

**Minutes of the Salhouse Annual Parish Meeting  
held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
held in the Jubilee Hall, Lower Street, Salhouse.**

**Present :**

Chair – Bob Cooper (Chair Salhouse Parish Council)

Clerk - Sarah Martin

14 members of the public present including Councillors and District/County Councillors.

Apologies were received from John Leathers (Parish Council) and Al Jennings (Police Beat Manager).

**1. Welcome to all**

Bob Cooper welcomed all to the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting of Salhouse.

It was reiterated that this meeting is not a Parish Council meeting, and it will not be discussing Parish Council business, although it is hosted by the Council.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

These were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**3. Chair's Report – presented by Bob Cooper**

Welcome everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting is not a council meeting. It is a meeting of the parish electorate.

It is usual for the meeting to be chaired by myself as Chair of the Parish Council and for the Parish Clerk to attend and record the minutes.

The meeting is for the Parish Council and local organisations to report back on their activities during the year and any items of general interest can be discussed.

The Parish Council is the local authority who: represents the local community, delivers services to meet local needs and strives to improve quality of life in the Parish.

In the last year, the Parish Council has seen some changes in Councillors – Wendy and Gary Browne joined the Council, however Helen Reeve resigned – this currently leaves 2 vacancies for Councillors.

The Parish Council continues to regularly attend local Police Priority Settings Meetings where local issues of concern are raised, these over the last year have included Anti-social behaviour (vehicles and green spaces) as well as anti-social driving; fly tipping and speeding in the Parish. The Police have carried out speed checks and will continue to do so. These meetings are open to anyone to attend and are usually held virtually – if you are interested in attending, please contact the Parish Clerk.

As reported last year Nutrient Neutrality is still an ongoing issue affecting many planning applications.

The District and County Councils are still working with Natural England and developers to come up with solutions, however many applications have still not been determined or being held up by this.

The Parish Council was advised at the end of March that it has again been successful in a bid from Norfolk County Council's Parish Partnership fund in which the County Council and PC pay 50/50 for village projects – this year being a bus shelter on Thieves Lane and village gateways at 3 locations in the Parish.

The Council was very disappointed to hear from Highways that the trod path scheduled to be installed along Honeycombe Road will now not go ahead along this busy stretch of 60mph road - however we will still keep pushing for improvements in the form of a path or speed reductions to keep parishioners safe!

Our 'SAM-2' speed monitors are placed at various locations around the village and recently along Thieves Lane.

Data collected is available to view on the Parish Council website and is shared with Norfolk Police.

Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where proactive members of local communities join with the support and supervision of their local police to record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices. We are lucky in Salhouse to have volunteers to carry this task which is a proactive solution to improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in their local community. The North Rackheath Development (GT16) is still ongoing and a revised 'Masterplan' should be submitted to the planning authority later this year. This will affect our Parish as over 600 new properties are proposed to be built in Salhouse, albeit North of the railway line where many may not realise is actually Salhouse!. The Working Group, consisting of councillors and residents, continues to monitor and review this application which will have an effect on all parishioners including school provision, community buildings and green spaces and road closures accessing the site., We will keep you updated at meetings and in the SAGA magazine.

Another working group the Council has set up in the last year is an 'Infrastructure & Highways' group. This group will look at Parish issues and investigate with the surrounding parishes further infrastructure problems which exist currently but will only be worse when further developments are built.

You will hopefully have seen the resurfacing at the recreation ground car park - it is well used but was getting in a poor condition. We have also installed a new larger litter bin to prevent littering.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Councillors, past and present, and all the volunteers such as Team Salhouse, Speedwatch, working group members, tree steward, defibrillator checkers and anyone else I may have missed for their hard work and support to the Community!

#### **4. Police report – written by PC 855 Al Jennings – Local Police Neighbouring Team**

Apologies were received from Al Jennings – report sent and read out by Bob Cooper.

SNT Team For The E22 Area – This Covers Thorpe St Andrew. Lt Plumstead, Gt Plumstead, Salhouse, Rackheath, Wroxham and Belaugh.

Inspector - Mike Austin; Sergeant - Ollie Ketteridge; PC Al Jennings.

Contact Details – Email: allan.jennings@norfolk.police.uk Mobile: 07989300146.

PSM update. Last one next one

The last Priority Setting Meeting was held on Tuesday 26th March 2024.

Two Priorities

1. Road Safety.
2. Anti-Social Behaviour in Open Spaces.

Concerns raised about the parking outside The Stag during busy times. Possible solution discussed was to ask customers to use the car park at the Jubilee Hall. Bob Cooper to look into this.

Current Priorities

Our 2 priorities have remained the same for the next 3 months.

Engagements

I have been carrying out speed checks with Salhouse Community Speed Watch teams.

I have carried out Speed checks on Station Rd and Norwich Rd.

I have held engagement surgeries at Black Barn Farm and Salhouse Garden Centre on a number of occasions.

Crime Figures via Mybeat

Only 9 relevant crimes recorded between August 2023 and April 14th 2024. 3 Examples between.

All other investigations recorded in Salhouse relate to Domestic incidents or risk assessment reports.

I'm happy to say these crime figures are very low.

Crimes of note:

Broken window at The Stag.

Harassment outside Salhouse School.

Burglary Business. Stolen log splinter from within a Barn.

Over the Summer months I will be continuing to carry out speed checks on my own and hopefully with the Community Speed Watch Team.

I will be patrolling open space like the park off Thieves Lane and Salhouse Broad.

#### **5. District and County Councillor – report from Cllr Fran Whymark and Cllr Martin Murrell**

It would be true to say the last 12 months have been interesting. With a change of leadership at Broadland District Council (BDC) to the Rainbow Alliance you may have expected a lot of changes? The reality is that, in the main, there has been a continuation of policy. The move to the Horizon Centre, opposed by the Rainbow Alliance, has proven popular with staff and generated a huge financial saving for residents. The grants to upgrade the heating system have seen the installation of air source heat pumps, making the move even more beneficial, both financially and environmentally. The work started when Fran was Portfolio Holder for Communities and Housing to purchase properties for temporary accommodation have been completed. The houses are now in use and will generate long term savings for you and better accommodation for our residents who become homeless. The Rainbow Alliance have argued that we left them in a poor position financially. This is difficult to believe. Very few councils inherited reserves of over £20m, a property worth circa £4m and no borrowing and yet they still saw fit to increase Council tax by the maximum amount this year. We are pleased that (after many years working with partners) the NHS have agreed that they will be starting work on Rackheath Medical Centre later this year. The plan is that the building will be completed by March 2025 and open to patients June/July 2025. The Medical Centre will be run and staffed by Hoveton and Wroxham Medical Centre. We continue to work with partners to provide additional healthcare services in this area too.

Nutrient neutrality (NN) continues impacting upon future development in our area. Delaying plans coming forward by Taylor Wimpey (TW) and many other builders. Although TW are developing their own mitigation in Rackheath/Salhouse this has caused considerable delay and additional cost, which will inevitably be passed on to house buyers. The impact of NN will likely lead to us all waiting another 2 years before we see any work undertaken on site.

BDC, working other districts, have started selling credits to mitigate for NN through Norfolk Environmental Credits (NEC). Following a grant of £9.6m NEC will be seeking other opportunities to lease or buy land which can then be used to produce credits so that the building industry can get moving again. However, it is likely that many builders will still struggle to get projects moving over the next few years.

The Greater Norwich Local Plan has passed examination phase, been adopted by BDC, South Norfolk District Council and Norwich City Council, and subject to any legal challenges will be adopted on 10th May 2024. This will ensure there is a five year land supply across the Greater Norwich area until 2038.

Norfolk County Council (NCC) are working towards a County Deal. The County Deal would give Norfolk a great opportunity to gain new powers and funding from central government. With over £600m secured over the next 30 years we will be able to make decisions in Norfolk for Norfolk. We can invest in transport, jobs and skills, adult education, housing and regeneration, focusing on the needs of local people. If NCC Councillors vote for the deal on 23rd July 2024 we will start receiving funding this year, allowing us to start projects. The election for the Directly Elected Leader (or Mayor) would take place in May 2025.

We have seen legal challenges to the safety improvements on the A47 by Dr Boswell, a green campaigner. Having lost an appeal in the High Court, he has now made an application to the Supreme Court. This is adding huge delay and cost to much needed work at North Burlingham, Honingham and Thickthorn.

At NCC we have been working to improve public transport. Locally you will have noticed improvements to the 5B, which is running later buses between Wroxham and Norwich, and the introduction this week of the City 5 from Rackheath Industrial Estate to Norwich. NCC were also

pleased they could introduce 24/7 free travel for disabled bus pass holders this year. With £2 single fares and reductions to Park & Ride fares there's never been a better reason to use the bus. Householders can now take up to 100 litres of DIY waste to the recycling centre for free, up to four times every four weeks. Hopefully this will reduce flytipping in our area. Watch out for the forthcoming flytipping campaign from BDC.

Over £1m was spent on Parish Partnership Schemes in 2023/24. The Partnership has been so successful that NCC will make the same offer again this year 2024/25. Fran hopes that once again he can help to make projects a reality for Salhouse with the addition of his Member Grant.

Finally, we just wanted to say how pleased we were that our lobbying of NCC Highways regarding the state of the Salhouse Rd/Norwich Rd (both sides of the railway crossing) has led to £120k being spent on resurfacing.

## **6. Other contributions by Salhouse residents and representatives of Clubs and Organisations:**

### **All Saints Church – read by James Watts Churchwarden**

The church continues to welcome visitors and worshippers, as it has done for many years or centuries. A small group of volunteers maintain the church on an ongoing basis, assisting the churchwarden and the Rector, Darleen. Inevitably as the years pass due to age and illness their numbers are gradually decreasing, although their determination to keep doing what they can is remarkable.

Alongside being a consecrated place of worship, the church is also much loved and appreciated by several hundred visitors a year. Many are local, but not infrequently from overseas. Almost all comment favourably on the church's beauty and peacefulness.

Following a recent Quinquennial review (five yearly assessment of the church by a Chartered Surveyor, mandated by the Church of England for all churches), it is clear that a comprehensive programme of building repair and renovation is now needed to ensure the church remains fully viable as our parish church and as a consecrated building for years to come.

A small working group led by the Rector has been formed focused on reviewing and implementing the review's recommendations. This includes replacement of the 70+ year old thatched roof, which is a major undertaking and will likely require grant funding and specialist engagement. The group is also looking at how to use this opportunity to make the church more accessible to worshippers and visitors and to create more space for engagement with them.

However, it is clear that a small group will be limited in what it can do, both in terms of time and skills. There is a positive opportunity here for members of the wider village community to get involved as the work progresses. The specific need will differ over time, but could amongst other areas include helping with fundraising and project management or advisory skills. We will look to keep the village updated via the Facebook pages and Saga and to highlight opportunities for involvement in due course.

### **Salhouse Station Group – read by James Watts Churchwarden**

Having suffered many frustrations since our group was established to save the remaining structure at Salhouse station, we were finally able to make some progress earlier this year when Greater Anglia allowed us access to the building. This enabled Rod Shelton, historic buildings consultant, to inspect the building and provide us and SAVE Britain's Heritage with a highly comprehensive report that assesses the condition of the building and identifies the essential repairs necessary to prevent further deterioration of the building. It also assesses the likely repairs required to refurbish the building for reuse.

In a nutshell, the building appears to be structurally sound. There are, though, a number of concerning leaks in the roof, around flashings and in the rainwater goods. The interior is in poor decorative order, there is some fire damage, as well as rot and damage to woodwork. Given that the building has been out of use since 1966, the building has stood the test of time reasonably well.

Accordingly, we have been in touch with a Greater Anglia approved building contractor, Ilford-based Capel CS who have now visited the station. Our next step is to engage with Greater Anglia and, to that end, we are seeking advice from a number of other parties, including the East Anglian Railway Museum, to ascertain how we can best bring Salhouse station further up their priority list and at what cost.

In order to make a start on fundraising, we now have a Community at Heart Lottery account for which tickets are available through the Salhouse Station Group's Facebook page. We would urge everyone to get involved by buying some tickets!

### **Community Events Team – read by Julie Redburn**

Following a packed and highly successful Coronation Party in May 2023, the Salhouse Community Events Team have put on two more fun-filled events for parishioners.

In October, we filled a barn on Howlett's Loke for our first ever community Barn Dance. We raised money from tickets and from the bar we provided on site.

In December, we packed out the Jubilee Hall for a Christmas Quiz. The craft round was particularly entertaining, with many a toilet roll Nativity scene to be had.

Funds raised from those two events is going towards our second summer party for Salhouse residents (and for those from across Norfolk) on Saturday 6th July. The Parish Council has kindly offered to allow us, like last year, to use the recreation ground, and to allow dogs for one day only (provided all mess is cleaned up). We are already taking steps to improve this year's event - by ensuring we have mats etc. to protect the grass near the main entrance gate to the field where all cars pass through on their way to being split off into a number of parking lanes. Parking will be limited and charged to encourage public transport use. The event will be running from noon to 9pm, with music and fun throughout. Lots of the activities will be free for everyone to enjoy - crafts, music, bouncy castles. There'll be a football tournament for youth players, too - and plenty of food and craft stalls.

Once the summer event is done and dusted, we'll turn our attention to some new and fun activities and events for the people of Salhouse.

Many thanks.

### **Community Speedwatch and SAM2– report written by Malcolm Prestwood (Salhouse Speedwatch Coordinator) – read by Steve Piper**

#### **Community Speedwatch (CSW)**

Community Speedwatch continues on a regular basis at various approved locations within the parish. This is carried out on behalf of the Safety Camera Partnership which is a joint venture between The Norfolk Constabulary and NCC. Monitoring reports are submitted back to The Safety Camera Partnership HQ after each session for processing by them. Formal letters are sent to the owners of logged vehicles and appropriate Police follow up in some cases.

The purpose of Speedwatch is to curtail excessive speeds within the parish thus hopefully making the roads safer for village residents, pedestrians and all other road users.

Norfolk currently operates around 100 Speedwatch teams which in the past year have logged in the region of 18,000 speeding vehicles within the various parishes.

Within Salhouse Parish inward and outward traffic on Bell Lane continues to be to be a key area of concern for speeding vehicles although several other sites within the village are also monitored as a reminder to all drivers. With the 40mph limit now on Norwich Rd we are also able to monitor that area following reports from local residents about high traffic speeds.

A regional Speedwatch team annual meeting is to be held in June involving Norfolk Constabulary and other parties involved with the operation of the service. Statistical data will be presented as well as a review of the service in general and new technologies.

As ever we are always looking for additional volunteers to assist which typically involves a 1 hour commitment about once per month. Anyone wishing to volunteer will need to complete an application form and afterwards receive appropriate local instruction.

Please contact either Malcolm Prestwood on 01603 721110 or Steve Piper on 01603 720993

#### Speed Activated Messaging System (SAM)

Salhouse Parish Council owns two SAM units, one of which has been deployed at various approved locations around the village over several years. The second unit is mainly concentrated in the Norwich Rd/Station Rd area following the reduction of the speed limit to 40mph.

The purpose of these is to detect, warn and remind motorists when they exceed the speed limit for the area in which they are travelling. Also the recording of such data in order to indicate any 'hot spots' within the parish and provide knowledge about vehicle volume and traffic flow within the parish. Data from these units is also forwarded to the police for their attention.

#### **Gardening Club – report from Nick Taylor - read by Sarah Martin**

The Gardening Club was established in March 2008, initiated by a demand shown in the Parish Plan. We are now starting on our 16th year of operation. We have struggled a little since restarting following the Covid lockdowns but membership is now beginning to increase again and we look forward to a healthy future for the club. The Wroxham Gardening club is no longer operating and we are pleased to see some of their members at our club.

In the financial year just completed we were able to balance the books – thanks to a grant from Broadland District Council from their 'keep it going' fund, for which we are very grateful.

The committee at the outset took the view that we needed to build sufficient funds in hand to enable us to pay for all speakers for the year ahead. Although the cost of running the club has increased – speakers fees, hall hire, insurance etc – we have been able to maintain membership fees at the same level as last year. In addition to membership fees we have raised money with raffles and refreshments at meetings. As a result we are able to maintain our principle of having this funding in hand.

Members might find it odd that we run our programme year from April to the end of March each year. This is done to tie in with our financial year and thus making budgeting far simpler.

For our day trip this year we are visiting Henstead Exotic Garden and the on to Somerleyton Hall. Our evening garden visits are to the Old Rectory at Catfield and Brick Kiln House garden in Shotesham.

We continue to use Woodbastwick Village Hall for our meetings – we moved there after the pandemic when we were unable to meet at the school. Whilst a little out of the village, this seems to be favoured by most members as there is more space and parking is much easier.

We are lucky to have an enthusiastic and dedicated committee and I would like to thank Margaret for her time and effort in organising our programme, Frances for looking after the finances, the rest of the committee and those members who help at each meeting for their help and commitment over the past year.

For the benefit of those present, the programme for 2024 - 2025 is:

April 16th.	Herbaceous borders - Bob Coutts
May 21st.	Evening visit to The Old Rectory, Catfield
June 18th.	Day Trip to Henstead Exotic Garden and Somerleyton
July 16th.	Evening visit to Brick kiln House garden, Shotesham
August 20th.	A year in a market garden - Rosie Ward
September 17th	The diversity of British gardens - Kathy Gray
October 15th.	The N.G.S gardens - Juliette Collier
November 19th	Flowers for Christmas (to be confirmed)
December 17th	Christmas Party and quiz

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January 21st. Snowdrops and Winter Garden Treasures – Guy Barker

February 18th. Flowers of the Norfolk Broads - Simon Harrap

March 18th Gardening in the shade - Jim Paine

As always, we welcome new members and guests and now have the room to accommodate plenty more! – do come along and enjoy the talks and friendly social atmosphere at the club.

For more information about the club, or our programme, contact Nick on (01603) 720165

### **Jubilee Hall – report from Martin Carney – Chair - read by Wendy Browne**

#### **January 2023 to March 2024**

The year of 2023 was the first full year out of lock down and without any impact of Covid which was a real positive for the hall. This meant our regular users were back in the hall and we were fully open to ad hoc bookings. Sadly we did lose some of our regular bookings as they found other ways to hold meetings, or simply did not have the attendance that they once did. That has put pressure on the hall income and the money needed to keep the hall running and in good order.

To start the year we welcomed a new Trustee to the hall with James Watts taking up the position. James was already on the committee and agreed to become a trustee to ensure we had the correct amount required for the Charities Commission

We had 2 major projects in the hall this year. The first was to replace the storage cupboards in the storage room. These has been falling apart for some time and were replaced with new doors, hinges and locks, so not only are the now usable, but are also secure. Thanks Mick for carrying out the work for us.

The second big project was the complete replacement of the Kitchen cupboards, oven, flooring and redecoration. Thanks to both the National Lottery and Salhouse United Charities who provided a large amount of the money needed, so we did not have to spend much of the halls savings to fund this project. Thank you to John and Rachel and the team at Building solutions for doing the work, giving us a discount as we were a charity and generally fitting around our bookings. We have had great feedback about the kitchen, which is now fit to take us forward into the coming years.

Sadly, due to escalating costs, (power, insurance, maintenance etc), we took the decision to put up the hall rates in order to help cover these increases. This is the first time we have had to put a rate increase through in the 12 years I have been on the committee and perhaps several years before that. However its not all bad news, some regular users actually benefited as we took the decision to standardise our discount to regular community groups.

As the year came to a close we held our annual Christmas Fayre at the start of December. We had a good turn out of stalls with both crafts and games. Sadly, due to the really cold/icy conditions, attendance was significantly down on previous years, but those that were able to make it gave us really good feedback. We were able to raise a good amount of money towards the running of the hall, and Britvic also donated and additional £250

As the AGM is slightly later this year I am able to mention the quiz that we held at the start of February. We were just about full to capacity and had a really good evening. Thanks to Ian Garroway for creating the questions and hosting the evening for us and making it the success it was and thank you to everyone who turned up and took part. All money raised will again go towards the upkeep of the village hall

Looking forward and we have a few things coming up later in the year. We are planning to run another village Hall quiz later in the year on the 11th October, with all welcome to join us. We would also like to make our Christmas Fayre more of a community event. Although still in discussion and to be confirmed we are looking to see if we can get sponsorship to place a Christmas Tree and lights at the front of the village hall. We would then look to move the Christmas Fayre forward a week and run it in the afternoon so that after the fayre has finished, we can have a 'switching on' of the lights, with Carols and possible food and drink. This is all still to be confirmed and is reliant on us getting a sponsor for the Tree and Lights

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of the committee for the work you have put in over the last year, its been unusual times and everyone has mucked in and done what has needed to be done and I look forward to the rest of 2024.

### **Salhouse Broad – read by Bob Cooper**

#### **Past year:**

Repaired the footpath where the high-water levels were eroding the path

Tree safety work has been completed by Target Trees – we have lost a couple of trees to ash die back unfortunately.

The wherry cut boardwalk replacement has been started with the help of City College, we are very lucky to have them involved.

Parking is still £30 all year for any regular visitors, the price hasn't changed since we started charging for parking.

Started new events like a stargazing evening and biofluorescent walks, which have proved popular.

We just had another successful free Easter Trail despite the not-so-great weather families still turned out to complete the trail.

Himalayan balsam is an invasive species that pops up at Salhouse Broad each year and we are glad to report the amount is decreasing year on year. This is thanks to our volunteer team that work hard every year with us to keep on top of it.

#### **Coming up:**

We aim to complete the wherry cut boardwalk, progress was stalled with high water levels, we should see City College back on site and hopefully complete the work before the summer holidays.

More events – these will be listed on our website and social media.

Helen and Chris are back with the Hungry Otter for another season.

We have an active planning application for composting toilets and showers and a reedbed to filter to waste water, but this has been held up by nutrient neutrality. We are hoping we will get some movement in this in the coming year.

Other than that we hope for the sun to shine and to see lots of smiling faces at Salhouse Broad this season.

### **Afternoon Tea and Mardle – report read by Julie Redburn**

Salhouse Mardle has been running, in different guises, for approximately twenty years. Unfortunately the start up details have been lost, so I am just going with what I know.

Mardle meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. It used to be the 3rd Wednesday but in order to accommodate certain sections of the population (as Salhouse WI sadly closed, the ladies of Salhouse joined Wroxham WI which met on the 3rd Wednesday causing a clash) we changed.

We meet for a cup of tea/coffee with a slice of cake or a sausage roll, partake in the quiz, ably compiled by Colin McCormick and have a raffle,

tickets sold by Margaret and Doreen with the draw hosted by Keith Riches. We would love to make sure everyone knows what a friendly inclusive time you can have if you join us.

Luckily we have a number of ladies we can call on to bake cakes and the sausage roll lady, she knows who she is!!

We hope that the Mardlers enjoy their afternoon get together and if they are early enough they can also use the mobile Post Office

which is in the car park from 12.30 to 1.30. The nice lady also carries a small supply of groceries.

Sadly she can't join the Mardle as

she has another village to attend to. We have invited her.



For our Christmas party we push the boat out and have a buffet and sherry/prosecco for everyone. Thank you to everyone who comes along, we couldn't do it without you. However bring your rubber gloves, we always need washer uppers.  
With best wishes from  
Colin, Doreen, Julie and Jools

### **Salhouse Reading Group – report read by Julie Redburn**

We are entering our sixth year of book reading and hopefully everyone who comes along enjoys our choice of reading matter.

We try to select our reading matter from recommendations from the group. However we don't always agree and the views put forward often lead to further debate, we do however agree that it is extending our personal choice of books.

We have at last found a permanent site, which is the Jubilee Hall. We meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7.00 p.m.

Unfortunately, we were no longer able to use The Bell and whilst we tried Heathlands at Blofield Heath, felt that we should have the Salhouse Reading Group at Salhouse.

Although I stated we meet on the 1st Thursday of the month, May 2024's meeting will be on the 9th May as local elections take first dibs on the hall. Come along to a meeting and see if you enjoy it, we are a varied bunch of villagers and would love to have some new faces. If you would like to chat to anyone prior to coming along, please call 07474451038, I can hopefully provide you with any further details you might require. Just to remind anyone who has seen our article in the Saga, we don't care what format of book you read or listen to, everyone is different.

### **Salhouse Tree Steward – read by James Cleaver**

During 2023 the tree nursery was mostly dormant due to personal commitments of renovating my home. A design for tree planting in and around the Dog Park was produced and 471 trees and shrubs have now been planted.

In 2024 the Salhouse community tree nursery will continue to grow trees and shrubs to give to local residents. The tree nursery is currently being relocated from Black Barn Farm to my garden on Station Road as I have more space now. Many thanks to Trevor at Black Barn Farm for supporting the community tree nursery over the last three years.

Tree planting schemes will be promoted for winter 2024/25 and assistance provided to apply for council grant funding. I hope to organise tree planting events for volunteers.

### **Salhouse United Charities – read by Steve Piper**

Since the last report to the Annual Parish Meeting the Trustees of Salhouse United Charities have lost the services of Robert Cooper due to possible conflicts of interest with his position as Salhouse Parish Council Chair, and Graham Johnston has joined us as a Trustee bringing with him experience and enthusiasm. The current Trustees are now Pauline Garner (Secretary), Graham Johnston, Martin Murrell (Vice Chair), Stephen Piper (Chair), Rev Darleen Plattin. There have been two full meetings and one interim meeting held since the last report with Graham Johnston joining as a new Trustee in October 2023. Matters arising since the last report have primarily been the promotion of the Charity's presence in the village. Each publication of the Salhouse Saga has included a notice showing what financial help is available from the Charity and this has been followed up with posters in the Parish and Jubilee Hall notice boards containing a similar message. The Salhouse Parish Council Facebook page also posts the same notice. Since the last report the Charity has been approached by a number of residents requesting financial help and, in 2023, Christmas hampers were provided to nine residents who had found the year particularly trying or had suffered bereavement. Finally, the Trustees would like to thank Robert for all his efforts as Trustee and Chairperson and will greatly miss his knowledge

### **Salhouse C of E Primary School – read by Bob Cooper**

Salhouse C of E Primary School continues to thrive and works well as part of a federation with Neatishead and Fleggburgh. The Executive Headteacher, Julie Church, retired at Christmas and Hayley Sonnex took over the role in January. Mrs King has been appointed as temporary Head of School. Numbers on roll remain steady with 140 on roll and 19 children are due to join the school in September.

The school is developing its curriculum and already provides a rich curriculum for learning outside the classroom. The Year 6 pupils went on a residential trip to Horstead with pupils from Fleggburgh in March. This gave pupils the opportunity to try new skills and experiences such as: canoeing, zip lines, caving, bush craft and team games. For some, this was their first experience of a school trip where they slept away from home for two nights. Pupils have also enjoyed trips to the Sainsbury Centre, Time and Tide Museum in Great Yarmouth and the school took part in the Norfolk Music Festival and received an 'Outstanding' award for singing.

The school continues to enjoy positive links with the local church and Rev'd Darleen is a regular visitor who comes into school to lead Collective Worship. The Easter Service was held in school on 25th March.

The school continues to work with the Broadland Cluster.

### **Team Salhouse – read by Steve Piper**

Team Salhouse volunteers have maintained the look of the village with litter picking on an individual basis and flowerbed planting. As a result, the village continues to be relatively clear of litter and instances of fly tipping reported to Broadland District Council were dealt with. The verge in front of Streetwood received a "short back and sides" from a group of our volunteers to allow the spring bulbs to show through. The flowerbeds around the village have looked wonderful again this year and we receive many positive comments from residents and visitors. The bulbs in the bank opposite the old Post Office have, again, had a poor showing this spring but, hopefully, will improve next year; we repeat this every year. We continue to plant and maintain the various flowerbeds around the village and will shortly be starting the summer planting. Thanks go to all our volunteers and local residents who help with the planting and watering during the summer months. We have a current team of around 12 people but always welcome new members of all ages. 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.

### **Salhouse Saga Magazine – report written and read by Ian Flatters**

Our spring edition marked the 40th anniversary of the Saga and has outlasted many similar publications from local villages. Two sheets of A4 folded in half to give eight pages was the first offering to fall through letterboxes silently floating to the doormat. Now it does so with a resounding thud to announce it's near 80 page arrival. As ever we rely on advertisers to cover our costs as achieved by the 11 businesses that graced that first edition. Sadly 8 of them no longer trade. Salhouse Lodge and Salhouse Stag (Bell) no longer choose to advertise, but one does. Salhouse Service Station, now trading as Salhouse Service Centre from behind the petrol station in Wroxham. Our thanks to Richard Bales for staying with us when they relocated. As ever a few extra advertisers would be good so if you know of anyone please let me know. A special thanks as well to Rachael Constantine of Cora Studios who creates an advert for new advertisers charging next to nothing.

Our content continues to be wide and varied forming the bulk of the magazine and this is what sets us apart from others which are predominantly an advertising booklet...in my view! Last year our Scout groups included individual reports from some of the scouts which were both original and very well received. Our thanks to all those who contribute and please talk to Colin if you want to submit something but need a little help before doing so. Over the last year you will have noticed more

activities and events being promoted in the village which is great to see and brings the community of Salhouse together, young and old alike.

Pauline's army of distributors always get the magazine distributed within 24 hours of receiving them whatever the weather but we are now out reserves following a couple of retirements. If you would like to do your bit please contact Pauline. If you are someone who always counts your daily steps this is a great way of hitting your target. We now look forward to 50 years, our Golden Anniversary.

## **7. Open Session**

A few questions were raised regarding planning and enforcement within the Parish to which District Cllr. Fran Whymark confirmed Broadland District Council enforcement department are looking into. It was also raised Salhouse suffered short power outage including the mobile telephone mast and what residents do when this occurs as concerns with emergencies and those dependant on landlines. District Cllrs. to investigate and raise with Government.

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Everyone was thanked for attending and presenting their reports.

Refreshments were served courtesy of the Parish Council and Mardle.

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Meeting closed 20:05pm