, your other District Councillor, will be away for a further two weeks.

Chairman asked if there would be an opportunity to hold an evening surgery, to enable those that work to come and meet and express any concerns.

Councillor Buckle explained that that this had been discussed and indeed at Rackheath an issue had been raised about the nitrates level in the water. The fish do not like it. This has been resolved and the nitrate level is now being monitored very closely.

In due course it may be possible to have surgeries but in the meantime everything will be shared between us.

SALHOUSE STATION – Mr. Des O.Brian

I have been a volunteer for eight years now at Salhouse Station. I do not work for British Rail. One of my jobs is to liaise with Norfolk County Council Norfolk Constabulary if required and the Parish Council. If you wish to contact me my contact details are on the website. I currently endeavour to control the litter, keep the flower tubs bright and keep the platform and notice boards clean. Please if you have any questions or comments don't hesitate to contact me.

The residents showed their appreciation for the work carried out.

SALHOUSE BELL BOWLS CLUB.

We are pleased to present our report for the Salhouse Bell Bowls Club.

How the time has flown since our last report in 2010! We are already under way with our 2011 season and hope to see much more of the recent lovely sunshine (plus a little rain for the bowling green please!)

Last summer was a good one for our Club – we saw the realisation of our new little pavilion after a lot of fundraising and some financial help from the Parish Council for which we were very grateful.

Despite a fairly small membership we were able to complete all our evening league fixtures, finishing runners-up in the Area C of the County Triples League and mid-way in Division 1 of the Broadland League. Thanks to our two league Captains and all players for their hard work and support. We are indeed looking for new members – there is bowls for everyone from young to old, from complete beginners to fully experienced bowlers. If you are thinking of joining us, do give our Secretary Lilian a call on 720109, or come and see us at one of our home evening matches (dates are displayed on our notice board).

With beginners in mind, we are organising some “taster sessions” for those who would like “to give it a try” – you need no gear other than a pair of flat smooth bottomed shoes – we will lend you some bowls and provide basis instructions. Our next session is on Tuesday May 17th at 2.0pm and if you are interested call Jenny or Roger on 720826. Further dates will be arranged shortly.

Our Monday after noon bowls for those who enjoy a friendly daytime game was once again much enjoyed by all. We play from 2.00 – 4pm with a break for tea and biscuits. It is open to non-members, you just pay a small registration fee and a match fee on the day. You can join an existing team or if you prefer only an occasional game you can go on the “floater” list as a reserve for all teams. If you are interested in taking part, give the Captain Miriam a call on 720226.

Financially the past twelve months have been quite a difficult period for us following a major outlay for the pavilion, Public Liability Insurance and Water Rates etc. As you are probably aware, the bowling green is completely maintained by our Club and we are desperate to retain this facility for our village. Thanks to our hardworking committee we have managed to “turn the corner” and at this point would like to thank again the Salhouse Parish Council for their generous financial assistance this year.

In closing, can we just say that both the Bell Inn and the Bowls Club need you support to survive – please use them as we don't want to lose them. Thank you.

SALHOUSE V.C PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Good evening Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen , I am Chair of the School Governors and I send the apologies for Karen Dukes, the Head Teacher, who is unable to be with us this evening.

We have had a very good year; inspections have been carried out by Ofsted and the Diocesan Board, with results going from satisfactory, to GOOD, which were a feather in our cap as we

had all worked very hard to achieve this result. To be judged good is a great tribute to the Head Teacher, Staff and Governors.

How many of you have visited the School? We are opening up the School for all to see.

It is not known how many among you have visited a “modern I.T suite” in a school. Come and visit the school on open days.

We currently have 102 pupils the absolute minimum and have the capacity for 150, which would be brilliant if it could be achieved. We are however in competition with other local schools; but we believe that we have the best school in the area. I am sure that you will agree with me when you visit and see the wonderful facilities.

We have recently gone into Partnership with Neatishead Primary School; our Head manages two schools which is the way small and larger schools are going. Head Teachers are very sought after and we are fortunate to have an exceptionally good one. Hence our results with Ofsted. Salhouse Primary is the 3rd or 4th school in the area, to take this path and it is working extremely well.

Please come and see us and promote your local primary school.

SALHOUSE YOUTH CLUB.

Salhouse Youth Club is now in its third year. Most of the original youngsters who were present at the start of the club have now grown up and been replaced by a new wave. Adult volunteers have come and gone, but the main core of helpers has increased, with several fine young men on the rota, offering a wealth of experience. A small number of parents also help out on a regular basis. This support from these adults is invaluable in keeping the youth club running. It takes three to four adults per night to keep the club open, due to required numbers of adults per child (or children per adult), which has to increase if we have a busy night. Most nights revolve around the kids letting off steam – either by running around, playing indoor games (pool, table tennis, table football etc), or just sitting around chatting. The tuck shop is available, with homemade cakes, and the typical farye that you would find in such an establishment.

From time to time we have a specialist evening where we do something different. In the last year this has included a visit from the St. John’s ambulance – tying each other up in bandages, the ‘Salhouse Youth Might Have Some Talent Show’, a visit to Wroxham Fire Station – learning a bit about fire hazards and safety, and of course having a go with the hoses!

This year we have implemented project called ‘Salhouse Youth Club Challenge’ for which a trophy is awarded each month to the winner of a themed competition. Past challenges have included: Table Tennis Tournament, Nitendo Wii Tournament, Fancy Dress Competition and a St. Patrick’s Day quiz.

This month’s challenge is photography based: the trophy will be awarded to the best photograph with an ‘animal’ theme. Our aim is to try and include strengths across a wide range of fields so that we can give everyone a chance of winning the trophy. The trophy itself is kept for two weeks between winning it and the next challenge, but each winner is awarded a medal which can be kept for eternity.

We have made the decision over the last year to close for four weeks of the summer holiday and two weeks over Christmas (depending on which days Christmas/New Year falls), with the intention of staying open for all other holidays to meet the needs of children, but also to give the helpers a break.

In the summer months when light and weather conditions allowed, we had several youth club sessions at the Playing Field and plan to start these again within the next few weeks.

The Youth Club has had successful fund raising stands at the Salhouse Broad Halloween Horror Hunt and Easter Egg Hunt, at the latter running a smoothie bike stand (the customer pedals the bike to make the blender work which makes the smoothie) which, due to the fantastic weather, was extremely successful. The stand at the Christmas Fair also went well and we are working on plans for a stand at the Salhouse Village Fete.

All in all, this last year has been successful with enough numbers and helpers to keep the Youth Club running.

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

Under the watchful eye of the Countryside Ranger, Salhouse Broad has flourished over the last few years. The 2010-2011 season saw a slight drop in the numbers visiting, probably due to weather conditions, but it still continues to be a popular spot for a large number of people. The success of the Broad cannot be attributed to one person however. Behind all the hard work is a strong team of employees and volunteers.

2010 saw collaborations with the City College, the Young Country-siders and the Princes Trust. Groups from the Norwich City College came to Salhouse Broad to help with repair works and small projects as part of the required 'work placement' time for their course. The Young Country-siders (the younger faction of the Young Farmers) camped at Salhouse Broad for a weekend taking part in a variety of activities: pulling Himalayan Balsam, making an otter holt, bird boxes and constructing a look-out platform.

Without the help from regular volunteers, we would struggle to make such a success of the events that we hold at the Broad. The most recent success story was the Easter Egg Hunt. This is one of our longest events- I believe this year was our 8th event. Previously we had attracted a maximum of 251 children to the Easter Egg Hunt, a mix of fun and nature education. However, with the outstanding weather this year we had 383 children...with an Easter egg per child for a prize, that's a lot of eggs!

Both Green Boat Show and Raft Race events took place on days when the weather was not exactly in our favour. Despite this, we still had reasonable turnouts and the wind and rain didn't dampen too many spirits at the 2nd Annual Raft Race. We hosted a variety of guided walks to suit all tastes: wild flowers, dawn chorus, tree I.D., the list goes on. For a full list of events this year, please visit www.salhousebroad.org.uk. Our 2011 Dawn Chorus was the most popular yet, with a reserve list almost as long as the main list of attendees itself. The slap-up breakfast at The Bell afterwards definitely compensated for the 4am alarm call. New events for this year are based more around excursions with guided canoe trips to the Bure Marshes including an exclusive guided walk around the marshes and luxury sunset cruises to Black Horse Broad. Also a new for this year is our Broadside Concert on 23rd July, featuring Whiskey Pigeon and others.

The main conservation project for the '10-'11 winter was part of our Himalayan Balsam eradication programme. The Princes Trust started removing willow and alder in October, clearing the area and using the removed branches for bank protection on the island. We continued this work in January, removing stumps and the remaining trees in order to try and re-establish the reed bed and also to open the area out in order to help remove the Himalayan Balsam, and invasive species. Hard work from volunteers and colleagues from Natural England kept the ball rolling with this one. We are planning to keep working on pulling up and cutting the balsam this year, with efforts going in from volunteers and other interested groups.

Projects for improving access at Salhouse Broad are on-going, with a boardwalk being installed before the summer holidays kick in, connecting both sets of moorings and therefore facilitating wheelchair/pushchair access from the car park to the play area.

My thanks go to all who support Salhouse Broad either by attending events, hiring canoes and using the Ferry service; and also to those who put their time into volunteering and helping to maintain the area as a beautiful place for visitors.

SALHOUSE READING GROUP

The Reading Group is one of the village groups which owed its set up to the Parish Plan, which is now a fairly distant memory except to those who did all the works, and we are grateful for those who got it underway.

Since the reports to last year's meeting the Reading Group has continued happily on its way. It is still a small group, but this is convenient as we fit into one another's sitting rooms for meetings. During the year we have read and discussed a fair range of books ranging from lightweight A Parrot in the Pepper Tree to rather more weighty books such as Empire in the Sun and The Shack. We do not all enjoy the selections equally, but very few books meet with

universal thumbs down. The main benefit of the Group to most of us is that we read books which we would not have chosen left to our own devices. That, and the opportunity to compare our reactions makes for interesting evenings.

Wroxham Library is still providing us with our selections, although we do sometimes have to be patient as books are obviously in much demand and we are not the only reading group in the area. Should any villagers think of starting a second group, the current members would be happy to encourage and advise them.

TEAM SALHOUSE

Team Salhouse Litter Pick

Regular organised litter picks have taken place in all parts of the village and the statistics reported to the C.P.R.E. for this year include 12 bags of recyclable materials such as tin cans, magazines and glass and 19 bags of general rubbish.

A grant was obtained from C.P.R.E of £100 for which we report to them on a monthly basis the number of bags of litter collected and areas where we have litter picked.

Fly tipped vehicle tyres in Howletts Loke and rubbish in Muck Lane have been reported to Broadland D.C Environmental Department.

Team Salhouse Bulb Planting.

In November 2010 we again planted approx.7000 spring bulbs, of which 1000 crocus bulbs were donated by Broadland D.C. Areas planted were Bell Lane towards the Church, Lower Street adjacent Streetwood House, under the village sign Woodbastwick end of village and the landscaped flower beds. All this was achieved in a morning by Team Salhouse and Village volunteers, plus two members from Broadland D.C.

We thank Salhouse P.C. and other donors which allow us to purchase the bulbs. We should also like to thank Olive and Ray Halliday for their support during the year and for planting and maintaining the flower beds outside the toilet block at the Broad car park.

Flower bed maintenance and grass cutting.

We continue to maintain the flower beds with seasonal planting plus trimming and tidying grass verges between and after visits by Highways maintenance team.

Thanks to Saga magazine for donations to enable us to maintain the lawnmowers and trimmers.

Two tubs by the church lynch gate were also planted with spring flowers.

Conservation/Interpretation boards.

Conservation boards describing the flora and fauna have been installed at both village ponds.

Pond Clearing

In October the Bell corner pond was again cleared of sedge and generally tidied up and further flag iris plants have been added.

Team Salhouse membership.

For the coming year Team Salhouse intends to continue with these activities. Currently we have an active membership of 15 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.

SALHOUSE AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB.

The Gardening Club was established in March 2008, instigated by a demand shown in the Parish Plan. We are now in our 4th year of operation and I am pleased to say, thriving.

We have a membership approaching 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 been able to continually maintain our annual membership fees at the original £10.

In addition to our regular meetings we have taken part in village fund raising and social events such as the W I coffee mornings, village fete and Mardler's 40's tea party by holding plant sales – good quality plants at competitive prices!

We have a varied programme of talks throughout the year, and include garden visits in the summer months and a social evening before Christmas. This year, in July and August we visit gardens at Burgh Apton Manor and the Exotic Garden in Norwich. We are currently trying to arrange a trip to the RHS garden at Wisley in June – we do need about 10 more to make the trip viable so if anyone is interested please speak to me later (cost £15 for members & £17.50 for non- members)

A new innovation this year was Gardeners Question Time which proved hugely successful and we hope to arrange a similar event next year.

Our only real problem is space – we were able to enjoy the use of the main hall for the last 5 months but now have to revert back to the smaller room which we do find a little cramped. However, we do still have space for new members and anyone interested is welcome to come to our meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7:30 pm at Jubilee Hall. Our full programme is published in the Saga.

SALHOUSE FETE 2011.

The Salhouse Fete will be held on the Thieves Lane recreation Ground on Sunday 5th June between noon and 4 pm.

Following on from the success of last year, there will be some new attractions including a bouncy castle, assault course and Charlie's Church on tour for the younger visitors and a Spitfire flypast for all age groups. We also have a dance group coming which should be very entertaining and the Wombles will make an appearance.

Village groups will be represented on their own stalls and there will be an adult football tournament.

As at last year's 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, together with a special draw involving the Spitfire flypast.

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 WINE CLUB – (SALHOUSE SOAKS) report by Mr. S. Heard.

I have been asked to bring you up to date with the Wine Club. We too were born out of the parish Plan and have been going for three years now.

Those of us that are members have very enjoyable evenings and it is an extremely social network to talk to neighbours.

STOP NORWICH URBANISATION

My name is Stephen Heard and I head the Community Campaign known locally as SNUB. We have had a momentous twelve months since our last parish meeting.

A key decision had been taken that would effect this area, with 3,196 residents against the proposed Eco Community. 795 of these were Salhouse residents by my workings 55% the biggest majority of the village.

The Joint Core Strategy was brought up before the Examination Board and our members attended every day. The Inspector's recommended that it be taken away and re-worked as it was found not to be sound.

This was done and re-submitted again in November, when it was found to be sound and passed accordingly for the four Councils which make up the GNDP.

This collective grouping of councils was unusual in itself as each community generally has its own.

However this then entered the period of ' legal challenge'.

SNUB decided after much discussion, deliberation and debating to submit a challenge. We did this on the back of, Environmental lawyers buoyed up by the success of the Newmarket Community

We are a properly formed Community Group, with a constitution and bank account but as we are not a legally registered Community Group we have to place this challenge in an individual's name.

This has been done in my name - Stephen Heard.

The initial funding has been paid and donations would be appreciated to contribute to the fund raising.

We have currently has seven meeting with Parish Councils.

We have 10 Core members who meet every 2 weeks for 2-3 hrs to discuss plans for the development of this area.

Our petition was presented to Keith Simpson our M.P. at Westminster.

The co-signed letter by parish Councils went off to the Prime Minister two weeks ago.

The Dakenham Farms project was rejected, this was a joint effort and we like to think that this is a group effort also.

So whilst nobody has come up with a campaign **for** development in this area, we feel that the right thing to do is to continue to represent the 3196 residents who support us.

SALHOUSE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE– read by Ann Prestwood.

I became a member of the Women's Institute 30 years ago when I joined. The numbers keep fluctuating but it is a very sociable occasion. I enjoy going out to meet people and we have a very enjoyable social evening with an occasional speaker.

Last year we had a party to celebrate the founding of the Institute in 1965.

This year we had another party and were entertained by a singer.

We followed this by a Coffee morning supported by the Gardening Club and raised £190, a great effort, so thank you all for your support.

The members went along to the Theatre to see Fiddler on the Roof and I, as Secretary, organised a trip to Fairhaven Water Gardens. Next Sunday we are going to the Old Rustic Cottage.

Anybody who is not a member and would like to join us, come along, everybody is welcome, even W.I. husbands.

MS. P. GALLANDERS - RESIDENT

Three years ago we completed the Parish Plan. I was Chair and it was a long hard slog by the Steering Group but we enjoyed it, didn't we? We made a lot of recommendations and out of it have come a large numbers of clubs and groups, many of whom are still being reported on tonight. The Youth Club was our greatest achievement as we never thought that we would get it off the ground. Then there are,

The Book Club, The Wine Club, The Gardeners Club, Speedwatch and Team Salhouse just to name a few.

It is so nice to come here three years later and meet the people who are working hard to safeguard the effort that was put into the Parish Plan.

I would like to thank them all for carrying on with this work and making Salhouse a nicer enjoyable place to live.

SPEEDWATCH

Speedwatch emerged from the Parish Plan and has been running for three years Salhouse being amongst the first group of villages in Norfolk to introduce it.

It is now operating in some 60 villages across the county.

Several months ago at the introduction of the government, and subsequent Police, cut backs there was concern as to whether the scheme would continue. However, it was recons-trued and we have received confirmation that it will continue under the Norfolk Safety Camera Partnership in conjunction with Norfolk Constabulary.

Since May 2010 Community Speedwatch has conducted 31 measurement sessions which is an average of one per 12 days. Each logging session is normally of 1 hour duration.

During that time some 69 vehicles have been logged and reported.

The two worst areas for speeding in Salhouse are Norwich Rd (Between Thieves Lane and the Mini-roundabout) as well as Bell Lane.

Unfortunately we are not allowed to undertake observations in areas over 40mph.

Although members of the public sometimes suggest alternative locations for conducting observations the actual positions used have to be agreed in conjunction with the police.

Current volunteers remain at 10 persons and no new members have volunteered in the last two years. However, with more volunteers we could conduct additional observations.

Chairman thanked all for coming and producing their reports and also thanked those who read reports to those attending, that they did not even know about.

Tea and biscuits are now available and we will be entertained at 9.00pm by the wonderfully talented Broadland Singers.