

## HALVERGATE PARISH ANNUAL OPEN MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Open Meeting held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Present:	Charles Reader	Chairman of Parish Council
	Robert More	Vice Chairman of Parish Council
	Jessica Jennings	Clerk to Parish Council
	Carol Hannant	Parish Councillor
	Carol Simpson	Parish Councillor
	Tom Carter	Parish Councillor
	Stuart Hannant	Parish Councillor
	Grant Nurden	District Councillor

Plus 8 Parishioners

Apologies: Michael Mallett (Parish Councillor)

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Open Meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were accepted as a true record (all in favour, none against). The Minutes were therefore signed. Due to Covid, there no meeting was held in 2020.

### **Matters Arising:**

None.

### **Chairman's Report**

The Parish Council Chairman, Charles Reader, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending. He noted how the village had coped well with the Pandemic and that it was a friendly and supportive place to live, with people helping each other out during Covid, and that we should be proud of ourselves as a village.

Fly-tipping, especially cannabis plants on Marsh Road and Stone Road, has been a frequent problem this year. The Parish Council has been in contact with the Police, Broadland District Council and the Environment Agency regarding this and are trying very hard to get any fly tipping removed as soon as possible and to also prevent it from happening.

In relation to any listed buildings in the village, the Parish Council is in contact with the Conservation department of Broadland District Council to ensure appropriate measures are taken for any repairs that are needed.

Mr Reader then thanked the following people for all that they've done for the village:

Peter & Sharon Fellowes	for their continued efforts in running the Phone Box at Tunstall with the Book Swap and Information Noticeboard, as well as general care and maintenance.
Peter Hardy	for carrying out various maintenance work, such as mending a road name sign, and making and maintaining the benches in Tunstall.
Carol & Stuart Simpson	for their work with the SAM2; moving it around the village and downloading and sharing the speed data collected. There

have been some very worrying speeds recorded, one of which was 85mph.

The Parish Council has recently been awarded 50% of the funds towards the purchase of a second SAM2 which we are hoping will help to reduce and monitor speed around the village.

Tom Carter	for repairs to the village sign, along with Paul Pitchers. Also for cutting the grass around the War Memoria, with Paul Youngs.
Parochial Church Council	thanks to Nick Butcher and Sally More, as Church Wardens, and to Pam Butcher, as Treasurer, and to Martin Greenwood, the vicar.
Parishioners	for their help to neighbours and fellow parishioners during Covid.
Elodie and Patterson	for their very much appreciated efforts of litter picking in Halvergate and Tunstall.
Jayne Pitchers	at the Red Lion for giving the pub a make-over and creating a beer garden at the back of the pub. There have been a lot of enjoyable events held such as Vinyl Night, Open Mic Night and Quiz Nights. It's hoped that they will continue to be held.
Playing Field Committee	The Playing Field continues to be a major asset to the village. Thank you to all those involved and responsible.
Robert More	for his work in getting Tunstall Church re-roofed and for his service on various committees which all help to benefit the village.
Carol Hannant	for her knowledge of the village and the valuable input this enables her to give at meetings.
Stuart Hannant	for his interest in the village and for bringing up any issues raised by parishioners to him at the meetings.
Michael Mallett	although he has had a difficult year, he continues to put his time and effort into keeping the Village Hall a functioning venue in the village for people to hire and use
Jessica Jennings	for her work as Clerk. She has had a lot to juggle but has continued to support the Parish Council and keep it running smoothly.
Brian Iles	he has always been a very good fighter for the community, working hard and with dedication. He will be greatly missed.
Grant Nurden	for his dedication to his work and his knowledge about any issues that affect the Parish. We are very grateful to have him.

## Financial Report

The Parish Clerk, Jessica Jennings, read out the Financial Report for the tax year 2020/2021. Summary below:

Balance Brought Forward:	£13,185.70
Income:	£ 9,088.99
Expenditure:	£ 8,600.89
Balance Carried Forward:	£13,673.80
Adjustments:	£( 1,609.45)
	£ 325.76
Projected Balance:	£12,390.11

## **Mr Grant Nurden – District Councillor Report**

- Broadland District Council and South Norfolk Council are working jointly.
- Covid has had an immense and far reaching impact on staff at both Councils.
- With 700 staff, social distancing at work would have been impossible, so staff are working 2-3 days at home and the rest of the week in the office.
- This new working arrangement has led to some inevitable delays but they have been monitored.
- As a result of the joint partnership with SNC, Grant now has a new email address: [cllr.grant.nurden@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.grant.nurden@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk)

## **Playing Field Report**

Jason Brister, Chairman of the Playing Field Association, presented the report for the Playing Field.

- A lot of families have used the Playing Field during the Pandemic and it has provided relief and a place to go and play and sit.
- Due to Covid, all planned activities and events had to be cancelled.
- A shortened Cricket season was hosted, with the bar open, which raised a small amount of revenue but grants have been vital to help with paying continuing bills.
- A deep clean was done in the Club House before people were welcomed back.
- Any volunteers who can spare the time to help in any way would be very welcome and their time appreciated.

## **Parishioners Forum**

Mr C. Reader opened the meeting to Parishioners for their comments:

Robert More – thanked Charles Reader for all his hard work as Chairman over the past year and was grateful for all his hard work.

- Comments were raised regarding the Village Hall and the absence of any report or representation from the Committee at the meeting.
- Tony Baxter would like to see the Village Hall represented at future meetings, with their accounts.
- Philip Williams would like advance notice of dates of Parish Council meetings and more prompt advertising of these on the Website and Facebook page would be appreciated. By arranging and advertising dates in advance it would allow for greater engagement from parishioners. Charles Reader explained that arranging dates in advance for the meetings was not practical, given the types of jobs some Councillors had.
- A lot of villagers don't know they can make a difference and more advertising of meetings would be good.
- As a new person to the village, it is a kind and welcoming community.
- Having a Youth Club was raised – Lucy Houghton would be willing to be involved in any way she can. Tony Baxter agreed that this would be a good way for the Village Hall to be used. Robert More pointed out that the biggest problem is always getting people to be willing to get involved and commit to it. It was agreed that it would be good to have somewhere for the youth to go to and to have something to do. Lucy

Houghton to speak to Robert More about what worked and what didn't the last time the village had a Youth Club.

- It was pointed out by another Parishioner that Safe Guarding issues with young people would be huge and a lot of hard work.
- Jason Brister said that the Playing Field was going to run Friday night activities for children from 5 years upwards. On 21<sup>st</sup> May, there will be an "All Stars and Dynamos" night. There will also be regular BBQ's and the Bar will be open.
- Stuart Hannant would like to see the Parish Council continue to tackle the Wickhampton Road issue, as we know there is another 3 feet of tarmac under the vegetation.
- The 1995 Gritting Route Map details the road widths – to supply the Parish Council with a copy.
- Ian Barker expressed his concerns over speeding along Wickhampton Road and said that over the 19 years he's been there, it's got a lot worse. Traffic goes too fast and the whole road is busier.
- It was suggested that perhaps a separate meeting could be held to discuss it.

As there were no further comments or questions, Mr C. Reader thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Charles Reader, Chairman

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Jessica Jennings, Clerk to  
Parish Council