

**Minutes of the Salhouse Annual Parish Meeting
held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 29th April 2026
held in the Jubilee Hall, Lower Street, Salhouse.**

Present :

Chair – Bob Cooper (Chair Salhouse Parish Council)

Clerk - Sarah Martin

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

Apologies were received from Andrew Peachment (Parish Council), Al Jennings (Police Beat Manager) and District Councillor Martin Murrell.

1. Welcome to all

Bob Cooper welcomed all to the 2026 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 – 30th April 2025

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.

In the last year, the Parish Council has seen some changes in Councillors – sadly, Gemma Hampton, John Leathers and long-standing Councillor Nick Ball resigned – we thank them for their hard work and commitment to the Parish. We also co-opted Mark Baldock onto the Parish Council, however unfortunately we have just received Mark's resignation, so thank you also for all your hard work during your time on the Council. Mark will remain as Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group whilst the review is ongoing. We now have five vacancies for Councillors if anyone is interested in joining the Council – this is a volunteering role but very fulfilling. Please contact the Clerk if you, or you know anyone, who would be interested.

The last year has flown by and as usual the Parish Council has been very busy. We continue to have representation at the local police priority setting meetings where local issues of concern are raised. Some of the issues which continue to be brought to the Parish Council include inconsiderate and sometimes dangerous parking along Lower Street and in Cheney Avenue. Unfortunately the Parish Council do not have any power to deal directly with these issues but continue to work with the Police and Highways to seek resolve as parishioner safety is very important.

We have been promised a 'bus clearway' on Lower Street, and although this has been expected for a long time we hope this will be installed very soon. We are also constantly sharing data collected from our SAM2 speed devices and share this with the Police as there is always data showing vehicles exceeding the speed limit and often excessive speeds. The SAM2 data collected is available to view on the Parish Council website. Our Community Speedwatch team, made up of volunteers, still carry out speed checks to deter speeding in the village. We work closely with the Police and Highways to see what actions can be taken and ways to reduce this speeding, but again the jurisdiction does not lie with the Parish Council – but we keep fighting.

You will have seen installed new village gateways along Bell Lane, Honeycombe Road and Low Road and we hope this will aid speed reduction in these locations. We are however still waiting for improvements to the junction of Station Road and Norwich Road, but again hopefully this will be carried out imminently.

We were advised at the end of March that we had again been successful in a bid from Norfolk County Council's Parish Partnership Fund in which the County Council and Parish Council pay 50/50 for village projects – this year being a some further posts installed around Shrubland Pond where last year the Parish Council along with help from local volunteers and landowner carried out works to reinstate the pond to how it was. Clearing was also carried out at Bell Pond and so it is hoped these works will improve their biodiversity and welcome all to enjoy the area and its wildlife. A bench was also donated and installed at Shrubland Pond, so thank you for that!

Planning is always on the PC agenda, and although the Parish Council is a statutory consultee we aim to represent the views of the local residents in our responses. We would always encourage residents to submit their own comments as we are one response and often the more comments Broadland District Council as the determining planning authority receive the more weight is given.

Nutrient Neutrality is still an ongoing issue affecting many planning applications.

The North Rackheath Development (GT16) received outline planning permission. We are in communication with the developers to set up a Stakehold group to keep informed of the ongoing and put forward the Parishes view in plans.

Salhouse Neighbourhood Plan Review is up and running and there are a number of volunteers working with our consultants to prepare an updated plan. Last year all residents were invited to complete a household survey which the steering group has been reviewing the results and incorporating in the revision where possible. Later this year we will hold a drop in exhibition here in the Jubilee Hall for residents to view the revised Neighbourhood Plan before it is submitted to Broadland District Council for examination.

What else is planned for 2026/2027:

We are planning a community litter pick on Saturday 30th May 2026, and all of you local community groups will be invited to join in and make it a real sense of community effort.

We are still looking at improvements and additional equipment at the recreation ground. We had a good response from the public consultation we held and received many views and suggestions. This is a project which can't be rushed and we need to consider the priorities along with the costs which you will be aware keep going up.

A new bench will be installed on the Lower Street green triangle – a donation from The Mardle has been offered to fund this project which will benefit residents and visitors – so thank you very much for this kind gesture

Salhouse Parish Council, as Trustee of The Reading Room Charity are still reviewing the Charity to ensure we are working in its best interest.

You will have all heard in the news the Governments updates regarding Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation which will see changes when the 3 unitary authorities are created and District and County Councils abolished. Salhouse is proposed to become part of 'Greater Norwich' which may be surprising as the village is part of the Norfolk Broads, but final decisions on all of this lies with Central Government. On 7th May there are County Council elections, and this is your opportunity to vote for who you would like to see represent this area, albeit it may only be for a year until further elections take place for the LGR.

A Parish Councillor role is voluntary and varied, but very rewarding to represent the local community, deliver local services to meet the Parishes need and strive to improve quality of life in the Parish. If residents have any ideas or suggestions the please do contact our Clerk and we can consider them at our regular monthly meeting. Dates of the PC meetings can be found on the noticeboards and website.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Councillors, past and present, and all the volunteers our Parish is fortunate to have such as Speedwatch, working group members, tree steward, defibrillator checkers and all of the community groups who also provide opportunities for inclusion for all members of the community. I hope I have not missed anyone but thank you for all of your hard work and support you all give to this wonderful Community that we are fortunate to live in!

Sadly, our long standing community group Team Salhouse ceased at the end of 2025. The group was established over 18 years ago and has been going strong and improved the village greatly over the years. Unfortunately volunteers have dwindled and no new members have come forward. The valued work the group has done will be taken over by the Parish Council and we aim to hold a couple of Community Planting Days a year to try and retain the work Team Salhouse volunteers have been doing to keep the village looking its best. Keep an eye on the noticeboards, website and social media for details of when these will be and please come along and help.

Team Salhouse thanked with a round of applause.

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

Good evening, thank you for your invite to your meeting this evening.

Team Members:

PC 855 Al JENNINGS.

Sgt 841 Steve KNIGHTLEY.

Team contact: SNtbroadland@norfolk.police.uk

Beat Team Priority Setting Meeting:

Our last Priority setting meeting was held on March 17th 2026, hosted by the Acle Methodist Church. The hybrid meetings of in person and with the choice to join online is working really well. We are always on the look out for venues to host our meetings, so please get in touch if you have a suitable venue. We try to move them around the area as much as possible, this also includes Old Catton, Sprowston, Thorpe St Andrew and Wroxham.

These meetings are to invite any person to come along and talk to us about local policing issues.

Our next Priority Setting Meeting is June 16th 2026 at 1800 hours – Location is to be confirmed.

Please contact the Team on SNtbroadland@norfolk.police.uk for details closer to the time.

Following the last meeting our priority moving forward will be Road Safety.

Road Safety:

The Team have conducted the first Road Safety operation of the year whereby we chose a problematic road, drawn from community complaints and targeted this for speeding offences and other motoring offenses identified. This one was conducted during the hours of darkness as that's what the information suggested were the problematic times. Although this time round the concentration was on Sprowston, Thorpe and Lingwood, please do let us know if speeding is an issue in your area.

We will be arranging further Road Safety operations over the coming months, car meets and the ASB that comes with them are of a particular priority over the summer months and we are working very closely with Broadland District Council on this. There is currently a Public Space Protection Order for the whole of Broadland helping to combat these issues.

We carried out a road safety operation at The Ring Road in Thorpe St Andrew on a Friday evening on the 7th March. Reports of cars racing down towards Sainsbury's in the evening. Thought to be the same people hanging around at Broadland Business Park.

I have patrolled The play area on Thieves Lane during the last month and will continue to do so during the summer months.

I will focus my foot patrols at Salhouse Broad and Cean Meadow in Wroxham as the weather improves and throughout the summer.

I have carried out high visibility foot patrols outside Salhouse Primary School at the end of the school day.

Crime stats for Salhouse – January to March 2026.

4 crimes

2 x Burglary Business and Community. (Both linked to the same incident)

Shipping container broken into overnight. Untidy search but nothing seems to have been taken. Undetected.

1 x Sexual offence reported.

1 x Criminal Damage to victims gate and CCTV. Undetected.

1 x Anti-social behaviour reported. Neighbour dispute.

Next Police priority Setting Meeting being held on 16th June 2026

5. District and County Councillor – report from District Cllr Martin Murrell

This year has been a mixed bag at Broadland district Council with the current administration and little progressing. GT16 planning application came forward in March. A lot of work has been done regarding the infrastructure and trigger points, and this will come back to District committee to consider. With regard to the Leisure Centre, it is being looked at pooling CIL monies to get a really good development. In July 2025, the application was approved for the pharmacy, dentist and opticians next to the Magna medical centre, hoping to commence building in June 2026 with a 9 month build. It will support students to come in to utilise the practise. Infrastructure is on place, however the medical centre has no official opening date due to the NHS services still awaiting a licence to be issued. Residents who live within the catchment area of the Hoveton and Wroxham Medical practice will be able to register at this medical centre.

The Government issued its 'minded to' decision for 3 unitary Councils for Norfolk/Suffolk, although not the cheapest option. Final decision from Government expected September/October 2026. Norfolk County Council wanted 1 unitary for main services such as adult social care and children's social care and SEND.

This decision sees Salhouse in the 'Greater Norwich' area.

County Council elections taking place in May 2026; May 2027 sees shadow unitary council elections; May 2028 Mayoral election.

Q – are there any avenues to challenge which unitary Salhouse has been placed in?

A – challenges in other parts of the Country have never been won before. Best option to contact the MP.

No County Councillor Report.

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

1st Salhouse Scouts Group – report by Simon Hill - Group Lead Volunteer (GLV) -read by Bob Cooper

Just a quick update for you, I took over the 1st Salhouse Scout Group Lead role in September last year from Jackie Rose who has since stepped down from the group.

We do our best to have an entry from each of the three sections (Beavers, Cubs & Scouts) in each edition of the SAGA so hopefully that will give some insight to our activities over the last year.

All Saints Church – report presented by Naomi Tuma

I came into post on 2nd December 2025, with my first job being the Carol Service and Christmas lights switch on. All Saints Church is part of the Bittern Benefice and aims to build Christian connections within the Community. All Saints Church opens every day for prayer and quiet time. Main Sunday services will be at Rackheath at 10.30am. Events will be held in Salhouse and there will be monthly evening services on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 5.30pm, reviewed in September. The Church is looking for a small congregation and therefore trying to make sure there is something happening in each Church. A member of the public commented on the continuing of the Church services and thanked both Naomi and James.

Salhouse Station Group – report given by James Watts (secretary)

The Salhouse Station Group has continued to remain active over the past year. Although progress is very gradual, not least due to challenges in getting engagement from Greater Anglia and successor, we continue to speak out and engage to protect our remaining 1890s railway heritage and to argue for its continued relevance in providing a service to a growing area in the 2020s.

Last April, we all travelled to Becket's Chapel in Wymondham to join over 30 similar East Anglian railway heritage preservation organisations in a joint meeting entitled Save Our Stations. Salhouse had effectively the largest contingent, and it was heartening to have the chance to talk to others such as Brandon who had been facing similar intransigence. Subsequently, members of the committee attended a Brandon meeting, which again provided helpful insights and comparisons.

Throughout the year, we had a visible presence at local events including at Rackheath and Salhouse school summer fetes and at Sailfest at the Broad last July. In each case, there was great interest in what we were doing. We also became an incorporated body to help with future fundraising.

Very sadly, we lost our wonderful Chairman, Peter Treglown, in December, and we miss his energy and sense of fun and determination very much. But we have continued to meet regularly since, completing our Business Case for station investment and preservation and working with Bittern Line Partnership to view the work others are undertaking in stations such as Worstead.

Following the example of Worstead we are looking at the possibility of a public art competition to decorate the current hoardings and improve the welcome the station can give to locals and visitors alike.

As major development takes place on Salhouse's borders in the coming years, we are confident the economics of having a pre-built station building to accommodate increasing use with intact waiting rooms and toilets will reassert itself, and we stand ready to continue to make that case.

We welcome all those interested in joining us. We are particularly interested in those who can help us set up our new website – so if you have technical abilities, do let us know!

Salhouse Tree Steward – report by James Cleaver

In the last year, previously planted trees have been maintained with the help of volunteers. I enjoyed working with Kelly at Salhouse Broad to help organise planting of 850 trees near the Broad carpark. These are now in leaf and look promising.

The Community Treen Nursery has been dormant due to personal commitments, but I hope to have capacity to start growing again winter 2026/27.

Community Events Team – read by James Cleaver

SalFest 2025

We held SalFest 2025 last year at the Broad. A huge success attended by 1000 people with live music throughout the day. Water activities, nature activities, crafts marquee, Food, drink.

Thanks support from Salhouse Parish Council & Cherry Lane Garden Centre.

SalFest 2026

Massive thanks to supporters: Salhouse united charities trust, Salhouse Parish Council & Cherry Lane Garden Centre. Date for diary Saturday 11th July 12-8pm.

This year, I asked Gemini AI for a poem about SalFest:

Where the Water Meets the Magic: SalFest 2026

Where the reeds sway gently and the summer breezes play,

Salhouse Broad is calling you for one iconic day.

On Saturday, July eleventh, from noon until eight,

SalFest is back in bloom—and there's no charge at the foot-gate!

The rhythm of the live music will echo through the trees,

While water sports and nature activities set every soul at ease.

*The community bar is the spot for a cold drink or two,
And the Children's Craft Marquee has creative things to do.*

*Follow the scent of Kerbside Kitchen to satisfy your soul,
The Hungry Otter being the ultimate flavour goal.
A majestic Wherry waits for you to step upon its deck,
And Natural England's free boat trips are a sight you'll want to check.*

*Look out for Carl's Bubble Mania and his famous Bubble Car,
With face painting and storytelling to make you feel a star.
But keep your eyes wide open for a sight from stars away—
Stormtroopers may be visiting the Broad for SalFest day!*

*But a festival this wondrous doesn't simply appear,
It takes a local team to bring the magic every year.
Salhouse Community Events needs hands to help it through—
To make the magic happen, we really need you!*

Volunteers are still needed for Salfest 2026!

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 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 in Norwich after each session for processing by them. Formal letters are then sent out to the owners of logged vehicles and for 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

Within Salhouse Parish inward and outward traffic on Bell Lane continues to be a key area of concern for speeding and has been a main focus of our monitoring. This is also partly due to the ease of logistics and the now very much reduced team of volunteers to only 4 members.

Annual regional Speedwatch meetings are usually held with Norfolk Constabulary and other parties involved with the operation of the service. Statistical data is reviewed as well as an overview of the service in general and new technologies becoming available.

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. One unit is normally deployed between sites on Bell Lane and Lower St whereas the second unit is deployed on Norwich Rd.

The purpose of these is to detect, warn and remind motorists when they exceed the speed limit for the road on which they are travelling. Also the recorded data is used to indicate any 'hot spots' and provide statistics about vehicle volume and traffic flow within the parish. Data from these units is also forwarded to the police for their information.

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

It's great we have completed another year in charge of the village hall. The first thing I would like to say is a big thank you to the committee in charge of running the hall. We grew in numbers last year which means that there are more people to share the jobs and gain new ideas from.

The hall remains in good order but there are still jobs to do, and we need to make every effort to get them done this year. Due to bookings still being down significantly on 5 years ago, we are going to have to rely more on charitable donations, as our regular income is not enough to manage the running costs of the hall as well as ensuring that the hall is well maintained with any new improvements needed to keep the hall up to date. That said we still get really positive feedback about how nice the hall is from all our users.

Committee Members

Sadly, we said goodbye to Pat Barnes, our Bookings Clerk last year. As we looked to move to an online booking and invoicing system, Pat decided that it was time for her to step down from the position. Pat has served the village in many ways and has been on the village hall committee since the new village hall was opened and I would like to thank Pat on behalf of the committee for all her hard work and support over the years.

As Pat leaves we welcomed Kate Deacon onto the committee who has taken on the role of Bookings Clerk. Kate moved into the village just over 18 months ago and was keen to support the village in some way. I also want to thank both Kate and Natalie, our treasurer, who have put a lot of time and effort into moving us to an on-line booking and invoicing system so we become more efficient, avoid non payments and generally make it an easier process for those wanting to book the hall. More on that in the following committee meeting.

Events

We held two quiz's last year and whilst the first one was small in numbers, made up largely of friends and family of the committee, the second of the year was almost full to capacity with lots of non-committee in attendance which is really positive. This is a good source of income for the hall and we will be repeating again this year, with our next quiz on Saturday 14th March. Thank you to Dean our quiz master who supports us free of charge so we can hold these events

Then in December we held our annual Christmas Fayre, reverting back to the first Saturday in December, following feedback that we clashed with other big Christmas Fayres and it was too early when held at the end of November, but we kept our afternoon slot which seemed to work well. This was followed by the switching on of the Christmas lights along with Carols. Thank you to the new Vicar, Naomi Tuma, for coming along and kicking off the carols and supporting the village hall.

Sadly numbers were down on previous years, as we struggle to attract some of the younger families in the village to come along and support the hall, something we need to think how we overcome and keep the hall relevant for all in the village

Maintenance

There were no big pieces of maintenance outside of the normal wear and tear and repairs to keep the hall functioning last year, however we have identified areas where we need to improve our facilities, such as a hearing loop, as well as some major pieces of maintenance and upkeep for the hall this year. As previously stated we need to look beyond our own resources in order to fund this work, but must make sure the improvements identified are carried out this year, as the following year we are likely to need to get all the external windows painted, which is a large expense.

Hall Hire

We do still have a good number of regular bookings, although not as many as 5 years ago as already stated, and ad-hoc bookings also seem to be on the rise again, which is positive. Sadly last year we thought we may get a long term regular booking with a Tutoring group who wished to use the hall during the day when we have few bookings and up to 15 hours a week, which would have raised significant funds for the hall, but unfortunately the funding for this support was cut last year and the group were unable to make this booking. We do remain in touch with them and hope that there will be other opportunities in the future

Finally, I would once again like to thank the committee for all their hard work and I look forward to the rest of 2026

Afternoon Tea and Mardle – report read by Julie Redburn

The monthly Tea and Mardle continues to attract around 40 people in an average month. The formula is a very simple one; sit around for a couple of hours for a relaxed chat over a cup of tea or coffee, a quiz and a raffle, with ample sausage rolls and cake available. All for a mere £1 per head and free refills.

Even with this very low charge, we manage to make a small income, so I'm pleased to say recently we have made a donation to the Jubilee Hall Committee for their improvements, and we will also shortly be making a donation to the Parish Council to install a new bench in the village.

We couldn't do it without our volunteer helpers, especially those behind the scenes who bake such wonderful cakes and refuse to take any money for ingredients; I've tried baking a cake myself, so I know how expensive this can become.

So, many thanks to Julie, Jools, Jane, Beverly, Denise for the cakes, Sarah for the sausage rolls, Margaret and Doreen for selling raffle tickets and Keith for calling the raffle.

The event is open to everyone of all ages, and although it has to be said that we tend to attract ladies of a certain age group, everyone is welcome, so please come along at 2pm on the second Wednesday of the month.

Salhouse Saga Magazine – read by Colin McCormick

The Salhouse Saga village magazine continues into its 43rd year. Our printing costs are covered by advertising, so we are always grateful to our advertisers for their support, especially if they are local businesses. Advertising in the village magazine is not just about increasing sales or footfall, it is about being a part of the community, and I'm glad to say that a number of local businesses have joined us recently.

That having been said, we think we bring the right amount of news and editorial to keep our readers interested and informed, and we have got the right balance of advertising vs editorial. We have no desire to emulate The Village Book that comes through your door.

In a good year, the magazine makes a small surplus, so I am pleased to say that this year we have been able to make a donation to the Jubilee Hall Committee's appeal for funds.

We would like our magazine if possible to include a report from every group or activity in the village, so if anyone here tonight is involved with any group that has not featured in the Saga, please get in touch, it doesn't cost anything except a small amount of your time.

And I'm always on the lookout for interesting and topical photos for our colour pages.

Finally, thanks to our team of Richard Flatters and Pauline Garner, and thanks to our deliverers who get the magazines through the doors so efficiently.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – report by Mark Baldock – Chair

The neighbourhood plan is an important document and once approved will provide a structure and guide for the planning authority to use to determine planning applications. The project was started in July last year and we have consultants on board. The first phase was a networking day where we looked around the village at properties and landscapes. Salhouse already has a Neighbourhood Plan, and this review is to see how much change there has been, and what influence there has been by new legislation. The new plan will have 5 objectives and 13 policies. A household survey carried out in October 2025 and received a good response which will help us to produce a statistically sound plan. The design code has been collected by the consultants and is ongoing. Draft policies are near completion. The group have identified key assets/buildings in the Parish (so far we've got up to 35!), local green spaces and important views. The North Rackheath development will sit within Salhouse and therefore be included within the Neighbourhood Plan.

The draft plan hopes to be presented to the Parish Council in July, and then a public exhibition will be held to seek further comments, following that any amendments made before going to Broadland District Councils for further consultation with statutory consultees, and then to an independent examiner who will decide if it needs referendum. We will continue to consult with the Parish. We are on track and hope to be fully completed and adopted by the end of the financial year (March 2027). The group relies on volunteers. What can go wrong?- the planning regime may change. So far we have tested it against other neighbourhood plans. I'd like to thank everybody involved in this project.

THE SALHOUSE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROJECT				
Document	Period	Author	Date	
NP Steering Group Status Report	1-30 April 2026	Mark Baldock/Wendy Browne	28 April 2026	
Overall	Timeline	Resource	Deliverables	Risks
Status Summary Overall: Review of the Salhouse Neighbourhood Plan continues apace. Deliverables: Draft policies updated, Final Design Code in preparation. Household Survey results analysed to ensure revised Plan reflects residents' priorities. Timeline: Project on track to complete by end of 2026/27. Resource: Sufficient but stretched. SPC originally allocated up to £20k of CIL monies for NP review. This covers the consultants' fee. Costs tracking to budget. Risks: Key risks around capacity, evidence and dependencies		This Reporting Period (1-30 April 2026) Governance: The review has continued to make solid & steady progress strengthened through regular SPC reporting. Deliverables: Updated draft policies prepared, full resident survey analysed, and key evidence—particularly heritage and character work—advanced. Design Code now in final development. Review remains aligned with wider planning requirements, including other NPs. Timeline: Project well-positioned to move into the next phase of evidence completion and policy refinement.		
Next Reporting Period (1-31 May 2026) Governance: Next SG to be held on 21/5. Regular SPC reporting to continue. Deliverables: Near completion of remaining evidence work—including the Design Code, heritage and character assessments, and any outstanding site-specific analysis—so that all draft policies can be refined into near-final form. Draft NP policies approach near-final form and final checks undertaken to ensure they incorporate survey findings, consultee input, and updated national guidance. Timeline: First cut of 'complete' NP document potentially available by end of the month.		Key Risks Key risks being managed are: • Capacity: Heavy reliance on small volunteer group. Any reduction in availability or delays in drafting, reviewing, or approving documents could slow progress. • Evidence: Completion of Design Code and remaining evidence (including heritage, landscape, and site-specific assessments) is essential, and any slippage would push back statutory consultation timetable. • External dependencies: potential changes to national planning policy during 2026, the need for alignment with BDC emerging Local Plan, and delays in receiving technical feedback from statutory consultees. Formal Regs 14 & 16 stages carry inherent risks if consultation responses require significant redrafting.		

Salhouse Reading Group – report read by Julie Redburn

The Reading Group has been running for a number of years, in fact so long I can't remember when we started. It was pre Covid, so six years minimum! that means a lot of books.

Currently we are fourteen avid readers and our choices for the months ahead are chosen by recommendation of our readers. The Salhouse Saga always publishes a list of the forthcoming books, and we hope that if parishioners aren't able to join us they can at least read the books we have selected.

Having had a number of venues over the years, including Zoom, we have now found our permanent home. It is the Jubilee Hall on the first Thursday of the month at 7.00 pm.

We would welcome any newcomers, it leads to a more spirited discussion on our choice and opinion of our selections.

If you feel you would like to join us, come along for a taster evening, you would meet a lively friendly bunch of readers happy to chat about books and life in general.

If you need any further info, call Julie on 01603 720049.

Salhouse Broad – report by Kelly Banthorpe

Solar Bike Charging Units As part of a Broads Authority initiative, we were expecting to receive one solar bike charging unit but finished up with three. We'll be monitoring their use over the coming year and, depending on popularity, we may look to relocate or reduce the number of units, as we're not entirely happy with their current positioning.

Campsite Showers We are currently installing showers at the campsite. It has been a long slog, with Nutrient Neutrality requirements proving a significant hurdle, but we are getting there. We hope the

showers will be open within the next week, which should make for a much more comfortable stay for those camping with us.

Reedbed Restoration Volunteers have been working through the winter to remove willow from the reedbed to the east of the main path to the broad. The aim is to help regenerate the reedbed, and the work has had the bonus of opening up the vista as you walk down the path; a noticeable improvement.

Car Park Extension We still hold planning permission to extend the car park, but it's felt that the need has lessened over time. During the Covid period there was considerable pressure on us to address parking, but that has eased significantly in the years since.

Open Water Swimming We're excited to announce that open water swimming sessions will be coming to the Broad. Sessions will be properly managed, with lifeguards on hand, marked buoys in the water, and regular water quality testing.

WW2 Whaleback Rescue Boat Salhouse Broad has been providing a home for a WW2 Whaleback rescue boat. We've been happy to offer the boat a free mud weight berth while the team behind it raise the funds needed to have it lifted and restored. A nice piece of history to have with us in the meantime.

Salfest 2026 We're looking forward to June and the return of Salfest. We're really pleased that the Salhouse Community Events Team have chosen to hold their event with us again — it's a great occasion, and it means a lot to be able to offer that to the community and for Salhouse Broad to be part of it.

Thank you to James for planting 850 trees!

Salhouse United Charities – read by Steve Piper

Since the last report to the Annual Parish Meeting the Trustees of Salhouse United Charities Trust have lost the services of Rev Darleen Plattin, having moved on to pastures new, and welcomed the Rev Naomi Tuma as Trustee.

The current Trustees are now Pauline Garner (Secretary), Graham Johnston, Martin Murrell (Vice Chair), Stephen Piper (Chair) and Rev Naomi Tuma.

We have had two full meetings since the last report with Naomi joining as a new Trustee in March this year.

Our main activity continues to be the promotion of the Charity's presence in the village and the financial help that the Charity could provide to residents of Salhouse should they encounter unexpected expenses especially now with rising fuel and other costs.

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.

Last Christmas we provided food hampers to three residents and also a grant to the Jubilee Hall to help with essential maintenance and improvements.

We only had one request for financial help from an individual which we were able to meet.

Salhouse C of E Primary School – report from Hayley Sonnex - read by Sarah Martin

Our school has 5 classes and an onsite nursery Fledglings. The school has not yet academised and is still part of Norfolk County Council. The school is a church school and continues to be well supported by the Diocese of Norwich.

The school has 23 children due to join Reception in September. There are currently 133 children on roll.

There is the possibility that two additional classes will be built, this would mean that eventually the school would become a one form entry school. There is also a proposal to improve our outdoor area for our youngest children who are in Reception which would be fantastic for our children. The advantage for the school growing is that we would no longer need to split some year groups across

two classes, and we would no longer have mixed age classes. The school would have the potential to grow to 210 pupils.

The school continues to offer trips to enhance the curriculum. Our Kingfishers class visited the aviation museum in the autumn term. Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed 3 days at Hilltop in Sheringham in March. They experienced lots of exciting activities as well as developing skills in independence and resilience. Our Bitterns class hatched chickens earlier in the year and enjoyed seeing the stages of growth. Our KS2 children performed Alice the Musical to their families before the Easter holidays. The children were amazing!

We have a proactive Friends committee (FOSS) who continue to raise money for the school. Like all schools, budgets continue to be tight.

The school has strong links with the other schools in the federation but also has links with other schools in the Broadland cluster. The children benefit from regular cluster sports tournaments. Staff also have opportunities to work together.

If any members of the council would like a tour of the school please contact the school office and we would be very happy to show you around.

7. Open Session

John Fielder spoke regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and the Parish split with Station Road. Also mentioned Bears Grove (also known as 'Salhouse Park' and will this still be part of Salhouse?

Colin McCormick responded that Bears Grove within the Masterplan is included as part of the green area.

Naomi Tuma asked how young people have been consulted on the Neighbourhood Plan?

Mark Baldock responded that view from all were requested in the household survey, however, will look at other NP's to see how this can be covered.

Naomi Tuma asked for the costs to 'wild swim' at Salhouse Broad.

Kelly Banthorpe responded, £8.50 per session plus need to apply for membership.

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Everyone was thanked for attending and presenting their reports.

Refreshments were served.

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Meeting closed 20:31pm