

Minutes of **Parish Meeting** of Salhouse, on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014, held in Jubilee Hall at 7.30pm.

## **PRESENT**

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

Residents = 150

### **1. WELCOME** – Vice - 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. For item 9 on the Agenda, 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 10.

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

Minutes of Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013 are available in copy 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 Mr. Stephen Heard and seconded by Mrs. Shirley Blow, unanimously agreed to be a true report and duly signed by the Vice Chairman.

*The first part of the meeting having been completed I would like to welcome you all to the 2014 Parish Meeting*

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

The past year has seen some changes in the village, notably the long-predicted closure of the shop and Post Office, the less well predicted closure and subsequent re-opening of the Bell Inn, and the near-completion of the housing project on the old garage site. We assume that these new properties will all be occupied very soon, and we welcome the new residents, whether they come from within the village or from outside.

The subject of housing development is much talked about throughout the district and the county, but in the last year here in Salhouse the Parish Council has seen far fewer planning applications than used to be the case in recent years. There also seem to be far fewer 'For Sale' signs around the village than there used to be, and these two factors would seem to confirm the current sluggish state of the housing market.

You will also hear reports that the Primary School and Play Group, together with voluntary groups such the Brownies, are all suffering a decline in roll numbers. Could there be a connection here with the housing market? After all, a child's passage through Primary School takes approximately 7 years, about the same time as the current recession that we are told we are just coming out of.

Families grow up very quickly; my own son is now 24, married and living in another part of the country. Our Chairman, Chris Dady, is not here tonight because he is away visiting his daughter in America. Yet it only seems like yesterday that we were both waiting to pick them up from the school gate here in Salhouse. If there is no turnover of local properties, families will grow up, younger families will not move in, and the decline in numbers of school age children will be inevitable.

Some people will argue therefore, that we need to build more houses, some will demand more affordable housing, while others will suggest we need some economic stimulus to kick-start the housing market. It's not the purpose of tonight's meeting to debate this, but I leave you to ponder the question.

One way in which these issues can be resolved, or at least rationalised, is through the production of a Neighbourhood Plan, and this leads us very neatly onto the next item on the Agenda, which is a proposal for just that.

#### **6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PRESENTATION** Report from Salhouse 2020+

A power point presentation was given by Nick Taylor and Peter Treglown to highlight work being done to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for Salhouse.

The members of the 'steering group' present and 'Salhouse 2020+' were introduced.

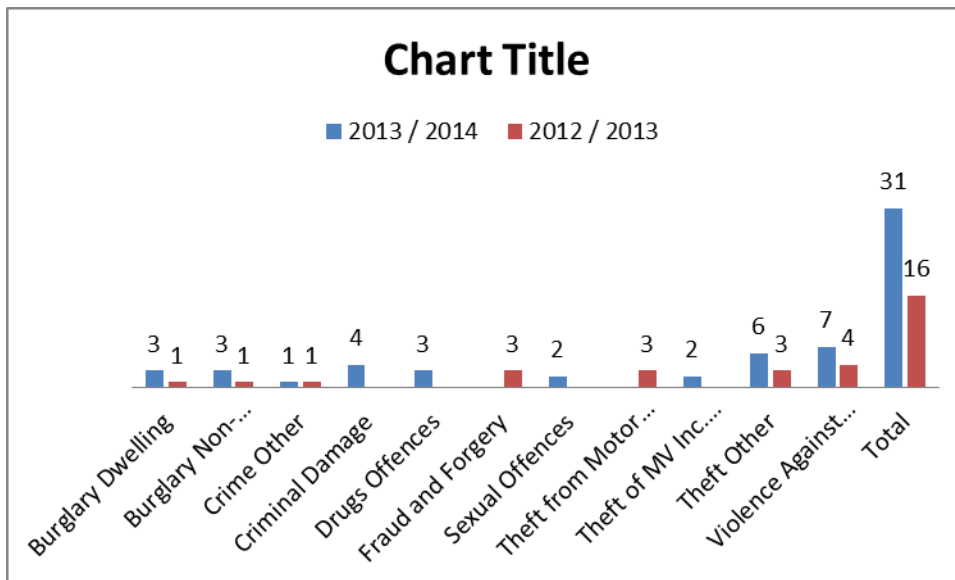
The presentation highlighted what had been done so far and explained the objectives and vision for Salhouse. Residents were asked for feedback on the ideas. The meeting was told that the objectives and vision statement would be put on to the village website, together with a note of points of contact for feedback.

Full detail can be found by visiting the village website where there are links to the Neighbourhood Plan from the Home page and the Parish Council page.

#### **7. HOMEWATCH/ POLICE & COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.** Report read by Cllr. Heard.

##### **PCSO 8238 Bob Hall**

Please find below charts giving comparisons of crimes reported for the two consecutive years in the parish, this is in addition to the regular reports I submit. Unfortunately there has been a rise in reported crime this year however this is not just in your area but a trend all over.



Salhouse	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Non-Dwelling	Crime Other	Criminal Damage	Drugs Offences	Fraud and Forgery	Sexual Offences	Theft from Motor Vehicle	Theft of MV Inc. TWOC	Theft Other	Violence Against Person
2013 / 2014	3	3	1	4	3		2		2	6	7
2012 / 2013	1	1	1			3		3		3	4

District Councillor S. Buckle forwarded apologies as he was away at this time.  
County Councillor T. Garrod was unavailable.

#### **8. DEMONSTRATION OF DEFIBRILLATOR.-** Introduced by Cllr. C. McCormick.

At last year's meeting, resident John Fielder suggested we should acquire a defibrillator for public use in the village. I am pleased to say that this has now been obtained through Parish Council funds and is installed and operational at the front of this building. I'd now like to welcome Kevin Webster from Wroxham First Responders, who will explain to us that using the defibrillator is a lot easier than trying to spell it!

1. Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is a leading cause of premature death, but with immediate treatment many lives can be saved. SCA occurs because the electrical rhythm that controls the heart is replaced by a chaotic disorganized electrical rhythm called ventricular fibrillation (VF). The quicker VF can be treated by defibrillation the greater the chance of successful resuscitation. Seconds count, and the ambulance service is unlikely to arrive quickly enough to resuscitate most victims.

2. Many SCA victims can be saved if persons nearby recognize what has happened, summon the ambulance service with the minimum of delay, perform basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (particularly chest compressions) and use an AED to provide a high energy electric shock to

restore the heart's normal rhythm. Each of these stages is a link in a chain of events that provide the best chance of success, but the critical factor is the speed with which the shock is given. Combined with doing 30 chest compressions (CPR) and 2 breaths (optional)

3. AEDs are easy to use, compact, portable and very effective. They are designed to be used by lay-persons; the machines guide the operator through the process by verbal instructions and visual prompts. They are safe and will not allow a shock to be given unless the heart's rhythm requires it. They are designed to be stored for long periods without use and require very little routine maintenance. Several models are available from the manufacturers or through medical equipment companies.

*Items 9 & 10 Chairman requested that speakers stand up to speak so that everyone could hear them and also see them as it was very important to be able to put a face to a name.*

## **9. CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SALHOUSE RESIDENTS & REPRESENTATIVES OF CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS.**

**TEAM SALHOUSE** –read by Mr. Stephen Piper.

Team Salhouse is a group of local people who are keen to keep our village looking good for residents and visitors.

We regularly carry out litter picks around the village and along the outlying footpaths. The village is generally fairly clear of rubbish but the main road from Bell Corner to the Lodge is always a problem and on our latest litter pick produced 10 bin bags of rubbish. Unfortunately the popular energy drinks don't seem to work as they don't produce enough energy for people to take home their empty cans, as a good amount of litter collected seem to be empty energy drink cans.

We recently cleaned some of the street signage and the benches ready to welcome the Easter visitors.

We continue to plant and maintain the various flower beds 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.

As a celebration of the centenary of WW1 the Parish Council gave us some packets of poppy seeds which we scattered on the bank opposite the old Post Office and in the grass verge near the church.

Currently we have a team of approximately 15 members 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. You would be welcome even if you are only able to help occasionally.

**SALHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH – Read by Mr. Gay.**

Throughout the past year we have continued to meet twice every Sunday to hear the message of God's word, the Bible. We have considered the record of the early church of the 1st century

found in Acts and the life Jesus in Mark's gospel. Sunday school continues every week. We also meet Wednesday evenings for Bible study and prayer.

For the second year, we have continued to run a school lunch club, "Allsorts", every Wednesday with around 15-20 children attending; we are most grateful to Ann Gripton who works with us. During the past year, we have started a Christian Union at the Broadland High School, meeting every Monday after school.

The usual one-day Holiday Bible Club took place at Christmas as well as the week-long Club at Easter; these have proved popular with children from the village.

As usual, we held our carol service on the Thursday before Christmas and this time were delighted to see such numbers that the upstairs gallery was in use.

We have also continued to work with the local school to assist with a number of assemblies and this past year have also responded to a couple of requests from staff with input to certain aspects of the religious education curriculum.

#### **SALHOUSE BROAD. – Read by Cllr. Nick Ball.**

Unfortunately this report for the year May 2013- May 2014 is not comprehensive, as I only recently took over the position as Countryside Ranger from Tobi Baker in January 2014. I therefore am only able to explain the goings on at the Broad from January onwards in detail. If any further information is required please do get in touch and I will look into the goings on before I arrived.

- January- resurfaced the car park with crushed concrete that was rolled into the ground.
  - Implemented a boundary fence so the size of the car park was maintained allowing its full size to be used appropriately.
- January- re-dug the ditches that run along the main path of the Broad to allow better drainage. Hired out a digger for one week and closed off the Broad for public access.
  - Scraped the main path by hand, with aim to remove decaying leaves to reduce the wet under foot.
- January- spot repair of quay heading to allow safe use for the year. More extensive maintenance work is planned for 2015 on the quay heading on moorings 1 and 2 (the first and second mooring sites you see as you walk from the main path down to the playground).
- February- gained planning permission for the campsite in a corner of the field next to the Broad (the Gorse meadow), allowing campers all year round. Permissions have been given for three years, upon which site will be analysed, particularly for its strain on Salhouse Broad car park.
- February- Updated the website, published the 2014 Salhouse Broad leaflet and produced advertisements for various publications (Broadcaster, Visit Norfolk, Explore Norfolk, Fun Outside).
- March- Salhouse Broad joined Enjoy the Broads, with aim to donate £1 from every bike hire to the Enjoy the Broads charity.
- April 3<sup>rd</sup>- Opened for the summer season, whereby the canoe, kayaks and bikes can be hired every day from 10am to dusk until the end of September. As well as this, the

campsite will be open and the ferry service between Salhouse Broad and Hoveton Great Broad Nature Trail, as well as the 25 minute tour around the Broad.

- Employed two new staff for the summer season, called Piggy and Hannah.
- April- Ran a Friends of Salhouse Broad meeting with the aim to regain enthusiasm for the group. Due to poor attendance, we will be running another meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 at the Bell Inn, Salhouse, to try to work out the future of the community organisation (please do come along!)
- April- Organised and ran a successful Easter Egg Hunt, with record numbers of children coming (590 children completed the hunt!). With a record number of children came a record profit- all of which has been cashed into Friends of Salhouse Broad bank account.
- Ran a successful and fully booked Dawn Chorus Trip, which consisted of a ferry trip over the Hoveton Great Broad, where the Natural England warden lead a guided tour around the Nature Trail followed by a full English breakfast at Sue Simpsons.
- May- Assessed for the Green Tourism Business Award. Have been awarded a Silver award in the past, and although the results have not come through yet, it looks like we will get equivalent or higher this year.

It has been a very successful opening of the season, and all is running smoothly. We have many more events lined up, and are currently researching into grant applications for dredging the Wherry cut as well as looking into opening a basic stall where tourists will be able to buy basic amenities. We also still have a small group of reliable and hardworking volunteers that help with litter picking, conservation tasks and events, which I would like to take this opportunity to thank for their hard work throughout my time at the Broad.

#### **SALHOUSE AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB** - read by Linda Bobbins.

The Gardening Club was established in March 2008, initiated by a demand shown in the Parish Plan. We are now starting on our 7<sup>th</sup> year of operation and I am pleased to say, still thriving. We have a full and varied programme planned for the next year including our usual summer garden visits and away day.

We now have a membership of 75 and regularly have attendance at our meetings of over 50 members and guests. We had to call a halt on new memberships during the past year but we are now in a position to take a limited number of new members, having had one or two people move away or discontinue membership.

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. Despite the rising cost of speakers and transport we were able to continue with unchanged subscriptions and guest fees for the year 2014 / 2015. We are also able to subsidise our outings to keep them at a reasonable cost. However, we have made a small loss on the expenditure over income in the last 12 months. The deficit is easily covered by our funds at the

bank but none the less emphasizes the fact that the committee have to keep a careful watch on resources as costs continue to rise. We may, perhaps need to be a little less generous with our subsidies on the trips and refreshments provided in the future.

As always, in addition to our regular meetings we have taken part in village fund raising and social events.

With the numbers involved we would not be able to run efficiently without help from all those members who help with opening up and closing the school, setting up and clearing away at the end of meetings, and the members organising the raffle and those doing the refreshments at each meeting. Thanks to them all for their help throughout the year.

Finally I would like, as always, 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 enthusiastic help and dedication over the past year.

**SALHOUSE CLASSIC CAR CLUB. – Read by Mr. John Fielder.**

We have an unofficial member ship of about 14-15 people all of whom have classic cars or an interest. We arrange runs and have attended during the years RAF Honingham Skid Pan Driving and Snetterton Charity Track day in aid of the Air Ambulance. In addition we have had Christmas dinners and raised money for the Air ambulance.

Normally we meet at the Bell PH on the last Monday evening of the month. During the time the Bell PH was closed we had to venture to other venues.

The club supports local business particularly the Bell who accommodates us. We arranged a meal during the first week the Bell was reopened and had an excellent turn out of Members and their wives.

**GIRLGUIDING UNIT - read by Colin McCormick.**

All units, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, have had an enjoyable year, yet again, meeting at Salhouse Jubilee Hall. We are always pleased to have use of such great facilities and do promote the hall whenever we can. As well as the regular meetings we use the hall for our leadership meetings and in April were pleased to hold the start and end of a Brownie pack holiday at Jubilee Hall.

We have had unfortunate news in that the number of local children aged 5-7 years has dropped considerably and this has meant having to close the Salhouse Rainbow unit. Such a shame as this unit was set up originally due to high demand in Salhouse, Rackheath and surrounding villages.

Both Brownie units have also had a drop in numbers – at our busiest 2 years ago we were both running with 30 Brownies. Nowadays we have 1 full unit plus 1 with only 17 members – the lowest it has been since 1997. Girls do attend from all local villages and we trust that numbers will increase, especially if more development is allowed in Salhouse which would possibly attract families to move in.

The Guide unit continues to attract good numbers and have been pleased to be able to use Jubilee Hall in their fundraising efforts for their large camp this summer.

**SALHOUSE ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB – read by Mr. Jim Blyth.**

Started an under 8's team this season, thanking Norwich and Peterborough at Wroxham for their sponsorship.

Under sixteen's currently top of the league with one game to play.

Under nineteen's finished sixth in their league and were runners up in the league cup.

Senior team finished sixth in Norwich and District 2B, Senior Reserves finished seventh in 3B.

This year's 5-a-side taking place on June 28th and 29th.

Thanks to Tracey and Ian Woolner for all their help throughout the season.

We have suffered 3 bouts of vandalism this year on the football clubhouse and we would ask for the residents of the village to be our eyes and ears as being vigilant will assist us greatly.

**SALHOUSE EVENING WOMEN'S INSTITUTE – Read by Mrs. Ann Prestwood.**

Salhouse Evening W.I. continues to thrive with 40 members meeting every month in The Jubilee Hall. At each meeting invited speakers give a talk on varied chosen topics often enhanced with slides. Also during the year trips are organised to places of interest. We have introduced a luncheon club which is very successful with a different member choosing a venue each month. Next month I shall be attending the Annual Meeting that is being held in Leeds this year. This is an uplifting experience as I have been lucky enough to go to several ones that had been held at the Albert Hall. As next year our W.I. will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the formation of Salhouse Evening W.I. we are planning some very special functions for 2015.

We welcome anyone to our meetings and would enjoy introducing you to our Institute.

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH SALHOUSE- Read by Mrs. Ann Prestwood.**

Although we are now in an interregnum (Rev Lorna Allies retired in January 2014) we are still able to maintain a service every Sunday by asking visiting vicars to officiate at Holy Communion services. As we do have several lay readers in our ministry team they have organised to conduct the Morning Prayer and Family Worship services. This is only achieved through the hard work of our churchwardens.

Both parishes within the Benefice (Salhouse and Rackheath) jointly assist at Café Church held at Holy Trinity Rackheath, once a month, for the youngsters to enjoy activities with a religious theme. Members of both parishes have been going into the schools with "Open The Book" "enacting the Bible stories to the children at their assemblies in which they participate with relish.

In August during Open Churches Week a book commemorating the local history of the First World War will be launched and a bound copy will be on display from August 3rd to 10th in the church. A paperback laminated copy will be made available for viewing. Further copies can be purchased through the publishers at £15 a copy. Our grateful thanks go to the compilers Gerry Crombie and Jill Taylor for their hard work and to Lorna and Peter Allies for funding this venture as their farewell gift to the parish.



**COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH** - Read by Mr. Malcolm Prestwood.

The Speedwatch group has been operating since 2008 and comprises 9 members in Salhouse. This is run in conjunction with the Safety Camera Partnership in Norwich. Some 60 groups are active in Norfolk.

Speed observation sessions are typically carried out every 10 – 12 days over 6 to 8 locations within the village. Unfortunately we are not able to conduct observations in 50mph areas which therefore excludes Norwich Rd (west).

Logs are submitted to the Safety Camera Partnership after each session and after a checking process to match the details letters are issued to those exceeding the prescribed limits. Such letters initially constitute a general warning in the first instance.

This activity is deemed very effective in curbing speed through the village and deployment of the Speedwatch signs provides an initial reduction in speed to many would be speeders before reaching the observation area.

Salhouse teams comprise 3 separate teams of three persons, one person operating the speed monitor with the other two noting the index plate number and details of the vehicle. The data is then matched prior to being entered into the log.

In addition to the speed measuring equipment 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. This can only be deployed in 30mph areas however.

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

**VILLAGE WEBSITE** [www.salhousevillage.org.uk](http://www.salhousevillage.org.uk) - Read by Mr. Malcolm Prestwood.

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 although much of the website is given to general information about the village and its history rather than specific 'Council' information. Council information specifically for residents mainly comprises notices plus the Agendas and Minutes of all Council Meetings.

A new page has been added this year to provide the Jubilee Hall with its own page for the purpose of promoting the hall to potential users as well as providing a reference for all of the activities taking place there.

Links are available to the Salhouse Broad website for direct information about activities taking place as well as to Salhouse School site, Wroxham/Hoveton Medical Centre, All Saints Church and the Baptist Church websites, Broadland District Council, NCC (Norfolk Matters) and the Norfolk Police & Crime Commissioner and others.

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 any information provided and all members of groups involved with activities are requested to keep the webmaster informed of events, times and any changes thereto in order for this to remain accurate.

**SALHOUSE SAGA MAGAZINE.** – Read by Mr. Malcolm Prestwood.

The magazine reached its 30<sup>th</sup> year as of April 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. A fitting tribute to Sheila Bullers who created it back in 1984. As a regular contributor to the magazine it was timely that the 30<sup>th</sup> year

edition also included a final article from Roy Bullers who passed away earlier in the year. Whilst the magazine started out in life classed as a Church magazine, having replaced a church flyer, it is an independent publication with no direct affinity to any local organisation.

In that time the magazine has undergone a continual change from 8 to typically 68 pages, from preparation on a typewriter to computer desktop publishing and from mono plate printing to a part colour digital printing process and emplacement on the Internet via the village website.

Currently 720 magazines are printed, of which 670 are distributed free of charge within the village including other related locations.

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.

Over recent years the magazine has also been able to provide some funding for local benefit through contributions to the Church, Team Salhouse, Jubilee Hall and the Youth Club.

The magazine is published 3 times per year in March, July and November with the aim of providing reports of local activities, community information and local historical articles. 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.

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

This report is concluded by thanking the Saga team of Carole Woodward (distribution), Juliette Bendy (editorial assistance) and especially Doreen Dye on advertising for undertaking this role since 1997. Also, not forgetting the long standing army of deliverers, who drop the magazine through the village letter boxes in all weather.

#### **READING GROUP – Read by Mr. C. McCormick.**

The group meets every 6 weeks in members' homes. We discuss the book selections which we obtain from Wroxham Library. We have refreshments and enjoy an exchange of local news. We are an informal group, with no officers and no fees. We share the responsibility of hosting the evenings and ordering, collecting and returning the books.

People often ask to join our group, but we prefer to remain a small group. This allows for all of us to speak about the books. Our last two reports for SAGA magazine have included an offer to help others set up book clubs, and a contact number, but no one has enquired by that means.

#### **SALHOUSE YOUTH CLUB– Read by Colin McCormick.**

Since the last meeting numbers of attendees have improved. We have had a number of new members coming regularly to Youth Club, increasing weekly attendance to nearer the 20 mark. Ideally we would have a few more than this in order for the numbers to add up – paying for the hall hire, insurance and youth group membership are priorities.

In this vein, we would like to thank Mr Henry Cator for his support of the Youth Club since its inception in 2008 via the money raised from the glass bank in the Broad car park. From this winter, the district council will be doing away with glass bins so it seems that we will lose the income from glass bottle recycling. On a positive note, Broadland District Council are keen to support groups that are losing funding from these banks by helping out with alternative recycling events whereby village members can bring 'difficult' items for recycling, or a clothes swapping event...so watch this space. Our core of volunteers is still going strong, although now that Tessa Brewster has left the village we have one less to call on. We have one new volunteer, Teresa, who

is new to the village...out with the old, in with the new...to use a well known phrase which I'm sure Tessa would appreciate. Any more volunteers would be warmly welcomed! Two hours a fortnight, term time only is all we ask (Youth Club is weekly, but the more volunteers we have the better we can be rota'd off for breaks).

The Youth Club is delighted with the availability of the table tennis table which was donated to the newly established ping pong club. It has brought a new lease of life to the game – it is a lot easier and quicker for the volunteers to set up this wheelie good table. Thank you to Sarah Oldfield for arranging this.

At the end of last year we were given £150 by the Salhouse Saga magazine – thank you to them for that. Thus far, it has been used to purchase some radios and new table tennis bats. There is a bit left which will go towards other equipment.

Finally, following our AGM, we have four new youth members on the committee to help with planning and making decisions. The group enjoyed a visit from Stephen Heard in which they discussed ideas on how well a Parish Council social media presence would be received – they thought it a good idea and are wondering if there has been any progression?

#### **FRIENDS OF SALHOUSE SCHOOL (FOSS) – Read by Claire Carney**

At our last Annual General Meeting in October 2013 we had quite a big change in Committee members, with a total of 9 members on board. This has revived FOSS fundraising efforts, which are currently focused on purchasing some substantial new playground equipment.

We have developed a plan of fundraising activities for the current academic year, with some of our popular school family only events such as our termly fairs, but we are also trying some community events, such as our Pamper Night on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and our Village Garage Sale on 21<sup>st</sup> June. We have received a great level of interest and enthusiasm for both, and it would be great to try and run more 'whole village' events.

I would like to thank all our committee members for their continuing hard work and commitment, and that ends my report.

#### **FRIENDS OF SALHOUSE CHURCH - Read by Mrs. Jean Bishop.**

Although Peter Allies is no longer in the Parish the FOSSC group is still actively fundraising for the betterment of All Saints Church, Salhouse amenities. At present the planned kitchen and toilet extension is on hold until a new incumbent is installed.

The Parochial Church Council felt it was wise to wait for new impetus from our future priest in charge.

The possible way forward, that would not incur planning permission, could be to rethink ideas on installing something inside the church. This could prove less daunting and not so expensive a task/project.

The committee are still active and have provided the refreshments at the recent plant sale in Jubilee Hall. A Village ramble has been arranged and will take place on Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Maps and a quiz will be provided along with refreshments afterwards.

Hoping the villagers will support future fund raising events and this will enable them to socialise with others.

#### **SALHOUSE JUBILEE HALL – Read by Sarah Oldfield.**

The new committee of Martin Carney, (Chairman), Sarah Oldfield (Secretary) Maria Withington, Shirley Blow, Tobi Baker and Kerry Radley took over in January 2013. We offer grateful thanks

to the previous committee members for their help and support since this time and also to Sue Potter and Pat Barnes who stayed on as Treasurer and Bookings Officer respectively.

The 2013 maintenance of the hall included having the windows painted outside and new boilers installed. The carpets have been cleaned. Garden maintenance is now undertaken by Geordie. The hall maintenance and cleaning continues to be carried out to an excellent standard by Tim Nelson, with many thanks to Tim for keeping the hall looking so good.

The Christmas Fayre raised £280 with a further £250 donated by Britvic, courtesy of Martin Carney. The committee are considering other events, both to raise funds for running the hall and to boost community spirit and would welcome any suggestions from the village. We continue to have sufficient funds to run the hall, though as our main source of income is from hall hire, we are always looking for new ways to raise funds.

Developments in 2014 so far include the car park lease having been signed and paperwork is with the solicitors. Many thanks to the Cator family for working with both committees to achieve this. New Trustees have been arranged, who will be Martin Carney, Maria Withington, Tobi Baker & Shirley Blow and steps are in place to transfer trusteeship to them shortly, once a few details have been finalised. We have applied to Big Lottery for funding new heaters in both halls and the outcome of this bid will be known in July. If successful we hope to have new heaters installed in the early autumn before the winter weather arrives.

The hall continues to be well used during afternoons and evening sessions and is also popular at weekends for social events and children's parties, etc. There is now some availability in morning sessions, following the playgroup moving to other premises. We have some new sessions: a Mother & Baby & toddler run by SureStart is now taking place on Wednesday mornings, Ping Pong on Tuesday afternoons and Yoga due to start a morning class at the end of April. However there are still some spaces available; if anyone would like to set up a new activity, or knows someone who is looking for a venue to hire, please contact Sarah, Martin or Pat Barnes. Our details are in SAGA or on village website.

We are advertising the hall in SAGA, on the village notice boards and have circulated details to Broadland Council, NCC, Adult Education and healthcare organisations, as well as the new webpage on village website: <http://www.salhousevillage.org.uk/page20.html> Thank you to Malcolm Prestwood for setting this up. We also have social presence on [www.Streetlife.com](http://www.Streetlife.com)

There is opportunity for the village to use the hall more, and ideas on what villagers would like to see would be very welcome. We are a friendly committee, who meet four times a year, and if anyone would like to join us and get involved with running the hall, please get in touch with Sarah or Martin. Our next Committee Meeting is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm at Village Hall. Finally I'd like to thank all the committee for their hard work over the past year or so and look forward to the hall continuing at the heart of the community.

#### **PING PONG UPDATE – read by Sarah Oldfield.**

Ping pong started at the beginning of March with support from Broadland Council Activities co-ordinator. The group meets every Tuesday between 1-3pm. Cost is £2.50 per session, with the first session being free. This includes a cup of tea/coffee. It is proving very popular and we

currently have regular attendance of around a dozen people, though new members are always welcome. It's a fun and social activity, no previous experience is needed, and all levels of fitness are catered for. An almost new table has kindly been given by an anonymous donor, and we have also applied for a Small Communities Grant from Broadland Council to fund a further table and equipment. The donated table is the property of Jubilee Hall and is also used by the Youth Club, as the new table will also be. If anyone would like to come along, the next session is Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April or contact Keith Richings on 01603 721962.

**WINE CLUB REPORT** - read by Catherine Clarkson.

We were established 6 years ago following a Parish Plan meeting.

The aim of the club is to taste and appreciate a wide variety of wine from around the world whilst at the same time enjoying a sociable evening with fellow villagers.

Members take turns to host an evening in their home which is usually based on a theme such as a particular country or certain grape.

We meet on a Friday evening approximately 6 times a year including a Christmas Party held at a local restaurant which last year was Don Pepe in Norwich.

We have recently acquired some new members and realistically we are almost at full capacity. However if anyone would be interested in joining our contact details are in the current issue of the Saga magazine.

**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.

The present Trustees are Mr. Peter Jefford (Chairman), Mrs. Carol Knell, Mr. Robert Cooper, Mrs. Shirley Blow, representing the Parish Council, Mrs. Julie Collis, representing the Church and Mrs. Doreen Dye, Secretary/Treasurer.

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Financial Statement 2013				
Income			Expenditure	
32/12/12	Cash in Bank	£2,443.10		
28/3/13	Rotac Farms	50.00		
15/3/13	J. C. Fielder	517.50	Grants	£600.00
5/10/13	J. C. Fielder	517.50		
11/10/13	Wayleaves	96.72	6/12/13 Cash in Bank	3,294.82
6/11/13	Salhouse P.C.	270.00		
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		£3,894.82	£3,894.82	
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**SALHOUSE V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL.** – Read by Mr. C. McCormick.

We have 104 pupils at the school mainly from Salhouse but some from surrounding villages. We employ over 20 full and part time staff many of whom are local residents. We had two retirements last summer; Mrs. Boothby, a class teacher and Key Stage 1 coordinator, and Mrs. Garner, our school secretary for over 25 years. We are also hosting 2 student teachers from the UEA this school year who are learning their practice under the guidance of the teachers at the school.

In November 2013, the school entered into a Federation with Neatishead CE Primary School and we now have one governing body to oversee the running of both schools. A special service was held at Barton Turf Church for everyone from both schools and presided over by Bishop Allen who gave his blessing to the Federation. Teachers are able to share good practice and pupils benefit from sharing school trips and resources.

In December 2013, Salhouse School underwent a full Ofsted inspection. The school was judged to be a strong ‘good’ in all categories.

Last summer term, the school put on a production of Bugsy Malone which reflected the talent we have in our school. We also put on our usual Christmas performance, which was well attended. Pupils had their annual residential visit to Holt Hall which was a very useful learning experience. Our year 5 and 6 pupils won a national competition and had a chapter of their work printed in a book called ‘The Powerful Story’. The author Ciaran Murtagh visited the school and delivered a writing workshop to those successful children.

This year, we have excelled in sports and our netball team won this seasons cup in which our cluster schools take part. We have also taken part in cross country, football and tag-rugby competitions.

Our older pupils also had a session with Springboard East which was a drama-based history programme on the subject of Parliament. They also used their enterprise talents to launch a Sporting Light Appeal which proved very successful.

Grebes class took a trip to Castle Museum as part of their work on the Romans.

We held a special Science day recently in which the whole school took part. The theme was 'People who help us' and focused on forces and materials.

Reading Cafes continue to be held on a regular basis – we have also introduced Maths cafes which are all shared with parents

Pupils have given music recitals at the end of each term, displaying their talents on the piano, violin and guitar.

We are lucky to have members of the local church community who come into the school every fortnight to deliver an 'Open the Book' assembly, based on stories from the Bible. The children very much enjoy these occasions. We also held a special Mother's Day service in which all mothers (or dads) were presented with a token of love and appreciation from their children.

We have a strong FOSS (Friends of Salhouse School) who continue to raise funds on the pupils behalf and to whom we are truly grateful for all that they do.

Extended provision – The Fledglings is Ofsted registered childcare provision for 2 year olds and upwards which means that the school can offer quality 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. We welcomed the local Playgroup into the school in January of this year when it became in danger of closing.

The current mobile, which is beyond reasonable repair, is soon to be replaced with a new building thereby providing local families with a unit fit for modern childcare and educational purposes.

Keep in touch with what happens in school by logging onto the school website – [www.salhouseschool.co.uk](http://www.salhouseschool.co.uk) – you will find information on activities in each of the classes, newsletters and upcoming events.

## **10.OPEN SESSION**

The Chairman welcomed our newly elected District Councillor, Alex Cassam.

Cllr. Alex Cassam, thanked all who had voted for her in the election and stated that she did not have much to report as she had not been in post long enough to be placed onto a Committee yet.

However, she was very pleased at the progress that the Neighbourhood Plan Group were making and looked forward to following their progress.

Not being aware of how much activity goes on in Salhouse, she was extremely pleased to learn all about the groups that had reported tonight. The information gathered would be of great assistance.

There being no further reports, it only remained for the Chairman to thank Mrs. Ann Prestwood and her helpers for the refreshments which were being served, everybody for their reports and making the meeting a success.