

HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10th April 2017

Present – Jenny Jullien, Ron van der Hoorn, Lucian Hatfield, Julie Coxall and Peter Agar. District Councillor Doug Cattermole was in attendance. There were eight members of the public present.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** – County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley, Tony Adcock, Tricia Knibbs and Clive Blower.
- 2 **Members Declaration of interest for items on the Agenda** – None.
- 3 **Open Forum for Public Participation** – Linda Shankland (LS) agreed to write an article for next month's C&V, updating residents on the progress of Speedwatch. The Speedwatch equipment is due for delivery in approximately six weeks' time. High visibility vests and a warning sign are also needed. Paul Jenkins is supposed to be contacting Linda Shankland regarding the nine designated postcodes for the area, which are awaiting approval. Once they've been given the go-ahead the Police will initially come out with the team to get them started. **Action LS**

The Precept increase of 34.4% was questioned. It was explained that the new Traffic Calming measures, plus the extension of the Village Hall and the loss of Trumpington Meadows Council Tax to the Parish, together with County Council cutbacks, had necessitated the increase. The reduction in County Council funding creates a need to generate funds at a more local level. It was suggested that more grants should be applied for to offset some of the costs in the budget, and villagers are also requested to take more of an interest in fund-raising. It was agreed to put notices in the C&V magazine and on the noticeboard fully explaining the Precept decision. **Action JJ/FL**

4 **County Councillor's Report (sent by Sebastian Kindersley in his absence)**

Proposed Multi-use Trail at Wimpole - Currently the National Trust is involved in a national programme, funded in partnership with Sport England, that will create all-year-round, multi-use paths at ten National Trust places, including Wimpole Hall. The project is planned to start in 2017 and comprises a multi-use trail around the estate on a circular route, about 9km long (or just under 6 miles). The NT advises that the trail will be designed for use all year round and will enable different user groups to enjoy the wider Estate, be it cyclists, runners, walkers, those in adapted wheelchairs, as well as families with pushchairs and those needing a little more reassurance underfoot and a safe place to enjoy the Estate. A public consultation will be put on the CCC website.

5 **District Councillor's Report by Doug Cattermole**

Local Plan - The Inspector has asked the Council to review all local green spaces in the draft plan, as they don't think the correct criteria have been applied.

Combined Authority - The first meeting recently took place. This is the new body operating under the mayor and is made up of representatives of the local authorities and the LEP. Recruitment is ongoing for a Chief Executive. Housing strategy is to build

100,000 new homes by 2037 with 40,000 of these to be affordable. Transport funding will flow through the new Combined Authority.

GCCD - The City Deal board met in March and decided on matters including:
Investment is to be put into electric charging points for taxis in Cambridge.
Development of 12 greenways (cycle routes) was agreed with funding of £480k in 2017-2019. This is for feasibility and approvals. Funding for implementation is targeted for 2020-2024. Feasibility work will start on the South Cambridgeshire Travel Hubs - £100k in 2017/18.

6 To approve and sign minutes of the meeting of 13th March 2017 – Proposed LH, seconded JC. Approved nem con.

7 Matters to be reported from these minutes – There is a hedge overhanging the verge on High Street, next to the footpath by the school. A letter is to be written to the householder asking for it to be pruned back. **Action FL**

The ditch on the corner of Cantelupe Road needs clearing as it can cause flooding up-stream. This is pending Clive Blower reporting it to the Environmental Group. CGM is also to be asked to quote for clearing it. **Action CB/FL**

8 Planning applications and decisions:

Tree Preservation Orders: S/1132/17/TC - 28 High St – Eucalyptus with root plate failure – top and fell to ground level. No comments.

S/1073/17/TC - Haslingfield Endowed Primary School – T4 and T5 Ash – Remove all major deadwood T19 (Cherry) Crown lift to 2.5m and remove all major deadwood T20 (Norway Maple) Fell to ground level. No comments.

SCDC Approval: S/0420/17/FL – Land rear of 97 New Road, proposed dwelling and garaging. Decision date: 05/04/2017.

9 Additional Matters for Discussion:

a) Traffic Calming – The Parish Council would like to thank John Miller for all his hard work and support with progressing this project.

The first Working Group Meeting took place on 8th March. There were 4 attendees, including Linda Shankland and Michael Kennedy. A report was put in the C&V magazine. Phase 1 is now complete and the Phase 2 gates have been installed, awaiting road markings. The new Barton Road designs have been approved. The Working Party are now focussing on Phase 3, including the junction of Fountain Road/Cantelupe Road/New Road. This will be done in stages and the section of New Road up to Sydney Gardens will be considered at the next meeting. Various measures were considered to reduce speeds on High Street. Chapel Hill will soon have ‘dragons teeth’ road markings to give the impression of the road narrowing, causing drivers to slow down. If this doesn’t work further measures will be considered. There was a serious speeding incident on Harlton Road recently, causing a horse to bolt. More details will be sought from the livery stables and PC Jenkins will be asked to obtain small Speedwatch signs to put up. **Action LS**

John Miller (JM) requested up to a maximum of £15,000 to be authorised for more design work expenditure. Proposed LH, seconded RH. All agreed. **Action JM**

John Miller is to discuss Vehicle Activation signs with Paul Jenkins and a quote is to be obtained from Skanska/Highways for doing a traffic survey. **Action JM**

- b) **Newsletter & Annual Meeting arrangements** – Articles are to be submitted to the Chairman by 24th April, for delivery to all households by early May 2017:

Traffic Calming Action JM

Village Hall, Emergency Plan, Risk Assessment Action TA

Cycle Track Action LH

Environment Action CB

New Parish Councillors Advert Action FL

Annual Meeting Agenda Action FL

Iain Webb from the Wildlife Trust will be the Guest speaker at the Annual Meeting.

10 Committee and Working Party Reports:

- a) **Environment** – The Lilac Close corner has now been cleared of ivy and elder by the Volunteers Working Party. The next session will involve walking the village footpaths looking for jobs. Lucian Hatfield said there is ivy on the landowner's side of the Wellhouse Meadow wall, going towards Butler Way. If the wall is listed the landowner should look after it. There is also a thatched cottage at the other end on the corner, with vegetation growing over the path. **Action FL** to write letters.
- b) **Tennis Courts** – The District Council is to be chased up to approve the fencing application around the new shed. **Action Doug Cattermole**
- c) **Allotments** – There are three vacant plots. New compost and chipping bays have been built. The next committee meeting is on 3rd May in the Little Rose at 7.30pm. The donated mower is now repaired and working. The account balance is £1535.00
- d) **Village Hall** – Clive Blower has agreed to become a third PC representative at the Village Hall Committee. The next meeting is on 3rd May at 7.30pm. John Offord is to be chased up to seal in the Village Hall doors. **Action TA/CB**
Chris Coleridge is to be chased up for the second tractor tyres quote. **Action FL**
Velux is to be contacted about the faulty roof-light mechanism. **Action FL**
- e) **Trumpington Meadows** – From 1st April 2017 this area is no longer part of our parish. The PC would like to thank Christine Kipping for all her help and support with attending meetings and delivering leaflets to the area.
- f) **Connections Bus** – The numbers have now dropped considerably, and the bus may be uneconomic to continue to support.
- g) **Play Areas** – Nothing to report.
- h) **C&V and Website** – The next meeting is on 25th April at 14 Moss Drive at 8pm. Online storage options for the parish council are to be investigated. **Action RH/LH**
- i) **Cycle Path** - King's College have confirmed in writing that they have no objections to the proposal for a cycle path going across their land. This will go from Cantaloupe Road through the spinney and along the motorway to the Barton to Grantchester Bridleway. Options for grant funding will be explored further. Kings College have requested an undertaking for costs. **Action LH**
Peter Agar will write to the First Bursar, Dr Keith Carne, at King's College thanking him for his approval, and copy in the Clerk. **Action PA**

11 Correspondence – The Clerk is to send Ron van der Hoorn details of the next Planning Training session. **Action FL**

12 Finance:

- a) **Clerk's Pay Scales 2017/18** – It was agreed to accept the nationally agreed pay scales (1%) for the sector for the financial year 2017 – 2018. Proposed LH, seconded RH. All agreed.
- b) **Review of Village Hall Status** – It was requested that the Village Hall Committee is authorised to make payments of up to £500, if necessary. The Committee now includes Councillors Ron van der Hoorn, Tony Adcock, Clive Blower and Jenny Jullien. Anything above £500 must be submitted to the Parish Council for approval. The Badcock Recreation Ground Trust status is unclear and Tony Adcock asked, in his absence, if up to £1,000 for Barr Ellison's fees could be made available to resolve the matter. It was agreed to put this request on hold until Lucian Hatfield has looked at the documents again. JJ will circulate TA's email. **Action JJ**
Lucian Hatfield is to forward the Trustee document to Peter Agar. **Action LH**
- c) **Resolution to pay outstanding accounts:**
Salaries – Clerk, Roy Brown, Alan Stevens
Payments proposed PA, seconded RH. Approved.

Invoices Paid on 13/03/2017:

CAPALC (Annual Membership)	£362.54
Connections Bus	£2519.00
HMR&C	£84.65
Clerk's fees	£757.86
Clerk's expenses	£173.51
Roy Brown	£141.30
Alan Stevens	£50.10
NC Plumbing & Heating	£803.65
Cambs ACRE	£63.00
Shire Trees	£702.00

Frances Laville
Parish Clerk
20/04/2017

Date of next Meeting (APM): Monday 8th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall