

**Minutes of the Salhouse Annual Parish Meeting
held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th April 2017
At Jubilee Hall, Lower Street, Salhouse**

Present: Vince Tapp (Chairman), Martin Murrell, Colin McCormick, Martin Nudd, Colin Thomas, Julie Redburn, Reg Reeve, and Nick Ball,

In Attendance: Sarah Martin, Parish Clerk

Members of Public: 17

1. Welcome to all (Chairman)

Chairman Vince Tapp welcomed all to the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting of Salhouse.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 21st March 2016 were available for the meeting. They were proposed by Colin McCormick; seconded by Martin Murrell.

3. Chairman's Report – presented by Vince Tapp

- Neighbourhood Plan – Many thanks to Nick Taylor and his team for the hard work put in for the Salhouse Neighbourhood Plan (NP), which is going extremely well. Broadland District Council is pleased with all the efforts which have gone into it, and Salhouse's NP has had the least amount of comments made than all of the NP's they have seen. Nick and the team have achieved what the NP is all about. Wroxham PC has only just started their NP, and is therefore 2 years behind. From a District point of view, it is pleasing that Salhouse has a NP and will mean larger CIL contributions once adopted; increasing from 15% to 25%.
- Salhouse PC has a good group of Councillors; all of which have the village at heart and regularly attend the meetings and respond very well. Broadland District Council will be pulling me and Fran Whymark from the Parish Council as at the next meeting. We are both comfortable about the PC going forward. There are still vacancies for some more Councillors, and anyone interested should come and talk to myself or contact the Clerk for more information. Training is offered and encouraged.
- From a District point of view the Northern Distributor Road is going well and on schedule to be completed before Christmas. The roads have been completed quickly (3 months ahead of planned schedule) and 70% of the junctions and roundabouts are completed, which are the most difficult parts. There are still plans afloat to continue the road to meet with the A47, and also for duelling of the A47 from Acle (North Burlingham) and Easton around 2020.
- Lorne Green (Police and Crime Commissioner) is very proactive and doing well in the job. Police are attending the PC meetings more frequently.
- Broadland District Council is noticing more planning applications being received. The PC is pragmatic and sensible when looking at them. They are however up against the National Planning Framework.
- The Bell Public House has been sold, and currently going through the legal process. The Councillors are pleased to see this happening.
- This will be my last meeting as Chairman, which I have been for the last 6 months. The PC will see a new Chairman as from the next PC meeting.

4. Police, District and County Councillor

- Paul McAllister from the Thorpe St Andrew Safer Neighbourhood Team presented a report: Salhouse used to come under Acle, but now is under Thorpe St Andrew; there are no differences, only the time to get here.
PC Sean Phillips sends his apologies for not being here, but is currently at Rackheath meeting. There are 3 full time and 1 part time PCSO's. Thorpe St Andrew covers Wroxham, Salhouse, Rackheath, the Plumstead's and Thorpe End. At one time there are a maximum of 2 PCSO's

on duty. Salhouse is a safe and quiet neighbourhood to live in. We rely on the people who live here, and if crimes are not reported it is assumed that all is ok. We need to be told where crime occurs. We don't want anyone to think they are wasting police time, and encourage everyone to report if they are a victim of crime or a victim of antisocial behaviour. Residents are our eyes and ears, and if you think something is suspicious, report it and the police will decide.

Contact 999 in emergencies and 101 in non-emergencies.

We ask you to report door to door salesman, and to never buy from them, therefore protecting your consumer rights.

March's crime figures report 4 crimes:

08/03/17 – public order parking offence on Lower Street

20 and 21/03/17 – Criminal damage and assault (domestic)

20/03/17 – racial hate incident on Cheyney Avenue

If you need us – contact us.

Question asked – is there a time that door to door traders can't knock on doors?

Answer – They must have a 'genuine' license. Broadland is in one of the safest Counties in the UK.

Final message “use us or lose us”.

Vince Tapp thanked Paul for attending the meeting.

5. Other contributions by Salhouse residents and representatives of Clubs and Organisations

Salhouse Baptist Church – report read by Simon Gay

We give thanks to God that throughout the past year we have continued to meet twice every Sunday to worship Him and hear from His word, the Bible and consider the person of Jesus Christ. We also meet Wednesday evenings for prayer and Bible study.

There are now four weekly children's activities, one more since last year: Sunday school each Sunday morning; “A2”, a weekly club for years 2-6, which meets at the chapel on Friday evenings during term time; “Allsorts”, a school lunch club at Salhouse Primary School, takes place every Wednesday in term time; and since November, we were asked to provide the same to the school at Neatishead, federated with Salhouse, which we do every Friday.

We continue to work closely 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, or leavers in the case of Neatishead pupils. This year, we were pleased to host the end-of-term Easter service for Salhouse School.

Our one-day Holiday Bible Club at Christmas time continues to be extremely popular, so much so that this year we were close to our maximum attendees. This year's week-long Easter Holiday Bible Club, “The King's Castle”, was held during the second week of the Easter holiday with almost 30 local children attending.

The Venturer Norfolk Broads Cruise is a Christian organisation that has provided young people with sailing experience on the Broads for over sixty years, and this Easter they moored eight yachts and three cruisers with around sixty on board on Salhouse Broad, and we were able to host them for an evening meeting at the chapel.

Our carol service took place on the Thursday before Christmas and was once again popular with many from the village. Those attending have enjoyed Sunday lunches following both Easter and Harvest morning services, and at various other times throughout the year. As always, you are all most welcome to any of our meetings.

Salhouse Neighbourhood Plan (Salhouse 2020+) – report read by Nick Taylor (Chairman)

A lot has happened since the last report to the Parish Meeting.

We held the statutory ‘Regulation 14’ consultation in June / July last year and formulated our responses to everything raised.

We then completed all our required documentation and submitted the plan for consultation and independent examination to Broadland DC in November. They carried out their statutory ‘Regulation

16' consultation in January / February and the Plan and all the comments received from the two consultations were put before an Independent Examiner in March.
His lengthy report contains some required changes to policy wordings but these have little material effect on the submission draft that you have seen. To quote the examiner:

74. *I have found it necessary to recommend some modifications in order to meet the basic conditions. These do not substantially change the effect of the policies and are mainly designed that the policies are expressed in a way that makes it possible for decision makers to apply them consistently when considering planning applications.*
75. *I have concluded that, if the modifications that I have recommended are made:
The Salhouse Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared in accordance with Sections 38A and 38B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012;
Having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State it would be appropriate to make the Plan;
The making of the Plan would contribute to the achievement of sustainable development;
The making of the Plan would be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan for the area;
The Plan would not breach and would be otherwise compatible with European Union obligations and the European Convention on Human Rights.*
78. *I am therefore pleased to recommend that the Salhouse Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to a referendum subject to the modifications that I have recommended.*

Since his report we have held further discussions with BDC and I am pleased to report that they have agreed to accept his conclusions without further modification and the Plan will now go forward to referendum within the village. This is 'pencilled in' for mid-June (BDC felt they could not organise the referendum earlier due to council elections in May)

Please turn out to vote for the plan – when accepted it will become part of the BDC and Broads Authority local development plan and planners will be compelled to take it into consideration when considering any planning applications.

I am happy to answer any questions.

Community Speedwatch – report written by Malcolm Prestwood (Salhouse Speedwatch Coordinator)
– read by Martin Murrell

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 a Speed Activated Messaging sign (SAM2) has been acquired by the Parish Council through a grant from a Village Safety Campaign with NCC. This device measures and records the speeds and volume of traffic at selected and approved sites within the village. However, it is restricted to 30 and 40 mph zones at present. This information is of particular interest and use in identifying hot spots and observing the effects of changes, or new roads such as the NDR.

A Norfolk Speedwatch Safety Partnership AGM is held annually at Dereham at which we are updated on the progress of accident statistics, road safety issues, technology and any changes to the system.

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

Garden Club – report read by Nick Taylor (Chairman)

It is hard to believe that we are just starting on our 10th 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.

We continue to keep a tight rein on our finances – we increased subscriptions in 2015 but have been able to continue without further increase since then. To give an idea of the task, our total expenditure for 2016 / 2017 was £3050 – an increase of £200 on the previous year. We finished the year with a small surplus. This means that we can continue to subsidise members' costs for the day trip and garden visits in the forthcoming year.

We held our Christmas Social evening at Jubilee Hall again this year as the school was closed for the Christmas Holiday and as luck would have it, the hall was free on the evening we wanted it. The format was changed this year as we had a demonstration of Christmas table arrangements, which were raffled during the evening. In 2017 the school is again closed and we will be able to use Jubilee Hall again.

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 20th. Full detail of the programme for 2017/ 2018 will be shown in the next edition of Saga and on membership cards.

We have decided not to hold a Spring Plant sale this year as the event did not prove successful for the stallholders last year. This will mean a reduction in our income but with the surplus from 2016 / 2017 we are happy that this will not be a problem.

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.

Village Website www.salhousevillage.org.uk report written by Malcolm Prestwood (Webmaster) – read by Martin Nudd

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 review the site structure and methodology in the coming months with a view to arranging direct access by the Parish Clerk and others.

Salhouse Saga Magazine – report written by Malcolm Prestwood (Editor) – read by Colin Thomas

The magazine, which has now been produced for over 30 years and reached issue number 100, started as a church parish magazine. It is produced every 4 months in March, July and November and delivered free of charge to around 690 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.

Team Salhouse - report read by Steve 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. During a litter pick on the playing field at Thieves Lane some items indicating drug use were found close to the play area. This was reported to Parish Council and the Police who have since made random visits to discourage this anti-social behaviour.

Volunteers have taken on cutting the grass on the verges close to the roundabout and we have received favourable comments from residents. There have been incidents where cars and vans have parked on the verge damaging the grass and, although not illegal to park this way, the drivers have been asked to be more considerate. Following the wet autumn, the verges generally are quite soft and when cars park on them, they soon become rutted and an eyesore.

The spring clean of the village is underway with signs and benches receiving particular attention.

We continue to plant and maintain the various flowerbeds around the village and will shortly be starting the summer planting. Thanks go to our volunteers and local residents who help with this and the watering during the summer months.

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

Afternoon Tea and Mardle – report read by Jules Bendy

The Afternoon Tea and Mardle is an informal event, primarily for senior villagers, which started at the beginning of 2008 and has been going strong ever since. It is held in Jubilee Hall, run by volunteers and is non-profit making. It sees around 30-40 people attend.

Refreshments (£1) always include homemade cake and there's a raffle and a very light hearted quiz for anyone who wants to have a go.

We've now moved to the larger hall as our numbers are continuing to grow and there's always a warm welcome for anyone who would like to join us. There is a contact telephone number in Saga magazine or on the village website for anyone who would like more information.

Salhouse Evening WI – report read by Doreen Dye

The 36 members of Salhouse Evening WI enjoyed another busy year organised by the hard working Committee of nine.

Our programme of monthly speakers varied from The Life of a Clown, the History of Blickling Hall, Dialects and Accents to Cutting and Preparing Meat, plus many more.

Our outings in 2016 included an afternoon tea and boat trip at the Waterside, Rollesby, a visit to the Butchers at Briston following his talk, and a tour of the Great hospital in Norwich. Our Christmas lunch was at the Crown in Baningham.

We were invited to participate in Village events celebrating the Queen's Jubilee and heled with refreshments at the Scouts St. Georges Parade, refreshments and cakes for the Village Street party and helped with flower arrangements at the Church.

Some members represented Salhouse WI at Norfolk Federation events including the AGM at St. Andrews Hall. Invitations were received from other local WI's to attend their functions and similarly we enjoyed welcoming them to our events.

At our Christmas Party presents were donated and delivered to the Salvation Army Toys Appeal.

The Committee continue to keep on top of fund raising enabling our WI to remain financially sound. It would be nicer however to welcome new members.

Our monthly craft sessions and lunches enjoyed by the Lunch Group committee continue to be successful. These groups are also open to non-members.

Jubilee Village Hall Report – read by Sarah Oldfield (Management Committee)

The Village Hall Committee accomplished much in 2016, building on previous year's successes to keep the hall in good order and looking good.

The following is a summary of the key items dealt with over the past year:

- **Vodafone Installation**

A Vodafone booster mast was fitted to the roof of the village hall to provide an improved coverage around the village (masts were also fitted at the village shop and school). Whilst coverage is good within the Village Hall, unfortunately coverage across the village can be sketchy.

- **Cost reduction and change in Energy supplier**

The Committee have been able to make significant savings on our energy costs. Firstly, with the new boilers and heaters fitted in previous years we have made considerable energy savings and have been able to reduce our standing order. We have also switched providers, reducing our energy costs further.

- **Queens Anniversary celebrations**

It was good to see that the Village Hall was at the centre of the village celebrations for the Queens Anniversary celebrations on the 12th June. Whilst the weather was not at its best people were still able to enjoy themselves and the hall gave them a place to shelter when needed, apart from a few diehards who remained outside throughout the day

- **Hall Maintenance**

We spent a considerable sum on money this year on the upkeep of the hall, which included:

- Replacement if the rear fence as a result of damage from cars using the car park. As well as replacing the fence we erected bollards to help minimise future damage
- Complete redecoration of all interior spaces which means the hall looks clean and fresh again.
- Replacement of all smoke and heat detectors as the old ones were out-dated and prone to alarming. We hope this has resolved this issue.

- **Christmas Fayre**

The final event of 2016 was the Christmas Fayre. Once again we took record amount and increased the number of craft stalls so there was a real mix of things to see and do. We had a lot of positive feedback from visitors and stall holders so thank you to everyone who came and supported us.

For 2017 we will focus on promoting the hall as the place in the village to hold events and to support local community events and groups.

We are always looking for new ways to extend usage of the hall and if anyone has any ideas for new events or clubs, or wants to hire the hall, please contact Pat Barnes on 01603 720466 (Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat: 9-12 noon).

We are a small 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. If anyone would like to join us to help with keeping the hall at the heart of the village, please contact the Chairman, Martin Carney on 07808 097924.

Salhouse History Project – report read by Colin McCormick

This time last year I reported that I was working towards a May 1st deadline for ‘The Book of Salhouse and Woodbastwick’. I’m pleased to say, that deadline was met and the book was published on November 7th. Since then we have sold close to 400 copies, not a lot in global publishing terms, but a good result for a local interest book. I’d like to thank everyone who bought copies. The peak was over Christmas, but there is still a steady trickle of sales.

In October, I was asked by Salhouse School to help with their history project on the Victorian era. We copied several old pictures of Salhouse and, with a class of children, took a walk down Lower Street comparing the buildings then and now, finishing at the old bakery, where the children could go inside and look at the old bake oven. From what I am told, the children enjoyed this immensely. In late November I gave an illustrated talk at the school to explain how the book was written and to express thanks to all who contributed, not least the late Roy and Sheila Bullers, our first local historian and first editor of the Salhouse Saga, respectively. This evening was a great success, with 60-70 people filling the school hall.

Now for a heart-warming story that I have not mentioned before. One Saturday last summer I got a call from Martin Nudd to say that he had someone in his cafe who would like to meet me, so I went down there right away. A family from Kent were visiting the village because they hoped to find the old bakery and shop which their family had run years ago. They had gone into Prima Rosa for a coffee and had picked up one of the flyers for my book, and were amazed to find that it contained a photo of their great-grandfather, Henry Waters, and his wife. They had never seen a photo of him before. I was able to introduce them to Dorothy Harbord, Henry Waters’ grand-daughter, who they had never met before. Her parents ran the shop in the 1950s and 60s.

They visited Salhouse again in March and gave me an update on their findings. Through this chance meeting they have now made contact with several members of their family in Norfolk with whom they had lost contact over the years, or had never met. So we can truly say that we have re-united a family. This story is on-going and we hope to meet again for a further update.

Following the tradition established by Roy and Sheila Bullers, I am continuing to write short history articles for the magazine. If anyone has any interesting stories or information that I could use, please get in touch. It doesn’t have to be a finished article; I can write up whatever you tell me for the magazine.

Ping Pong – report read by Sarah Oldfield

Ping pong takes place on Tuesdays from 1-3 pm in the Village Hall. The group has a regular attendance of between 8-14 people and now have three full sized and one half sized tables. Each session costs £2.00, which includes a cup of tea or coffee, with biscuits and all equipment is provided. The first session is free, you just need suitable footwear and comfortable clothing to take part.

Friends of Salhouse School (FOSS) – report written by FOSS Committee – read by Reg Reeve

It has been a busy start to 2017 and we are delighted to be able to report on some contributions that FOSS have made to the school.

Firstly, a lively & colourful mural in the school hall. The mural represents each of the classes in the school, Coots, Bitterns, Kingfishers, Grebes & Herons.

The children enjoyed entertainment from Creative arts east presenting ‘The Sentence Snatchers’. The school also had a visit from ‘Mini Monsters’ and the children enjoyed learning all about the mini beasts, including giant snails, lizards, snakes and spiders.

We have invested in new football kit for the girl’s team and also some hooded tops for the children for wear when they compete in sports for the school.

FOSS, have also agreed to fund equipment to enable Forest schools to be reinstated. This has always been very well received by the children and an excellent chance to explore and learn while outdoors. We have held a bingo night which was well attended and so far three of the classes have held their cake sales raising money for the individual classes.

We held an Easter fair on the 24th March, there was an Easter egg hunt, Easter bonnet competition and the usual games and fun. The event was very successful.

We are holding the summer fair on Saturday 8th July between 12 -3pm. We shall be offering the chance to hold a stall at the fair for £10 for the afternoon, please contact FOSS directly if this is of interest, so that we can discuss further. Confirmed for the summer fair so far are, bar, BBQ, entertainment from the school children, bouncy slide and obstacle course, face painting, as well as the usual raffle and tombola, if you have any prizes you would like to donate to the raffle please be in touch.

Wine Club – report written by Catherine Clarkson – read by Nick Ball

Thank you for the invitation to speak at the annual Parish Meeting. The position with the Wine Club remains the same as last year when I advised your predecessor that the group was still in existence but on a less formal and more ad hoc basis. We do not therefore propose to make a formal presentation this year, but if you would like to mention us in the meeting and say that, as always, anyone who would like more information would be very welcome to contact me on this email address or by phone on 721846.

Thank you very much,

Salhouse United Charities – report written by Peter Jefford (Chairperson) – read by Julie Redburn

Salhouse United Charities was originally 4 separate charities established during the 18th and 19th centuries which were amalgamated into one in 1963. The original idea or objective of the Charities was to give help to the poor of the village, for example the supplying of gifts of coal or food. Nowadays parishioners who are facing a crisis can apply to the Charity for financial support in the form of a one-off grant.

The Charity is managed by six trustees and usually meets twice a year but this past year has been exceptional in requiring a number of meetings to deal with the following:

- a) To apply to the Charities Commission for permission to extend the Charity's objectives
- b) The proposed installation of a communications mast on the playing field
- c) In conjunction with the Parish Council regarding the proposed erection of a new pavilion to replace the existing pavilion used by the football club

For the last three years the Charity has not received any requests for support and the trustees realised the original objectives were too restrictive on how the Charity can benefit the village. Following six months of discussions with the Charities Commission we finally received permission to modify the objectives.

The Charity's income is derived from renting 25 acres of agricultural land including leasing six acres to the Parish Council for the playing field, shooting rights to Rotac Farms and Wayleaves (electricity poles across the land).

Shared Access, an organisation for finding suitable sites for the erection of mobile communications masts as part of the Government's initiative to improve nationwide mobile communications, early last year approached the Parish Council for permission to erect a mast on the playing field. Following extensive discussions between the Parish Council and ourselves it was decided to allow a mast to be erected.

Salhouse United Charities has entered into a lease with Shared Access complying with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. A 22 year lease has now been signed and the Charity has received a one-off payment of £40,000 to cover the period of the lease. Work is expected to start on the erection of the mast in the next few weeks.

The Parish Council has been offered a new pavilion to replace the old pavilion used by the football club. The Charity has continued to support the Council in consideration of the future use of the playing field and has taken the opportunity to re-site the new pavilion to a more convenient position. Mrs Doreen Dye, who was the Charity's secretary for over 30 years has retired and Mrs Pauline Garner is now secretary. I would like to thank Mrs Dye for the many years of dedicated service she devoted to the Charity.

Finally, I would like to thank the trustees for their support and input.

PCC Church – report written by Revd Sandy Dutton Priest in Charge – read by Vince Tapp

Many thanks for your invitation to your Annual General unfortunately I am not able to attend as I am away on a post Easter break, but please pass my good wishes and prayers onto all who attend the meeting. However I would like to offer a brief report for your meeting.

Once again throughout the year much of our time and energy has been taken up with furthering the plans that would address the problems that the church building has due to its lack of facilities for making hot drinks and a toilet that we acknowledge would help to make the church building a more welcoming place, after months of our thoughts being directed towards a particular set of plans that did not seem to be going anywhere it was time to revisit the problems in line with the needs that the church had and after consultation with the Archdeacon and a member of the DAC, it was determined that the most appropriate way forward was twofold, firstly to revamp the kitchen area including bringing water into the building and then upgrading our existing toilet facilities. The first stage of this got underway and on Mothering Sunday the newly revamped kitchen was blessed and dedicated.

This year also saw a milestone in the churches life as Churchwarden Tim Woodward stood down and our PCC Secretary Ann Prestwood after some twenty seven years decided it was time for someone else to take on the mantle of this vital ministry. This was a real dilemma as there did not seem anyone who was willing to take on the role, but God is gracious and Roger Lee who I am sure we all know from his role at the Cathedral kindly offered to take on the task for the PCC. And as Tim and Ann put down their burdens of responsibility it is important to recognise that both of these special people have quietly and diligently fulfilled roles that are vital to the life of the church that I on the churches behalf would like to thank them for and acknowledge the work they have done which is so often taken for granted.

This year was also a time of new beginnings of ministries as Gill Reeves became Church warden and Nina Gregory “officially “became deputy Churchwarden both of whom have been guided by Jonathan Tolhurst in his gentle and affirming manner. The role of Churchwarden is one that is vital to the life and wellbeing of a parish as with the incumbent as officers of the Bishop they share the responsibilities of the parish, with all of the cares and concerns that this involves, we are blessed in as much that our Churchwardens and Deputy go above and beyond the call of their duties week in week out.

This has been a year in which we as the Church of England Christian communities have continued to build upon the tradition that I think is a vital ingredient in reconnecting with the community by offering hospitality to the community. In June we alongside the rest of the British Isles celebrated the Queens Ninetieth birthday by inviting the community to decorate the churches with flowers and craft work in her honour. Something that was repeated during Advent as the community in Salhouse took up the opportunity to decorate All Saints Church Windowsills with floral and craft arrangement around the theme of the Nativity and Holy Trinity held its first Christmas tree competition with a winner trophy being presented to the Post Office for their endeavours which was well deserved, as was acknowledge by the other competitors.

So as we look back there is much to reflect upon and acknowledge in our schools continues to be a great initiative 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, which is being delivered by a small band of people from both Parishes who are willing to give their time and energy for others and once again ably led by Jenny Howard who still works hard at keeping us all in line and focused on the task in hand, enabling us as well as the pupils to enjoy this wonderful ministry. The work with children and families continues with our monthly Teatime Church afternoons, once again supported by a group of committed people from both churches who generously offer their time and talents held together by Linda Stone whose efforts have ensured that this group has continued, although sadly the amount of children and families attending

does not seem to increase. I continue to pray that the children and families who attend our Teatime Church Christmas party followed by the outdoor Carol Service, (which this year was ably assisted by the Rackheath Players cast of Aladdin) will eventually come and join us on a regular basis. The Community Café Plus that was begun almost a year ago in Rackheath ably led by Gloria Chinery and Pat and Richard Thorpe and their band of helpers from both parishes continues to flourish offering our communities the opportunity to experience the Christian community in a different way, for which we all give thanks.

6. Open Session

Steve Piper spoke about the Eater Egg hunt which took place on Friday at Salhouse Broad. 900 children attended, which is an increase on the 650 two years ago. Thanks given to the Friends of Salhouse Broad for assistance. Only concern is with regard to parking on Lower Street.

Ann Prestwood spoke about the 2 Crusader tomb lids which are now displayed on the wall as a lit up feature. The kitchen in the Church now has hot water which is a great benefit. There are many discussions going on regarding toilets within the Church, but no progress yet.

Jenny Rose asked if the PC will be doing anything now that the Post Office is closed.

Vince Tapp replied that an Asset of Community Value (ACV) has been placed on the building, however the owner is appealing it. The ACV means that the PC has time to put in a bid to try to purchase it. The PC want the best outcome for the village and that is the aim. The PC would like to see it continue to be a shop and Post Office.

Ann Prestwood asked what will happen to the Post Office.

It was replied that if the business sod as a going concern, then someone may have taken it on.

Question was asked as what happens to the £40,000 received from the communications mast?

Vince Tapp explained that the mast is on Salhouse United Charities Trust land, and therefore it is up to the charity what it does with the monies, it is not the responsibility of the PC.

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Refreshments kindly provided by the WI.

Meeting closed 9.05pm