

## HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016

**Present** – Bob Branch, Jenny Jullien, Tony Adcock, Kirstie Walker and Julie Coxall. Ron van der Hoorn, County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley and District Councillor Doug Cattermole were in attendance. There were nine members of the public present.

Ron van der Hoorn was interviewed and co-opted onto the Parish Council before the meeting began.

**Apologies for Absence** – Councillor Lucian Hatfield. John Miller, although he has now left the Parish Council, apologised for not being available to discuss the Traffic Calming issues.

- 1 Members Declaration of interest for items on the Agenda** – None
- 2 Open Forum for Public Participation** – Several residents of Barton Road attended to object to the proposals for three chicanes located on the same side of the road, as they felt there was nothing to stop traffic from exiting the village at speed, and a resident felt hemmed in by the position of a chicane outside her driveway. It was explained that these locations were the only practical placement of chicanes so far approved by both Skanska and CCC. (see item 9)
- 3 County Councillors Report** – Sebastian Kindersley reported that the Greater Cambridge City Deal will soon consult on access to the city. An increase of 7000 cars per day driving round the City in the last 2 years means that the City becomes completely gridlocked during peak hours. We need to push for decent, affordable bus services and Park and Cycle schemes, so he asked councillors and members of the public to please participate in the forthcoming survey, soon to be put on the County Council website.

There have been problems with reduced visibility at road junctions due to the lack of County Council verge cutting, which has now been reduced to two cuts a year. Many Parish Councils may have to ask their own contractors to do the work. It was reported that the verge by Penn Farm is overgrown and needs cutting. This is to be reported to CCC. **Action FL**

**A14** - Construction of the new A14 will start in the autumn and will take three years to build (excluding the works in Huntingdon) with the road open to traffic in 2019. Once the new A14 is open, work will start on demolishing the viaduct and constructing the new connections.

**Fostering** - One of the County Council's most important jobs is looking after children via the Fostering and Adoption services. To be a foster carer you need to be over 21 and applications are welcome from people of all social and ethnic backgrounds. CCC offers foster carers training and 24 hour support. If interested, please see [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering).

**Library Review of Fees and Charges** - A £1 charge for reservations will be introduced this year.

- 4 District Councillors Report** – Doug Cattermole reported that the induction meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May was largely procedural. He had attended the recent briefing on the City Deal where three main measures to reduce cross-city traffic at peak times were suggested. Proposals included shutting key streets by means of number recognition cameras, causing £60 fines when breached, charging businesses for parking places and putting in even more residents' parking restrictions. There was talk of having better bus services, cycle paths and green cycle routes into the city to reduce the flow of traffic, but there is very little funding available.

- 5 **To approve and sign minutes of the meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016** – Proposed TA, seconded JJ.
- 6 **Matters to be reported from these minutes** – Lucian Hatfield will report on the progress of setting up the new Working Party at the School at the next meeting. **Action LH**
- 7 **Planning Applications and Decisions: S/1147/16/FL - 21 Church Street;** conversion of dwelling to two flats. Decision deferred awaiting further information from SCDC.  
**S/1241/16/FL – 11 Trinity Close;** rear two storey extension. HPC objects to the development in its current form. **SCDC - Permissions granted: 115 New Road;** to demolish the existing bungalow and replace with a two storey dwelling 13/06/16. **6 Church Street;** front extension & extension to rear dormer, including re-cladding and staining of existing rear dormer 13/6/16.
- 8 **Traffic Calming – Resolution to approve expenditure on Phase 1& 2 Works in Barton Rd, Chapel Hill and Harston Rd and instructing CCC/Skanska accordingly** – The PC decided to go ahead with all the works shown on the drawings for Chapel Hill and Harston Road and around the school. The gates and other road markings will go ahead on Barton Road, but it was decided to leave aside the issue of the chicanes and associated street furniture, signs and road markings for the present time. The intention is to call a public meeting in the autumn, with a representative from Skanska present, to solicit views and alternatives to the current plans. The Parish Council felt it would be wrong to press ahead with something residents don't support. The Chairman will write a letter to the County Council to go ahead with the gates and markings, but to put the chicanes on hold. **Action RB**
- 9 **Additional Matters for Discussion – Queen's Birthday Weekend** - Jenny Jullien reported that of the £1000 budgeted for the Queen's Birthday Weekend £959 was spent. Everyone involved, especially Jenny Jullien, Christine Kipping, Sue Watson and Trina Backhurst, were given a huge vote of thanks for organising such an enjoyable and memorable weekend. None of this would have been possible without the enormous help and support of numerous volunteers from around the village. Quotes were received for the removal of the large tree on the corner of The Elms. It was agreed to accept the quote from Eastern Tree Surgery for £516 including VAT. It was agreed to ask CGM to rotovate the ground and plant trees by Lilac Close bus shelter, at a cost of £760 + VAT. Proposed JJ, seconded JC.

## 10 **Committee and Working Party Reports:**

- a) **Environment** – Bob Branch recently inspected the trees in the Wellhouse Meadow. CGM is keeping nettles and weeds under control. One fruit tree suffered from root-rot and had to be removed. Sylvia Armit will be sending a £66 bill. There will be no more planting until the autumn, when a further six fruit trees will complete a double row in the community orchard. It is hope to organise an event with the school during fruit picking season.
- b) **Tennis Courts** – The Tennis Club haven't yet sent a sketch of where they wish the backless benches to go. Bob Branch is to meet up with them to discuss this and planning permission for the fence. Lawrence Hopkins is to contact RB. **Action RB**
- c) **Village Hall – Ron van der Hoorn reported as follows:**  
The front door has become difficult to open. This will be investigated further and may mean having to get new doors. Quotations have been requested.  
The 26 excess plastic chairs will be stored at RH's work, leaving 14 in the hall.  
The light in the visitor changing room does not always come on and may need replacing. Another light to the rec for football has been requested by Chris Coleridge, in addition to burying the electrical wires (apart from the final spur). RH asked him to check if we need planning permission before the next committee meeting (6 July). **Action RH**

- d) **Allotments** - The committee has written to the plot holders reminding them that a condition of the lease is to ensure that the path around the plots must be maintained and mowed regularly. Plot holders were advised not to let their plots to become overgrown, as tall weeds can be used by vermin to nest. If not addressed, plot-holders may be evicted. Training is being given to use the petrol mower (part of risk assessment and HSE). Ear protectors, gloves and eye protection are available. There are currently no vacant plots. The bank balance is £1,430.35 and the next meeting is on 5<sup>th</sup> July in Little Rose at 7.30pm.
- e) **Trumpington Meadows** – Nothing to report
- f) **Connections Bus** – Nothing to report
- g) **Play Areas** – These have both been very busy. The Play Inspection Company officially confirmed that the Skatepark was safe to use.
- h) **C&V and Website** - The redesign of the menu structure is now almost completed. There are a couple of broken links to fix (primarily the village walks and public transport). There are an increasing number of visits per month. The website is also now on Facebook.
- i) **Cycle Path** – No report was received
- j) **Haslingfield School** – Lucian Hatfield will be organising a Working Party to address the parking issues. Railings and other suggestions will be rolled into the traffic calming consultation in the autumn. **Action LH**
- 11 **Correspondence** – The Local Govt. Boundary Commission wants written submissions regarding the Electoral Boundary Review by 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Harlton are concerned and want Harlton and Haslingfield to be in the same electoral division. Bob Branch is to draft a letter before the next meeting. **Action RB**  
Jenny Jullien agreed to attend the meeting at Coton tomorrow night for the Cambourne to Cambridge & Western Orbital Local Liaison Forum. **Action JJ**
- 13 **Salaries – Clerk, Roy Brown** – Payments proposed TA, seconded RB. Approved.

#### **Invoices Paid on 13/06/2016**

SLCC Clerk's Guide	22.00
CGM	820.08
Play Inspection Company	102.00
Cambs ACRE	43.20
Clerk's Fees	864.86
Roy Brown	149.30
HMR&C	95.51
Clerk's expenses	84.20
Jenny Jullien (expenses for birthday weekend)	217.78
Trina Backhurst (APM expenses for refreshments)	5.00
Haslingfield Parochial Church grant (trees)	500.00
Jamie Seagrave (entertainment)	100.00
Neil Poole (Melody Beats)	200.00
SCDC admin (election costs)	165.00
Haslingfield Methodist Church (room hire)	40.00

**Date of the next meeting: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**