

## HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016

**Present** – Bob Branch, Jenny Jullien, Tony Adcock, Ron van der Hoorn, Kirstie Walker and Julie Coxall. There were six members of the public present.

- 1 Apologies for Absence** – County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley, District Councillor Doug Cattermole and Lucian Hatfield sent their apologies.
- 2 Members Declaration of interest for items on the Agenda** – Julie Coxall declared an interest in the planning applications of 1 Scott's Yard and 30 New Road, as she knows the residents.
- 3 Open Forum for Public Participation** – It was asked if a note could be put through the doors on Barton Rd advising the date of the traffic-calming meeting with Skanska, to be held in the autumn. It was decided that it would be put in September's Church & Village magazine instead and on the website and noticeboards as usual. **Action FL**  
It was mentioned that only half the hedgerow on the boundary between The Elms and Harston Road had been trimmed in May. The Clerk is to ask CGM to complete the unfinished work. **Action FL**  
It was reported by Christine Kipping that four residents went to the recent Speedwatch training. More people have since signed up, so there will need to be further training organised. **Action FL**
- 4 County Councillors Report** - Sebastian Kindersley sent a report in his absence:  
**Devolution** - A short public consultation is taking place, due to end by August 23<sup>rd</sup>, to establish what you might think of the idea of Devolution and a directly elected Mayor for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The new authority will have a paid mayor with considerable powers, and this will constitute a new layer of government. We (CCC) voted against the deal because we believe that the role of mayor is unnecessary, wasteful and takes decision making away from lower tiers of government – parish, district and county. The deal sets out aspirations and financial commitments which don't actually add up to anything very significant, and which contain no business case. The mayor will be elected in May 2017. Comparisons have been made to the role of Police and Crime Commissioner, a nicely paid political position with a questionable contribution to the public interest.

We have written to the relevant Minister to highlight that it is our belief that many people in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough can see the merits of closer collaboration between councils on developments that cross administrative boundaries. They are, however, highly sceptical about the role of a directly elected mayor and have serious misgivings about the checks and balances to ensure that he or she acts impartially in the greatest interest of all the constituent councils. We also doubt the financial wisdom of installing another layer of local government at a time when the overall funding to local government is being cut back.

**Cambridge Sporting Village** - The planning application by Grosvenor for the Sporting Village proposal is now with South Cambs and will shortly be before Haslingfield Parish Council. The application – as far as Haslingfield is concerned – comprises 520 new homes (40% of which will be affordable), 'inspirational sports facilities' and what is described as 'social infrastructure'. The profits which will derive from filling-in this part of the Green Belt are destined to be used to redevelop the Cambridge United Football Club premises at Abbey Road in the City.

- 5 **District Councillors Report** – Doug Cattermole sent his apologies.
- 6 **To approve and sign minutes of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016** – Proposed JJ, seconded TA. Approved nem con.
- 7 **Matters to be reported from these minutes** – Two CGM invoices have been withheld for payment until the amount owing for the Wellhouse Meadow is deducted. This was not mown until the end of July 2016.
- 8 **Planning applications and decisions: Ref: S/1705/16/FL** – 1 Scott's Yard; Two storey rear extension & alterations. The PC supports. **Ref: S/1717/16/FL** – The Barn, Charity Farm; Extension. The PC supports. **Ref: S/1241/16/FL** – 11 Trinity close; First floor front extension, part two storey part single storey rear extension. This application has been amended from rear two storey to single storey extension. The PC continues to object to this application. **Ref: S/1816/16/FL** – 30 New Road; Two storey side extension & single storey rear extension. The PC has no recommendation. **SCDC decision notices:** Reserved matters application for final southern section of primary road and associated infrastructure pursuant to outline planning approval S/0054/08/O Land at Trumpington Meadows Development Site, Hauxton Road, Cambridge. **Approved 06 May 2016.** Proposed demolition of existing detached stable structure and single storey lean-to extension and erection of one and a half storey extension with a single storey link to the existing cottage. Pear Tree Cottage, Harston Road. **Approved 18 July 2016.**
- 9 **Additional Matters for discussion** – The Burnt Mill bridge at the end of River Lane is in poor condition. This was reported to CCC in May, but will be chased up.

**Action FL**

Ron van der Hoorn reported that The Hare & Hounds free house pub in Harlton is closing down at the end of October. Volunteers are to run a Committee with a view to buying the pub as a Community Asset. Two other pubs have closed in Harston and the Three Horseshoes in Harston will be closing down soon. Neil & Sue Poole were commended for making such a success of the Little Rose pub in Haslingfield. It was decided to ask Neville Cole to check the copyright with a view to purchasing a copy of the village's silver jubilee DVD in 1977 for the archives. All agreed.

**10 Committee and Working Party Reports:**

- a) **Environment** – Alan Stevens contacted the Clerk with an offer to mow untidy verges and weed the War Memorial in the churchyard. This was agreed, to be done when necessary after the County Council cut, scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> August. **Action FL** A quote of £270.99 + VAT was received from CGM to do two extra cuts per year of the footpaths within the village. All agreed - to be done after the County Council

contractors have been in August. Proposed JJ, seconded JC.

The new shrubs planted in Lilac Close have now been fully buried in compost by Bob Branch. They are being watered by several residents. The willow is to be pollarded in February. **Action FL**

- b) **Tennis Courts** –The Tennis Club are happy with HPC’s agreement for the backless bench and the replacement of the northern damaged concrete framed bench with the timber one.

- c) **Village Hall** - It was agreed to replace the front door, which has been faulty for some time. Quotes were obtained to get a new door, frame, proper hinges and a new handle. The same lock will be used as before. It was agreed to use John Offord to do the work. Proposed TA, seconded RH. All agreed.

The white cover on the village hall footpath has still not been removed and replaced with slabs by Balfour Beatty. The Clerk is to give them 30 days warning to complete the work. **Action FL**

An electrician is coming tomorrow to replace the 20 A fuse with a 32A rated device and replace the light in the visitors changing room. The electrics will be PAT tested. Plans for the Village Hall extension were studied. It was agreed to put a removable wall between the two meeting rooms to enlarge it when necessary. The cost has been estimated at £93,000 for the first phase, and £69,000 to complete phase 2.

Tony Adcock is to pursue grant funding options. A further £1056.00 is needed to prepare drawings for the planning application. Tony Adcock will look again at the VAT situation, in order to reclaim as much as possible. Proposed TA, seconded RH. All in favour. **Action TA**

- d) **Allotments** – Nothing to report.

- e) **Trumpington Meadows** – Nothing to report. Christine Kipping apologised for missing the recent meeting.

- f) **Connections Bus** – This service has stopped over the summer holidays.

- g) **Play Areas** – A quote of £250 was received from Mickey Irie for repairing the hole in the ramp at the Skatepark. Proposed JJ, seconded RH. All agreed. Beer cans were dumped after Year 11 had their leavers party. The bin has been burnt and may need repainting.

- h) **C&V and Website** – Nothing to report. A meeting is planned for tomorrow.

- i) **Cycle Path** – Lucian Hatfield sent a written report saying progress on the cycle path is continuing but there has not been a definite yes/no from Richard Pemberton yet. There is also the possibility of extra funding which Patrick Joyce has informed him about. **Action LH**

- j) **Haslingfield School** – Lucian Hatfield sent a report saying he had discussed the problem of School parking with Lina Joseph and they will prepare a costing for safety measures for consideration. **Action LH**

- 11 **Correspondence** – Bob Branch is to send a response to the Devolution consultation, and wants comments by next Monday. **Action all Councillors**

Bob Branch and Jenny Jullien are to decide which suitable trees and shrubs should replace the hedgerow recently removed at 1 The Elms. **Action RB/JJ**

The corner of the grass strip at 1 The Elms is to be reseeded by CGM and added to their schedule for mowing. **Action FL**

Jenny Jullien is to go to the next City Deal meeting at Shire Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> August, and Bob Branch will send in the PC’s comments. **Action RB/JJ**

A Community Governance Review discussion will be held at the October meeting

with Clare Gibbons, who will put leaflets about the plans in the Village Hall. A notice will be put up in advance of the meeting. **Action FL**

Play Maintain are to be asked to repair the faulty gates in the Play Area, and the email received will be copied to Julie Coxall. **Action FL**

- 12 **Finance** – It was agreed to start paying a 3% Parish Council contribution into the Clerk’s pension scheme from August. Proposed TA, seconded JJ. Approved.

**Salaries – Clerk, Roy Brown, Alan Stevens** – Payments proposed TA, seconded RH. Approved.

#### **Invoices Paid on 08/08/2016**

John Guest Architectural Design	960.00
HMR&C	58.79
Alan Stevens	84.00
Roy Brown	146.70
Clerk’s Fees	677.26
Clerk’s expenses	75.85
Connections Bus	3206.00
Eastern Tree Surgery	1806.00
Cambs ACRE	12.00
CGM	887.28

**Note:** The Clerk will be on Annual Leave from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016, returning on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

**Date of the next meeting: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**