

HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12th September 2016

Present –Jenny Jullien, Tony Adcock, Ron van der Hoorn, Lucian Hatfield and Julie Coxall. There were six members of the public present.

- 1 Election of a new Chairman** – Jenny Jullien was voted in as the new Chairman. Proposed TA, seconded LH. All in favour.
- 2 Election of Vice Chairman** – Tony Adcock was voted in as the new Vice Chairman. Proposed JJ, seconded LH. All in favour.
- 3 Apologies for Absence** – None.
- 4 Members Declaration of interest for items on the Agenda** – None.
- 5 Open Forum for Public Participation** – The Whippet 75 bus (and sometimes the Stagecoach 118) has been causing problems. There have been several random cancellations leaving passengers stranded at bus stops. Whippet say they have had problems recruiting staff and are now advertising in London. Letters of complaint have been sent. There are tree branches blocking a lamp at the entrance to the Village Hall. The sign for Haslingfield coming into the village is obscured. **Action FL**
- 6 County Councillor’s Report** - Sebastian Kindersley informed the council that CCC can no longer afford to take responsibility for cleaning and clearing road signage of foliage and this will now have to be allocated to volunteers within the village. There are obvious safety implications in doing so, so high visibility clothing will have to be obtained and worn.

Boundary Commission - Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for CCC have now been made. Despite HPC writing to ask to be put with Harlton they decided not to modify their recommendations. This division comprises Babraham, Great Shelford, Harston, Haslingfield, Hauxton, Little Shelford, Newton, Sawston and Stapleford parishes. From May 2017 this means we will no longer have Sebastian as our County Councillor.

Cambridge Sporting Village - The application comprises 520 new homes (40% of which will be affordable), ‘inspirational sports facilities’ and ‘social infrastructure’. The infill will be on the west side affecting all our villages, which are in danger of becoming urban sprawl. Part of the Green Belt is destined to be used to redevelop Cambridge United Football Club. We need to take a stand.

Devolution – This looks as if it will now go ahead, despite much local opposition, and a mayor will probably be elected in 2017. This will require a Section 106 contribution of over £8.6 million to provide a busway from Cambridge West, who has said they won’t now be able to provide 40% affordable housing as they have to spend so much money on infrastructure.

7 **District Councillor's Report - by Doug Cattermole**

Grosvenor Sporting Village - Grosvenor estates has now submitted the planning application for a new sporting facility and additional housing on the green belt next to the Trumpington Meadows development. This includes a new sporting village facility of a sports hall, cycle track and all weather pitches plus 520 homes. It is tied in to the development of the Cambridge United stadium by the same developer, where they will improve the stadium and also build more flats and houses.

The rationale of building this on green belt land, which should be protected, is justified by the developer saying this provides sports facilities. However, they are using the housing and the revenue this will produce to fund both projects, so the proposal to build on green belt land is driven by a funding requirement by a commercial developer.

Major problems will arise from if this development goes ahead in terms of further congestion on the routes into Cambridge on this side of the City. We have seen huge development of the south side of the City and it is time now to protect the green belt from further intrusion. If this goes ahead, where will the developments end? We can imagine infill of all the area up to the M11 and then moving beyond that.

The villages around the south side of Cambridge are seeing issues of quality of life with added congestion and difficulty of accessing amenities in the City. The land between the villages and the city is gradually being built on for houses changing the whole aspect of the environment.

Devolution - Following the consultation exercise there will be a special Council meeting on this subject on 26th October 2016.

Greater City Deal - This continues to rumble on with discussion about affordable housing, and it seems that a compromise has been reached on a definition of any affordable housing in any type of development. There is a City Deal website at www.gccitydeal.co.uk.

- 8 **To approve and sign minutes of the meeting of 11th July 2016** – Proposed RH, seconded JC. Approved nem con.
- 9 **Matters to be reported from these minutes** – The City Deal meeting scheduled for 18th August was cancelled (see item 11).
- 10 **Planning applications and decisions: Ref: S/2184/16/OL** – Former Waste Water Treatment Facility, Cambridge Rd, Hauxton; Demolition of structures, remediation and redevelopment for up to 32 dwellings with new areas of open space, associated. The PC objected to this application. **Ref: CA441** - Application for Tree Works to trees in a conservation area, 39 Church St, Haslingfield. The PC had no objections. **SCDC decision notices: S/1241/16/FL** 11 Trinity Close, front extension. Approved 23/8/16.
- 11 **Additional Matters for Discussion:**
 - a) **Traffic Calming** –John Miller attended the meeting to discuss proposals for an integrated traffic calming system, working with Skanska to complete phases. A

questionnaire is to be drafted and delivered to all households, so feedback on options is fully documented. **Action LH**

Skanska have said they will go ahead with the road markings in October/November and the fencing will be done after that. A Public Consultation meeting, with Skanska present to give advice on integrated phases, is to be arranged for October/November time. Proposed plans will be put on the website. **Action RH**

- b) **Community Governance Review Meeting** – Clare Gibbons, Development Officer, will be giving a presentation at the October PC Meeting to explain the recommendation on changing boundaries.

12 **Committee and Working Party Reports:**

- a) **Environment** – Bob Branch sent a report saying the tree survey was received and will be reported on next month, liaising with the Clerk to ensure quotes are received for urgent work. Overgrown areas on Wisbey's Yard have been reported to SCDC, with volunteers on standby in case of inaction. Lilac Close volunteers are weeding the new planting and ivy will be cleared soon. Sylvia Armit is arranging for new fruit trees to be planted in the autumn, using previously allocated PC funds. A plaque for the Jubilee Oak has been received and Rebecca Ridley has been asked to plant it. RB is to look at future landscaping at 1 The Elms, in discussion with JJ.
- b) **Tennis Courts** – The compulsory fencing around the shed will be done soon.
- c) **Village Hall** - The front doors have now been replaced after 22 years. The PC would like to thank Clive Blower for maintaining the flower beds and Alan Stevens for repairing the wall. The light in the away changing room has been replaced and all the electrics PAT tested. Plans for the Village Hall extension will be available on the website in due course. **Action TA**
- d) **Allotments** – There are 2 plots currently free. The rent renewal is due in October. The BBQ at the end of September has now been cancelled, due to lack of response. It has been good growing weather.
- e) **Trumpington Meadows** – nothing new to report.
- f) **Connections Bus** – A report from Alan Webb, Project Manager, was received and circulated.
- g) **Play Areas** – Play Maintain will be coming to fix the magnetic gates in the next couple of weeks. The Clerk is to contact Mickey Irie again to repair the Skatepark, as agreed. **Action FL**
- h) **C&V and Website** – Nothing to report.
- i) **Cycle Path** – Richard Pemberton (RP) is in favour of a cycle path. He has resurfaced a lot of Cantelupe Road and removed the electric fence. The new proposal is for the cycle path to run through Barton, along the bridleway, to Grantchester. RP has cut the verge so it's wide enough to contain a cycle path. Confirmation is needed from King's Estates, and when the go-ahead is given a document will be drawn up for the footpaths officer. Unclaimed Section 106 monies will be used to cover costs. Doug Cattermole will see if there are plans to link up to Trumpington Meadows. **Action DC**
- j) **Haslingfield School** – Lucian Hatfield has not yet done anything about railings or parking issues, as this needs to be costed out. Possible railings, to stop people parking on the bend and children from going into the road, should be included in the traffic calming budget. **Action LH**

13 Correspondence – A letter was received from Bob Branch on 5th September, tendering his resignation as Chairman with immediate effect, for family reasons. He has offered to run the Environmental Working Party and give advice where needed. This was accepted by the PC. An email was received from Kirsty Walker on 4th September, also tendering her resignation for family reasons. It was agreed to do a leaflet drop to every house in the village, asking for people to apply for vacant Parish Councillor roles. Ex councillors will be asked to help deliver. **Action All**
 A letter was received from BT wanting to remove the phone box on Barton Road, as no calls were made over the last 12 months. All agreed.
 A letter was received from Plexus Law with an insurance claim relating to damage from trees next to 1 The Elms, on Parish Council land. This will be disputed. The claim has been passed to the Liability Handling Office at Alliance, via Aon.

14 Finance – A quote was received from CGM for £240 + VAT to tidy and prune the remaining trees next to 1 The Elms and re-seed the corner. Proposed TA, seconded JC. **Action FL**
 Alan Stevens is to be asked to clean and prune around the village signs. Ron van der Hoorn offered the use of his strimmer. **Action FL**
Salaries – Clerk, Roy Brown, Alan Stevens – Payments proposed TA, seconded RH. Approved.

Invoices Paid on 12/09/2016

Tony Adcock (BT bill for Village Hall)	£108.63
Sam Bowden	£60.00
Cambs ACRE	£109.20
Alan Stevens	£86.10
Clerk's fees	£819.58
Roy Brown	£178.40
Clerk's expenses	£52.97
Hayden's (tree survey)	£1763.40
CGM	£886.08
HMR&C	£108.71

Date of the next meeting: Monday 10th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall