1. **Present:** Chairman Cllr Pugh, Cllr Salisbury, Cllr Deane, Cllr Smith  
   **Other present:** Cllr Horne, Cllr Robinson, Brian Watkins - Highways, Lianne Butler – Amey, Hilary Lyon – Village agent.

2. **Apologies:** Cllr Wallace

3. **Declaration of interest related to items on the agenda:** Cllr Smith – Planning and Cllr Pugh – finance.

4. **Minutes of the last meeting:**  

5. **Matters Arising:**

   **B4215:**  
   Speed, .. County Council Highways said nothing had been discussed as yet. The speed limit is set by the Police on the average speed of the traffic. Mr Watkins confirmed that he will contact the Police and arrange for a flashing speed sign to be temporarily installed, he also suggested speed measurements to be taken within the next 2 months. The road by Homestalls Cottages is to be used. He will contact us re a meeting.  
   Road markings, .. It was confirmed that the previous lines were solid at the intersection and not broken as now. A broken down Land Rover driver was terrified as a bus just missed the car as there was no longer a marked bus stop. A safety audit had been completed on the existing markings which were considered dangerous. The intention is to reinstate the road markings as they were previously, this won’t be until the weather warms up to ensure stability of markings. He was unsure about the bus stop markings, they were looking into the possibility of the bus stop being moved to the old road.

   **Tibberton Dump:**  
   Gate hinge is still broken. This was brought to Mr Watkins attention on 8th May 2014. He said it would have to await the next financial year. When asked if he would be happy with a local resident making the repair and invoicing the County Council for it he agreed it would be a good idea subject to quotes. He said he would provide a padlock and chain as well.

   **River Leadon:**  
   Leave on Agenda.

6. **Planning:**  
   **Rudford Farm Appeal:** Chairman to attend. The 2 previous appeals had been rejected because of impact on the countryside, it was suggested that the same be used, 2003 refusal Bridge Farm, if asked to speak.

7. **Correspondence:** None.

8. **Finance:** Agreeing Internal Auditor: Cllr Salisbury agreed to take on the task of internal auditor.  
   New Financial regulations. These need bringing up to date as well as the Standing Orders and Governance and Accountability. The Clerk will meet with the Chairman to discuss this.

   Cllr Horne said the River Leadon is under the jurisdiction of the Lower Severn Drainage Board is classed as a low risk system therefore attracts the lowest funding which means no maintenance at all. The sluice gates to the Leadon at Over are broken making the flooding worse and there are no scheduled repairs.  
   Fly tipping is becoming a problem again, evidence is needed.  
   The Pride of the Forest Awards nominations are needed.  
   There has been a complaint from the new houses in Buttermilk Lane, the speed of cars along that stretch of road is a problem for access.  
   Cllr Robinson that the County Council/ Ambulance Service/Support Services are now working more closely to try and avoid the Hospital problems with patient discharge.  
   The Police and County Council are working closely to bring the problems of internet grooming to the fore.

9. **Public Session:** There have been 5 serious accidents along the Highnam/ Newent road on the last year. One of the problem areas is between 2 Mile Lane and Church Lane. The mirror that is cracked was put back, Mr Watkins will ensure
this is replaced with a new one. He will also look at the possibility of better signage to flag dangerous junctions, bends etc. He stated that ANY accidents need to be reported to the Highways Dept to enable them to keep correct records.

Meeting closed 8.10pm.

**Date of Next Parish Meeting: Monday 23rd March 2015 in Rudford & Highleadon Village Hall, Rudford at 7.30.**

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