

HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th November 2016

Present –Jenny Jullien, Tony Adcock, Ron van der Hoorn, Lucian Hatfield, Peter Agar, Clive Blower, Tricia Knibbs and Julie Coxall. District Councillor Doug Cattermole and County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley were in attendance. There were three members of the public present.

The three new councillors; Peter Agar, Clive Blower and Tricia Knibbs, returned their completed ‘Register of Financial Interests’ forms and their ‘Declaration of Acceptance of Office’ forms were signed and witnessed in the presence of the Parish Council.

1 Apologies for Absence – None.

2 Members Declaration of interest for items on the Agenda – None.

3 Open Forum for Public Participation – Jay Cole asked what was happening about Environmental matters around the village, as neither she nor the other volunteers had been contacted for over 18 months. Bob Branch’s report was read, where he said some work was being organised for January/February, and that there should ideally be a Councillor in charge of the Environment. Jay Cole offered to co-ordinate the volunteers and report back on progress to the Parish Council, as no councillors wished to take on the responsibility. This offer was accepted.

Speedwatch training has now been attended by most of the volunteers. PC Jenkins will make a visit to advise where to best place the Speedwatch groups. Equipment will cost around £2000 and it may be possible to share the cost with Harlton PC. The Clerk is to investigate further. **Action FL**

Training will be held on a monthly basis, except December, and a large sign will be borrowed from PC Jenkins. Jenny Jullien is to write to all the volunteers to ask someone to take ownership of the project. **Action JJ**

It was asked why there were six changes of speed throughout the village within 0.9 mile. Lucian Hatfield said this was advised to slow down traffic gradually to a suitable level and had been carefully thought out.

4 District Councillor’s Report by Doug Cattermole

Cambridge City Deal - The road closure idea has now been dropped. There are plans for a Cambourne to Cambridge bus route (A428), the Western Orbital (new bus link on the M11 between junctions 11 and 13) and cycle ways. The only one affecting our area is the A10, but most of the work on that is linking Harston and Royston. The scope of transport measures is now much restricted and will do little to ease congestion in the city.

Grosvenor Sporting Village/Local Plan - Grosvenor made a submission to the inspector reviewing the draft SCDC Local Plan concerning the failure to identify a need for a community stadium. Further development on the green belt is included in the extension of the Bio-medical campus in the local plan amendments.

Devolution - The Council agenda recommends approval of the Mayoral Authority. The Mayor has the power to set a precept for the authority costs after the first year. First year costs, including elections, are £1.7m and are met by central government. The Authority can also impose a levy for 'transport and other functions' and later and has the power to borrow funds.

Whilst the money for housing and infrastructure is welcome, the focus of the Mayoral Authority is wide-ranging with Transport and infrastructure being a key focus. Other elements like getting the disabled and long term unemployed back to work, funding for skills training, adult education and apprenticeships and joining up health and social care may require greater resources.

5 County Councillor's Report by Sebastian Kindersley

Whippet Bus Service - A letter written by the Chairman to the Managing Director of Whippet about the no.75 bus cancellations was followed up by Sebastian Kindersley. Whippet said employment issues, bus breakdowns and bus drivers off sick had caused the problems and that service changes in the pipeline would make things easier. The expectation is that all services will be fully operational in the future. This has also affected Barrington residents. SK advised people renewing concessionary bus passes to do it online.

Bassingbourn Barracks – The Defence establishment is to continue to use Bassingbourn Barracks for military purposes as announced on November 7th 2016. This means a boost to local employment and the local economy and is a relief because it means that this site will not come forward for a new village, as was feared.

Winter Gritting - From October 25th 2016, 26 gritters will be on standby, day and night, to grit the roads when necessary. However gritting routes across the county have been revised and the Council will be also be reducing them.

New Integrated Urgent Care Service – Dial 111. The NHS 111 service has been extended. It includes a mental health crisis team and provides patients with access to a wide range of services and specialist clinicians such as GPs, pharmacists and health advisors 24 hours a day. This enables patients and health professionals to get quicker access to the right health advice at the right time.

6 To approve and sign minutes of the meeting of 10th October 2016 – Proposed TA, seconded LH. Approved nem con.

7 Matters to be reported from these minutes – None.

8 Planning applications and decisions: 31/10/16 Detached garage S/2679/16/FL **48 High Street**; PC supports. **SCDC Approved:** Variation of Approved plans of planning permission S/3110/15/FL. Proposed demolition of existing stable structure and single storey extension and erection of extension with a single storey link to the existing cottage – **Pear Tree Cottage, Harston Road** 28/10/2016. Land for commercial storage and associated vehicle parking. Land for vehicle repairs and associated vehicle parking. Land as residential garden and associated vehicle parking. **97 New Road** 19/10/2016. Two Storey Rear Extension **Wendovers, 10, Church Street** 14/10/2016.

9 Additional Matters for Discussion:

- a) **Traffic Calming & Village Hall Extension Public Consultation** – It was agreed to do a Newsletter delivery to all households advertising the Public Consultation meeting on 30th November, including a Traffic Calming questionnaire. Plans for the Village Hall extension will be available at the meeting. **Action All**
- b) **Donation towards turf tyres for Village Hall tractor mower** – Chris Coleridge from The Colts football club requested a 50% donation towards all weather tyres. This would ensure the grass could be mown during wet weather. The PC owns the mower but the cricket club uses it to cut the grass. It was agreed to contribute 50% or £468 max, subject to a second quote. Proposed TA, seconded PA. Approved.
- c) **Speedwatch** – More volunteers are needed. Please contact the Clerk if interested. It was decided to investigate sharing equipment with other villages. **Action FL**
High visibility jackets and cones are to be borrowed from PC Jenkins.

10 Committee and Working Party Reports:

- a) **Environment** – Bob Branch sent a report. He has been in touch with Michael Hendy and is organising some work for January/February time; tidying up of the back of the green at Lilac Close, using volunteers. He will do the same with the ivy on the Wellhouse Meadow wall. More fruit trees will be planted shortly in the Community Orchard by Sylvia Armit and her volunteers. Up to £130 was previously made available for this. He suggested having a Parish Councillor in charge of the Environment.
- b) **Tennis Courts** – The Tennis Club has done all the work requested by the PC and is waiting to hear from SCDC regarding putting the fencing all the way around the clubhouse to make it more secure.
- c) **Village Hall** – Ron van der Hoorn confirmed that Haslingfield Village Society is planning to buy a video projector and stand. The burying of electricity cables for the outside floodlights does not require planning permission.
- d) **Allotments** – There are now seven whole plots and three half plots available. A note will be put on the website and in the Newsletter advertising these. **Action RH**
The AGM will take place at the Little Rose on 5th December at 7.30 pm. Rent income is down £120 on last year and is now £441. It is hoped that rents will not increase next year. Bank Balance after rent income is £1580.
- e) **Trumpington Meadows** - Nothing to report.
- f) **Connections Bus** – Alan Webb wrote a report for the Newsletter, as recent numbers have declined to around five people. Hopefully, this will advertise the Youth Bus to people who were previously unaware of its existence. It is parked in the Village Hall car park during term time on Wednesday evenings from 4-6pm.
- g) **Play Areas** – These are both well used. Repairs to the Skatepark are pending.
- h) **C& V and website** – A meeting held on 12 October was attended by RH, Brian Gott, Amanda Hourmand and William Harrold. The website is linked to Facebook.
- i) **Cycle Path** – Lucian Hatfield had a meeting with Tim Watkins (City Deal) and Patrick Joyce (Cycle Officer), who thought his proposal was a good idea. The plans have been sent to Savills, and if given the go-ahead, the route will go down the M11 along the fence and join up with the A603 Barton crossover, or via Grantchester to Addenbrooke's. Money will have to be raised for this project. LH will have further talks with Richard Pemberton about the specification.

- j) **Haslingfield School** – Lucian Hatfield has resigned from the School Governors, as this has proved to be far too much work and the role has changed since Ofsted was brought in. He has investigated different types of railings for the bend by the school, to dissuade parking. He will ask Karen Lunn if the County Council needs to approve this. **Action LH**

- 11 **Correspondence** – An email was received from a resident asking for a streetlight to be put on the Lilac Close footpath, which is very dark at night. The Parish Council intend to discuss this issue again in the future but will not be taking any immediate action about the provision of any connecting footpaths lighting, due to costs and the fact that the County Council will soon be turning off all street lights late at night. The Clerk will answer the email. **Action FL**

12 **Finance –**

- a) **Resolution to pay outstanding accounts:**

Salaries – Clerk, Roy Brown, Alan Stevens

Payments proposed TA, seconded LH. Approved.

A quote was received for treework highlighted in the recent Tree Survey. One more quote is expected next week. A third quote was sought but there has been no reply. It was agreed to accept the quote for £490 from Sam Bowden, unless the second quote is less expensive. Proposed TA, seconded TK. All agreed.

Invoices Paid on 14/11/2016:

Alan Stevens – expenses	£92.94
Alan Stevens	£68.00
Clerk's Fees	£760.88
Clerk's expenses (including Poppy Wreath)	£83.30
HMR&C	£60.19
Roy Brown	£125.10
CCC - Street lighting	£222.93
CGM (Grass cutting)	£1511.81
John Guest (Architect)	£633.60
Tony Adcock (BT bill)	£107.97

Frances Laville

Parish Clerk

23/11/2016

Date of next meeting: Monday 12th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

