

Minutes of **Parish Meeting** of Salhouse, on Monday 21st March 2016, held in Salhouse V.C.Primary School at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

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

30 residents attended.

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 30th 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 Mr. J. Fielder and seconded by Mr. Nick Taylor, 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 2016 Parish Meeting

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

Looking at last year's report for signs of progress, I see that our local retail businesses all now appear to be doing well. The main changes in the village in the last twelve months have been caused by the construction of the solar farm in Vicarage Road, the ongoing development at the Norwich Road housing site and recently the announcement that the NDR is finally going ahead.

Last year I reported that we had obtained a booster system for Vodafone mobile phone coverage in the village. This system took almost a year to be finally installed, following a seemingly interminable process of feasibility studies, site surveys, permitting and missed appointments with BT the system was finally up and running by late October. Whilst there have been some good reports of improved coverage, especially around the school and post office, coverage elsewhere is patchy at best and the overall conclusion is that the system is a disappointment. However, we have recently learned that an infrastructure developer is now looking at putting a proper phone mast in the village. Hopefully, if this goes ahead we will have improved mobile coverage for once and for all, that everyone wants.

In the past year our Neighbourhood Plan team has been working very hard and has now produced a draft, which they will report on later this meeting.

On January 30th this year we had a very successful Open Day for the Neighbourhood Plan and also the Parish Council were canvassing for ideas for developing the playing fields, using funds that we have available for this purpose. We received a number of suggestions which we are pursuing but more feedback would be welcome.

Although as I said earlier, this is not a Parish Council meeting, I would like to remind residents once again, that the PC is very short of members, with only four seats out of eleven taken by Salhouse residents and a further three by District Council appointees, there are therefore effectively seven vacancies. There is a poster on display with some **Frequently Asked Questions** about becoming a Councillor and if this interests you, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Finally, once again we are holding a “**Choose your Charity**” competition, which was started because we get requests from various charities throughout the year and it seemed unfair to make a choice on a whim so that is why for the last few years we have asked for suggestions from the public.

6.HISTORY PROJECT.

This time last year I told you that I had started on a project to write a history book about Salhouse, and that the starting point for this project would be the work started by Roy and Sheila Bullers many years ago in the Salhouse Saga magazine.

I’m very pleased to tell you that this project is now well advanced. Last July I was fortunate to get a publisher to agree to publish the book. During the discussions we agreed to widen the scope to include Woodbastwick as well, mainly because of the interwoven history of the two villages and partly to increase the sales potential!!!!

I am very grateful to everyone who has helped with this project so far, whether it has been allowing me to reproduce their personal reminiscences, or the loan of photographs and other documents. Some of you are here tonight. I have had a lot of interesting meetings and discussions and heard a great many anecdotes. However, there is still scope for more material, particularly from the more recent decades. History did not stop with the Victorians, or WW1 or WW2 or even the Beatles. It goes right up to the present, and just think, anyone aged 18 or under in 2016 is unlikely to remember the twentieth century, which is probably a scary thought for most of us!

So I would like to thank everyone who has helped so far but if anyone has any material they would like to add, it is not too late. My closing date with the publisher is May 1st, with the aim of having the book published in time for Christmas and there will be a 20% discount for those who order in advance (in other words, without seeing it).

7.MR HENRY CATOR

Introduced himself as a resident of Broad Farm Salhouse. His presentation tonight together with Belinda Hamilton (Countryside Ranger working at Salhouse Broad) will be a story of Salhouse, looking backwards and towards the future and feedback would be extremely helpful with the future of this village.

In the beginning back in 8000BC, it was thought that the site was formed from alluvial deposits of sand, gravel and silt. When walking along the beach you can see this sandy composition of the site to this day. In the 1st century, around the 900’s the site was dug by hand for the use of the sand and gravel, hence was manmade, like most of the Broads are believed to be. This was discovered by Joyce Lambert in the 1950’s with her finding being initially received sceptically as it seemed pretty crazy that so much could be excavated by hand, but when it started to be recognised as plausible it transformed our understanding of the economy in the area of the middle ages.

By the 14th century, the pits that had been dug out gradually flooded with water from a local river, which Joyce and her colleagues attributed to partly a *deterioration in the climate* of East Anglia, and partly to sea level rises. At this point the Broads were formed and used for commercial transport, bringing in raw materials and exporting finished goods, with wherries carrying cargo of farm produce, coal, beer, bricks, timber and even ice, helping to make Norwich England’s second largest city. It

wasn't until the road network became dominant that the Broads ceased to be used for commercial transportation and began to be used for other things, particularly tourism, recreation and conservation. Salhouse Broad became part of the Cator estate in 1902, when John Cator bought the Broad as far as you can walk into it up to your knee, as well as the land surrounding it. Four years later in 1926 John Cator bought the remaining part of the Broad and it has been in the Cator ownership ever since. The pictures show (views being shown as talk went along) what the Broad looked like in 1903- note how far you can see because of the lack of tree coverage at this point.

During the Second World War Salhouse Broad started to become a popular tourist destination. As the beaches along the coast were closed and protected against invasion, people had to look for alternative places to relax during the Summer months. At this time, the sandy beach ran the whole length of the bank and it was a popular place for swimming and with no quay heading boats were tied up to the trees along the bank or mud weighted and came ashore by dinghies.

1982 BROAD AUTHORITY LEASE. In 1982 the Broads Authority took a 21 year lease of the Broad, and managed it on behalf of the Cators. During this period, in order to pursue the aims of recreation, conservation and navigation simultaneously, a number of improvements were made. This included quayheading on the Spit, Island and within the main Broad, a car park created, a toilet block implemented by BDC, improvements to footpath to make it more structurally sound and less muddy and gorse planted on the sandy hill as a form of erosion control.

2003 to Present: Henry Cator's Management: In 2003 the Broads Authority's lease of the site ended and management was passed back to Henry Cator, who owns and manages the site to this day. From the beginning of Henry's management, his aim has been *to preserve and protect Salhouse Broad, to build on its reputation as a peaceful, unspoilt location and to make sure its future is secure for generations to come.* Henry has employed Rosanna, Pema, Tobi and myself over the years to help with practical ways to further this vision, with focus on helping to stimulate the local economy as well as enhance and maintain the site of Salhouse Broad, specifically its unique biodiversity, visual amenity, recreational value and the ability for navigation.

In order to fulfil these rather broad aims one of the key requirements of the rangers is to help facilitate a diversity of engagement with the Broad, aiming to provide attractive green recreational services which meets the needs of visitors and can generate income whilst simultaneously trying to curb the threat that maybe caused to the traditional landscape and biodiversity of the area by human use. We see that it is of uppermost importance that our ecological and social targets must not compromise one another.

WHAT WE DO: In a practical sense, we go about achieving our aims through offering an array of **services**. Firstly mooring fees – we have space for 60 boats to moor up with us alongside our quayheading, where they can enjoy the site and surrounding area, using the water and waste disposal facilities. We also offer canoe and kayak hire which is aimed to encourage healthy living, enjoyment of the landscape and provide a well needed sense of adventure. We also run a ferry service to Hoveton Great Broad, which allows those without access to a boat to visit the nature trail. We offer camping pitches, creating the opportunity for affordable low impact holidaying on the Broads. We run fun and educational events and guided tours, including the Easter Egg Hunt and the Dawn Chorus trip and various cub and scout sessions, which creates an opportunity to educate visitors on the special qualities of the Broad. (Broads Environment Educational network). We work hard to provide as much free information as possible, through the website, social media, on site leaflets and posters as well as information provided by the rangers. We also run and organize a community group called Friends of Salhouse Broad, which aims to allow community involvement in the goings on at the Broad. These services attract some 50,000 visitors a year to the area and all the income that is gained from services is then used to pay for the necessary conservation and maintenance of the Broad, allowing the business to run independently and sustainably. There is a large list of maintenance and conservation tasks we carry out in our Management Plan, which is on our website, but a few examples are :- **Habitat Management**, in particular reed bed raking and scrub clearance on a 7 year rotation to maintain areas of reed bed and removal of invasive species. We also help to establish habitat through habitat piles, maintaining and implementing new bat and bird boxes and hedge laying for wildlife corridors. This is necessary in order to sustain the rich variety of habitats that exist on the relatively small site. We also carry out specific species surveys for moths, birds, bats and trees to assess the abundance of wildlife. We also work on bank

protection by maintaining reed beds and using brush to create faggots which can be staked into bank edges as one form of erosion control. There is also the Spit Restoration Project, which we worked on with the Broads Authority and PRISMA who are a Dutch engineering company. Here, work has been carried out to restore an eroded reed bed to how it would have looked 60 years ago. Four big geotextile bags with filled with sediment that was dredged from the river and staked in place with alder poles, with transplanted vegetation from Woodbastwick marshes being placed on the top. This project has been very successful, creating a valuable habitat for Broadland wildlife and is now rich in rare plant species. The income from services is also used to help maintain the site allowing it to be open for public access. Some of the tasks required in this area are on site, like repairing the quayheading, boardwalks, pathways and ditches, servicing machinery, boats and canoes, as well as administration, with jobs including creating on site information, dealing with bookings..... With this in mind it would be great to hear thoughts about the vision for Salhouse Broad, what you like and don't like, and what you would change. We do recognise there are some concerns about the Campsite, and I would just to briefly explain what our intentions are with it for this year and why we deem it a necessary addition to the services we already offer. Due to the success we had with the campsite last year, we plan on continuing with it this season also, opening the camping corner from March 2nd to the end of September. We plan on having 20 pitches in this area rather than 25. It will still be promoted for campers to get to the site through environmentally friendly means (public transport, canoe, boat etc) and extra cars are deterred by an additional £5 fee on top of the pitch price. Those that still choose to come by car will park in the normal car park and walk down the path. We also plan to open the overflow campsite-The Gorse field, for 28 days in August, where people will be allowed to drive their cars onto the field from the Upper Street entrance. Opening the Gorse field is under the 28 day rule, rather the planning permission that we hold for the campsite. The reason that we wish to pursue the campsite are firstly because there are very few public campsites in such close proximity to the Norfolk Broads, so by opening our site we allow for one of the few and affordable holidaying on the Broads. The campsite also helps visitors to prolong their stay in the area, meaning they will contribute to the local economy more. The campsite in conjunction with other services we offer promotes outdoor recreational activities and fitness, which is recognised as important both regionally and nationally. The campsite also provides additional income for the broad, which is fundamental to the site continuing to be a site for free public access 365 days a year. The extra income generated by the campsite allows us to fund bigger conservation and maintenance that previously we were unable to afford. Last year's income from the site has allowed us to pay for replacing one section of quayheading, which is long overdue. We hope to replace the second section next year, so long as there is enough money in the bank account. The point here is quite simple – whilst we hope to carry on maintaining Salhouse Broad as a public asset for both residents and visitors from further afield, if we do not have the money required to sustain it. The sites future becomes questionable. On this context I would like to open the floor to any questions.

Suggestions were put from the floor together with positive questions, which Mr. Cator discussed assuring all that he would do his utmost to maintain things as they were. The invitation was given to anyone who wished to speak to him, to do so, they all knew where he lived.

Belinda thanked all for listening.

8. SALHOUSE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Open Day held on the 30th January was successful with about 150 residents attending at some time throughout the day. We are unlikely to hold any more open days prior to the Public Consultation, so to ensure that those that for whatever reason did not come along to the open day, we have put detailed summary of current plans in Saga – issued this month. I do not therefore intend to go through this detail again at this meeting.

One specific thing we did ask residents to comment upon was to identify any particular sites or views within the village that they wanted us to try to protect with the NP.

Amongst those specifically mentioned were village ponds, Street Wood, the triangle of green space opposite the shop & café, the old station waiting room, and the tree lined drive to Hall. Most other ideas and comments put forward were much the same as we have had from past Open Days, thus reinforcing the scope of what is proposed for the NP.

Where are we now?

- The Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report has now completed the statutory consultation stage with the relevant bodies – we have made the amendments suggested – several of which actually related to the BDC Template that we had based our report on!
- We need to finalise the precise wording of one particular policy to ensure compliance with higher level policies and add a policy relating to the playing field following the PC decision.
- We then have to finalise a sustainability summary for each policy – this is now in draft stage
- We need a (hopefully) final meeting with BDC to agree that our wordings are compliant.
- Final documentation will then be prepared – incorporating maps, photos etc.(about 2 weeks needed)
- Next, the Plan goes to a public consultation for 6 weeks.
- A considerable amount of paper work and detail has to be collated to accompany the submission for Independent Examination. This will be prepared whilst the Public Consultation is ongoing.
- Representations are then taken into account and amendments made if appropriate. (We have to detail our response to each representation made).
- The Plan is then submitted for Independent Examination.
- When the Plan has passed the examination (we are told this could take about 6 months) there will be a referendum within the Parish to confirm its acceptance.
- Once accepted it becomes an integral part of the Broadland District Council Local Plan.

Finally, I would just reiterate that our Email address salhouse2020@gmail.com is always available and contact can also be made via the Parish Clerk

If anyone has any questions I am happy to try to answer them.

Resident John Fielder thanked all the committee and Nick for all the hard work they were doing for the Neighbourhood Plan.

9.COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

The Speedwatch group has been operating since 2008 and currently comprises 9 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.

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

In addition to the Community speedwatch activities above we also deploy a portable Speed Activated Message (SAM1) 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.

Salhouse has been successful in its bid to acquire a SAM 2 system through the NCC Parish Partnership Scheme under which the cost was split 50/50 between SPC and the scheme authorities. Therefore in 2016 we will be deploying this system at various locations around the village for several days at a time where it will indicate speed advisory messages as well as record data for statistical analysis.

Due to the recent departure from the village of some team members we are looking for more volunteers to assist, for which appropriate training will be given.

For further details contact either Malcolm Prestwood on 721110 or Stephen Piper on 720993

Malcolm Prestwood

Speedwatch Coordinator Salhouse

10.SALHOUSE SAGA MAGAZINE.

The magazine, which has now been produced for over 30 years, started as a church parish magazine. 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 to assist local facilities and activities.

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

Malcolm Prestwood

Editor – Salhouse Saga Magazine.

11.VILLAGE WEBSITE www.salhousevillage.org.uk

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.

The current edition of the Salhouse Saga Magazine is also available on-line.

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.

It is intended to redesign certain aspects of the site this year therefore if anyone has thoughts or ideas on the design/layout of the site please feel free to contact me.

Malcolm Prestwood
Webmaster

12.TEAM SALHOUSE – Mr. S. Piper.

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. We joined in the National Campaign ‘ Clean for the Queen’ and 9 volunteers cleared the litter around the station car park and Station Road, which produced 7 bags of rubbish.

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 and those residents who help the watering during the summer months.

When the weather improves we will check and clean any signage and the benches ready to welcome visitors during the summer.

We have a current team of around 18 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.

13.SECOND SALHOUSE BROWNIES. – Ann Shorten.

2nd Salhouse Brownies continue to enjoy the facilities available to us at Jubilee Hall. The Wi-Fi has been a welcome addition, although to date only used on a few occasions.

We promote the hall within our group and have enjoyed additional activities there during the year, e.g. sleepover.

We fully appreciate the new heating and the hall does seem to remain clean and tidy most of the time.

Unfortunately we have had to continue with the reduction in the rooms we pay for due to falling numbers in the unit, but would increase to 'full hire' at the earliest opportunity.

Last Christmas for the first time in many, many years, we did not have a stall at the Christmas Fayre - this always falls on the same day as our District Disco and this year I felt that something had to give!

Please pass on our thanks to the continued hard work of the current committee.

14.ST GEORGE’S DAY PARADE.

Those present were updated about this very important occasion and it was requested that help was required as wardens on the day.

15.ALL SAINTS CHURCH -Priest in Charge Report – Rev’d Sandy.

Many thanks for your invitation to your Annual General meeting, unfortunately as I only received the invitation on the ninth of March and this being Holy week once again 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.

In the last few months as I have settled into life and ministry in this beautiful part of Norfolk I have had time to contemplate many things, not least of which are the words that the church uses week by week in their service of Holy Communion and to consider the impact they have on the lives of the Christian Community. In particular the words that are said together at the end of the service have had particular resonance in this last year, “Lord we offer you our souls and our bodies to be a living sacrifice, send us out in your service to live and work to your praise and glory”, words that have meant many things for each of our individual parishes and the Benefice as a whole in the last year. Our beautiful Medieval Church that has served the people in Salhouse for generations have once again begun exploring the possibilities of how to address the problems that it faces due to its lack of facilities and to that end a feasibility study was drawn up that would enable the church to install a toilet and a facility for making hot drinks which we believe will help to make the church building a more welcoming environment. This enabled us as a church to look at what was thought to be the most

appropriate and sympathetic way to address the problems, and later in the year this progressed to a full set of plans being drawn up following a visit by members of the DAC, things are progressing and within 2016 we hope that we will be able to get on and put into action, plans that have been with us for a long time.

The sense of being living and working to Gods praise and glory continues through the work in our schools that enables us the privilege of going into our schools twice a month and sharing with our children not just the stories from the Bible but the relevance of our Christian faith in everyday life, delivered by a small band of people who are willing to give their time and energy for others. The work with children and families continues with our monthly Teatime Church afternoons, once again supported by a group of committed people who generously offer their time and talents.

We are also wonderfully blessed by another band of people who quietly and with great humility offer themselves in God service as members of our Pastoral Team, whose visits and time spent with members of the community offer a very real sense of Gods presence in people's lives.

However, like many other organisation one of the things that continues to concern us are the financial issues that we face, not only in maintaining our churches but also trying to keep pace with Parish Share which continues to stretched the parishes resources, and yet because of the true Christian values that our communities share, once again we have managed to maintain such an excellent record of paying the share in full, aided by our excellent Fundraising Committee whose plans and endeavours have ensured that during the year the various events that were organized had something to offer to everyone, from our Spring Fayre, to our 1940's afternoon Tea at Jean and Michael Bishop home, the Strawberry Cream Tea in the grounds of Holy Trinity Rackheath, to the concert and Cheese and Wine evening at All Saints Salhouse to the 1940's Dance and the the Harvest Supper where once again we were entertained by a "Class Act, "our Salhouse Coffee Mornings and our Christmas Fayres in both parishes.

Sadly our plans for a Pantomime came to nothing as it seems there was no interest from our communities in participating this year. However not down hearted a "Big Night Out" was planned, and proved to be an evening that lived up to the fine old tradition of Variety that we hope will have ignited our communities interest for future events. All of this has been possible because of the tremendous amount of hard work of a handful of people.

All in all this has been a full year in which we as people of God have faced many challenges not least of which is the one that we continue to face in building closer connection with our communities, which hopefully we will continue to build upon in the coming year.

16.Nick Taylor pointed out a poster on behalf of Ian Roofe for Plant Sale being held on 16th April

17.Colin McCormick reported the book signing on 1st May.

18.SALHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH – Mr. Simon Gay.

We give thanks to God that throughout the past year we have been able to meet twice every Sunday to worship Him and hear from His word, the Bible and, in recent weeks, to think about the teaching of Jesus as found in the gospel of John. We also meet Wednesday evenings for prayer and Bible study. There are now three weekly children's activities: Sunday school each Sunday morning; "Allsorts", a school lunch club at Salhouse Primary School, takes place every Wednesday in term time, and once again, we are most grateful to Ann Gipton who works with us; and from February, we have commenced a weekly club, "A2", for years 2-6, which meets at the chapel on Friday evenings during term time.

We continue to work with the school to assist with a number of assemblies throughout the year and have again provided Bibles to each of the new school intake, including Neatishead pupils. This year, we are pleased to host the school Easter service which takes place 2pm tomorrow.

Our one-day Holiday Bible Club at Christmas time continues to be hugely popular with around 25 children attending this last year, which included lunch. This year's week-long Easter Holiday Bible Club, Epic Explorers, is from April 4th-8th.

Our carol service took place on the Tuesday before Christmas and was once again popular with many from the village. Friends have enjoyed Sunday lunches following both Easter and Harvest morning services, and at various other times throughout the year. You are all most welcome to any of our meetings, and you should all have received our Easter invitation card.

19. SALHOUSE STREET PARTY – Sue Simpson.

We are organising a street party for Salhouse and including Woodbastwick on Sunday June 12th from 12 noon onwards. This will be in the Jubilee Hall car park. We shall be putting out tables and chairs but do bring your own. You will be able to stop outside the hall and unload them we have sorted out parking in the field behind. Disabled parking will be in the First Impressions car park opposite. Please bring your food and wine. The W.I. will be selling hot and cold drinks plus cakes. At present we are looking for helpers on the day. Does anyone know of someone who could sort out some music? Please let your neighbours know what is happening and help the older people to attend. LETS BRING THE VILLAGE TOGETHER AND HAVE SOME FUN. All details in the Saga and contact Chris Dady tel no 720772.

20.AFTERNOON TEA AND MARDLE

The Afternoon Tea and Mardle is held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 2 – 4 pm in Jubilee Hall. It is a chance for senior villagers to meet for a chat or for those recently retired, or new to the village, to make new friends and find out what is going on.

The Mardle is run by volunteers and is non profit making. Homemade refreshments are £1 and there is a quiz and raffle. We also have a selection of books that Mardlers can borrow at no charge.

We have built up a regular band of Mardlers and several new ones have joined us recently, and there will be a warm welcome for anyone who comes along to join us.

21.SALHOUSE EVENING W.I.

2015 was a very special year for Salhouse Evening W.I being our 50th anniversary. The evening W.I was formed in April 1965 by 33 ladies and the meetings were originally held in the W.I. but which has subsequently been demolished.

Various celebratory events were held during the year including an afternoon tea for all members at the Norfolk Mead Hotel. At our birthday party we were joined by no more than 15 founder members, five of whom remain members today. One founder member has written a poem about Salhouse W.I which she had originally read at our 25th anniversary and was able to join in and read it again on our 50th birthday.

The W.I has enjoyed another programme of interesting speakers and demonstrators throughout the year, our usual visit to the Theatre Royal in January and Christmas lunch at the City College.

Members accept invitations to visit other local W.I's who, likewise visit us. The Norfolk Federation A.G.M, held at St. Andrews Hall is also attended by some Salhouse members.

Our lunch group has enjoyed some very nice lunches at the local pubs and restaurants each month. The Craft Group continues to be very popular and successful. Non – members are welcome to join us at these Groups and new members to the W.I. itself would be most welcome.

22.GARDEN CLUB. – Nick Taylor.

It is hard to believe that we are just starting on our 9th year as the Gardening Club. Once again I can report that the 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 would struggle to accommodate many more at each meeting.

Following the increase in subscriptions last year we have been able to stabilise our finances and that, together with fundraising has meant that there will be no increase this year despite increasing costs. We held our Christmas Social evening at Jubilee Hall this year as our date clashed with a school function and, as luck would have it, the hall was free on the evening we wanted it. The format we use – quiz and refreshments - worked well in the space and, as in 2016 the school will actually be closed for Christmas, we will be doing the same again this year. Usually the hall is occupied by another group on our club nights but this year at Christmas it will be free. - Just the way it has worked out with the calendar, will probably not apply in 2017.

As always, apart from our monthly talks and plant sales, we have again organised evening garden visits – this year in June and August and we will have our full day trip on July 14th. (Not in June as shown in Saga) Full detail of the programme for 2016 / 2017 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 16th April at Jubilee Hall from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. There will be a plentiful supply of good value plants from local nurseries, a raffle and refreshments and homemade cakes. A new twist this year will be in the form of a ‘Plant and Gardening Clinic’ run by our secretary Ian Roofe.

In conclusion, I would like again 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.

23. JUBILEE VILLAGE HALL REPORT.

Building on the previous year’s successes the village hall committee accomplished much in 2015. As we had resolved some of the big issues the previous year (Car Park Lease, appointment of new trustees) it meant it was easier to keep on top of things and what follows is a summary of the key subjects discussed and dealt with over the last year

Wi-Fi

The hall now has wifi working in the hall, free of charge for regular users and £5 for adhoc users. Since the installation we have had requests from a number of regular users for access to the wifi to use with their groups

Vodafone Aerial

After a long installation period we finally have the Vodafone booster installed so that the villagers using Vodafone have access to mobile phone signals

Change of custodian Trustee

The name of the custodian trustee has been updated to that of the Parish Clerk (Daphne Wyatt)

New purchases

We have made a few key purchases. These include:

A new oven for the kitchen, Safety glass replaced in the internal door and carried out an Autumn tidy of the grounds. We also switched the maintenance contract for fire alarm maintenance, using a local office, in line with our policy of using local businesses where possible.

Fundraising:

We held two fund raising events this year:

We ran our first Spring Fayre back in May which showcased a number of local craft stalls. Feedback was very positive from both stall holders and visitors. The hall was full throughout the time we were open. We were able to raise a significant amount for the running of the hall.

The final event of the year was the Christmas Fayre. We had a great turn out with numbers up on last year. Once again we took record amount this year. We increased the number of craft stalls so there was a real mix of things to see and do. Again we had a lot of positive feedback from visitors and stall holders. thank you to everyone who came and supported us at both events.

Thank you also to Britvic who supported us at both events, by not only supplying free drinks, but also matched our fundraising £ for £.

Landmark events

It was great that two of our regular users celebrated landmark anniversaries in the past year:

WI – celebrated 50 years

1ST Salhouse Brownies – celebrated 60 years

For the Future:

We have a couple of projects in the pipeline for 2016:

We continue to receive positive feedback on how nice the hall is. To maintain this we intend to redecorate the inside of the hall, and hope to do this during the summer holidays, during a quieter period. We also need to replace a number of the fence panels which have been damaged by cars. We would ask visitors to be please be careful when manoeuvring into the parking places and remember to stop!

Both these will involve significant expenditure, particularly the decorating, so we will need to raise further funds over the course of the year. So if you need a venue for a party or meeting, please think about the hall as you will be helping towards the upkeep of this lovely building, which is at the heart of our community.

We are pleased to be hosting the Street party for the Queen's 90th Birthday on Sunday 12th June, being organised by Chris Dady and it would be good to have many more such events taking place

Following our recent AGM, Tobi Baker has stepped down from both the Village Hall Committee and as one of our Trustees. Tobi has done so much for the village over the years, from being the Broads Ranger, to leading the Youth Club. He was also an active member of the village hall Committee. Tobi will be sadly missed around the village and by the committee, but will still be working locally for Broads Tours. We wish him well with his new family.

If you have any ideas to help raise money for the upkeep of the village hall or want to get involved, we are looking for new trustee or you could join as a committee member. We are a friendly group who meet 4 times a year to discuss the running of the hall and share the workload between us. It is not a big commitment and is an excellent way for anyone to get involved with local events.

Anyone interested please contact Martin Carney, Chairman on 07808 097924 or Sarah Oldfield, Secretary on 01603 721962.

If you would like to book the hall, please call Pat Barnes on 01603 720466 (Mon-Fri 9-6 Sat: 9-12 noon).

24. 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 just over £6000.00

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

Financial Statement Year Ending 31st December 2015.

Income			Expenditure	
31/12/14	Cash in Bank	£4750.56		
34.3/15	J. C. Fielder	517.50		
31/3/15	Rotac Farms	50.00		
19/10/15	Wayleaves	103.50		
19/10/15	J. C. Fielder	517.50		
10/11/15	Salhouse P.C.	270.00		None.
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		£6209.06	31.12.15	Cash in Bank
				£6209.06

25. 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 nomination 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.

REQUESTS RECEIVED.

PLEASE TICK CHOICE.

1. Citizens Advice Bureau
2. Age UK
3. Magpas (Emergency Medical Charity),
4. East Anglian Air Ambulance
5. East Anglian Children's Hospices.

Resident Mr/ Mrs

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This request will be open to all residents until
April 21st 2016.

Funds

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

26.OPEN SESSION

Very few questions came from the floor 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.