

Traffic Calming Measures Stage 1

There has been further administrative slippage but by the time this newsletter is published the construction of Stage 1 works should be in progress. Works include: -

1. Establish a 20 mph zone around the school approaches, the foot of Chapel Hill and the Churchyard entrance, running from The Knapp to Stearnes Yard.
2. Extend the 30 mph limit further up Chapel Hill to the driveway of the big barn.
3. On Barton Road establish a 400m long 40 mph buffer speed limit from just before the left hand bend into the village, associated with chicane structures within the 30 mph limit to reduce speeds.
4. On the road from Harston provide a 40 mph buffer zone from just before the entrance to Penn Farm into Haslingfield 30 mph zone.

Bob Branch

Traffic Calming Measures Stage 2

We are now thinking about traffic calming measures to be put forward for stage 2. We have not received any residents' suggestions for measures yet. Suggestions are welcome and should be submitted to the Parish Clerk or myself for consideration.

Measures we are considering include; on the road from Harston, extending the existing 30 mph limit from the Harston side to the Haslingfield side of the river bridge and putting priority signing at the bridge (awaiting agreement from Harston Parish Council); further measures in the village to discourage speeding; possible additional measures in Harston Road and Barton Road after seeing how Stage 1 measures work out.

We will also have to take account of what happens with the recent outline planning application submitted to SCDC by CEMEX, which Barrington and Haslingfield Parish Councils and many residents have

objected to. We will consider what measures might be affordable on Chapel Hill. Discussions on options are in hand with CCC Highways.

When ideas become clearer we will arrange for a public consultation meeting to carry things forward.

Bob Branch

Parish Emergency Plan

Our Village Emergency Plan is now well developed under our Emergency Plan Co-ordinator Tony Adcock and his volunteer team. A significant amount of emergency equipment has been purchased and securely stored, an emergency communications set up established and sources of emergency support equipment identified. Let us hope that we never need these emergency arrangements but we are prepared if we do. A desk exercise to test the Plan is to be done in March.

The Parish Council is looking at the possibility of providing an emergency defibrillator in a redundant telephone box near the Village Shop or at another suitable location – watch this space!

Village Hall Developments

The refurbishment of the changing rooms and toilets started in early January and is likely to be completed by Friday 13th February 2015. The Hall will continue to remain open during this period. We have appointed Nigel Mills from Millcam Construction to do the work and Tony Adcock will liaise with Nigel during this period to ensure that any inconvenience to users is kept to a minimum.

If you have any queries or concerns during the refurbishment will you please contact Tony at tony@tonyadcock.co.uk.

The Hall will continue to be available during this period for bookings. Bookings from the 1st January are the responsibility of Terry Baker who can be contacted on 01223 87210 or at terrybaker1@hotmail.co.uk.

A plaque has been fixed on the wall near the door of the Hall, commemorating the bequest of the Recreation Ground to the village by

Henry Badcock. This has been done because the existing stone monument is deteriorating and cannot be re-lettered economically.

The next User Group meeting is to be held on Wednesday 4th March 2015. If you are a regular user and your group is not represented, and you would like to come along just ring me on 872848 or email jenny.jullien@icloud.com

Jenny Jullien – Secretary

Trees in the Village

The Elms has just received a bit of a make over. Several of the trees on the green there have been either pruned or removed and some of the ivy has been removed. One of the trees was in danger. Two trees were removed from Lilac Close. One was rotted and the other had grown too large and was too close to a property.

We are working with the new Tree Officer at SCDC on planning for replacement trees in the Community Orchard in Wellhouse Meadow, some shade trees at the Recreation Ground and other amenity trees and shrubs in various spots around the village.

It is not always understood that many trees have a finite life; that they can become too big for their location and a potential danger to house foundations or road traffic or just start to rot. The Parish Council sympathise with some residents who have been disappointed by the results of recent tree surgery (other residents have been pleased!) but we cannot always just let trees grow on regardless.

What we can do is work with residents and advisors both to maintain effectively and to replace amenity trees wherever possible, so please contact the Parish Clerk if you are aware of a tree issue.

The Millennium Pond

The Millennium Pond at the north-east corner of the Recreation Ground has transformed itself into the Millennium Bog area. The water flows in recent years have brought loads of silt from upstream into the original pond and since it is not cost effective to clear it out each year we have a

different ecology in the area now. We have cleared the area around the pond to expose the original paths through the area so we hope that people will explore this area which has been left to naturalise.

We are looking for volunteers to draft information boards about the components of the Recreation Ground and Wellhouse Meadow – any budding graphics artists who may be interested please contact the Parish Clerk on 01223 874585 or haslingfieldparishclerk@gmail.com.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Haslingfield Parish Council is still operating with one councillor short of our compliment. So far we have failed to twist anyone's arm sufficiently for them to agree to offer their services. If you think that you could help out in your community by offering to work as a member of the Council, or want to know more about what is involved, please contact the Chairman or the Parish Clerk in the first instance. The Council will need to review the CVs of any volunteers and to interview them before making a decision and it does not guarantee to co-opt anyone onto the Council just because there is a vacancy.

Cycle Path

We continue our attempts to get the cycle path from Haslingfield towards Cambridge under way.

The original planned route to Grantchester was turned down by Grantchester Parish Council and now we are looking into upgrading the bridleway from River Lane to Hauxton to join up with the A10 cycle route into Cambridge. We are aware that this option is on the main dog walking area for residents and we are looking at ways of creating sufficient space for all.

Lucian Hatfield