

## HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Present** – Jenny Jullien (Chairman), Tricia Knibbs, Ron van der Hoorn and Lucian Hatfield. There were five members of the public present.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** – Tony Adcock, Clive Blower, Julie Coxall, County Cllrs Roger Hickford and Kevin Cuffley and District Cllr Doug Cattermole.
- 2 **Members Declaration of interest for items on the Agenda** – None
- 3 **Open Forum for Public Participation** – Ian Johnson came to discuss the Skate Park situation (see item 9a).
- 4 **County Councillors Report** - No report was sent.
- 5 **District Councillor's Report** – No report was sent.
- 6 **To approve and sign minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017** – Proposed LH, seconded RH. Approved.
- 7 **Matters to be reported from these minutes** – Jenny Jullien spoke to the householder at the Elms who wanted the tree on the Green pruned back. The professional advice was to leave it for now, in order not to encourage thicker growth. Bark chippings were put around the village sign. The Clerk is to investigate water courses around Haslingfield and find out if the PC is responsible for keeping them clear. Flooding has been reported at the bottom of Porkers' Lane. A fallen tree in the ditch on Cantelupe Road still needs clearing by CGM. **Action FL**  
Ron van der Hoorn has investigated the cookers in the Village Hall kitchen and found that the ignition on the gas cooker doesn't work and the timer on the electric oven is not working. There is no indication to say the cooker is switched on, so it could easily be left on. Notices will be put up in the kitchen. **Action RH**  
Jenny Jullien thanked Lucian Hatfield for doing such a great job of printing and collating all the Traffic Calming questionnaires.  
The Speedwatch tabards for the recent event were borrowed from John Watson at Harlton. This is becoming unsatisfactory as they are now also lending to two other Parish Councils. The Clerk is to investigate buying our own tabards and sign directly, rather than waiting for the ones already ordered to arrive. **Action FL**
- 8 **Planning applications and decisions: S/2601/17/PA Chivers Barn, River Farm** – Prior approval for a proposed change of use and associated operational development for an agricultural building into three dwellings – Supported.  
**S/0614/17/FL** Creation of single storey dwelling (Retrospective); Charity Farm, Harston Road – No objections.  
**SCDC decisions: S/2522/17/PN** Prior notification for proposed agricultural building; Frog End Farm, Barton Road – Refuses.  
**S/3622/16/FL** – Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of 2 two storey houses; 45 Church Street – Appeal decision: Allowed.

## 9 Additional Matters for Discussion:

- a) **Skate Park** – A young person, who was not wearing kneepads, was recently injured by a protruding nail on one of the ramps. Anyone using the Skate Park should wear protective clothing, including knee pads. A notice to this effect is already there. An additional inspection of the Skate Park was undertaken by the Chairman and Ian Johnson, a parent. It was found to be in a poor state of repair with the wood eroded and protruding nails, despite extensive and expensive repairs being carried out in the last twelve months. It was agreed that to continue spending money on repairs is no longer cost effective and a new one, with a concrete structure, is needed. Ian Johnson said he would meet with Fearless Ramps, as they have quoted him ‘up to £50,000’ for a new Skate Park. Jenny Jullien agreed to get the ball rolling by starting a fund-raising Committee. Grant funding will be investigated, including a possible £1,000 from a Community Chest grant. Three quotes for a new Skate Park will be sought first. **Action JJ/FL**
- b) **Village Signs** – The signs in the Play Area need replacing, as they are no longer fully legible. Prue van der Hoorn did the original artwork and Ron van der Hoorn will ask her to get costings to replace them. **Action RH**  
The sign outside the Village Hall needs repainting. **Action RH**  
There are already six ‘no dogs’ signs attached to the walls and fencing around the Recreation Ground and two signs asking people to keep dogs on leads. It was agreed that no extra signs are needed. It has been reported that some people have been seen walking their dogs on the Rec, both on and off the lead.  
Harston Parish Clerk asked about the village sign on the Green, as they would like a similar one. She will be given Prue van der Hoorn’s details. **Action FL**
- c) **Well House Meadow (gate & bench)** – The metal gate by the dog free zone has slipped and is becoming impossible to open and close. Lucian Hatfield and Clive Blower agreed to look at it to see if they can repair it. **Action LH/CB**  
Jay Cole asked if another bench, to be bought for £200 by a resident, could be installed by the Environmental Committee, preferably backing onto the Well House. This was agreed.

## 10 Committee and Working Party Reports:

- a) **Environment** – Jay Cole reported that two of the fruit trees in the Well House meadow community orchard need replacing. Surrounding nettles have made it impossible to pick the fruit. The pond in Wisbey’s Yard needs cleaning as it is too difficult for volunteers to undertake. An email is to be sent to Doug Cattermole to pass onto the Environment Department, as this is thought to be SCDC’s responsibility. Quotes will be obtained if necessary. **Action DC/FL**  
All other issues have already been reported to the contractors, who will be reminded again to do the outstanding work. More volunteers are needed to help with projects around the village, and the team may decide to go out on a fortnightly basis in future.
- b) **Village Hall** – Ron van der Hoorn has now fixed the curtain rail and faulty thermostatic valve. The broken tile on the roof will soon be done, and the front door has been sealed. Jay Cole asked if the Tennis Club could have a key to put in the Tennis Club shed to use the toilets. Terry Baker or Tony Adcock may have a spare front door key – if not some will be cut. **Action RH**
- c) **Allotments** – Nothing to report.

- d) **Play Areas** – Julie Coxall sent her apologies. The Skate Park gate needs attention as it now can't be locked. **Action CB**
- e) **Tennis Club** – The trophy cabinet has been taken for the Club House.
- f) **Traffic Calming Measures** – There will be three meetings taking place on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October to discuss and vote on Phase 3. Ballot papers and a copy of the map will be delivered to every elector in the village over the next week. Skanska and CCC will be there to explain and take questions. **Action All Councillors**  
It was reported that the slight bend from Watsons Yard into New Road needs to be reassessed. Jenny Jullien said she didn't think CCC would be able to widen the road, but perhaps could adjust the markings. She will try to get someone to walk round it. Number 30 will be asked to trim their hedge back. **Action JJ/FL**
- g) **Speedwatch** – The volunteers went out on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to check out the roads. New Road, High Street and the Elms were very quiet but someone on Church Street was caught speeding. Tabards and a sign were borrowed from Harlton, who now report that they are also lending them to two other parish councils. The Clerk will look into purchasing six XL tabards and a sign directly from a website, as the official order from the Police is again delayed. **Action FL**  
John Miller will order signs to put on lamp-posts, saying 'this is a Speedwatch village'. **Action John Miller**
- h) **C&V and Website** – There will be a meeting tomorrow night.
- i) **Cycle Path** – The Greater Cambridge Partnership will start a consultation during late October. A drop-in event will be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October between 6-8 pm at Haslingfield Methodist Church to gather more information on the local Greenways. The Clerk is to put up notices. **Action FL**

**11 Correspondence** – Jenny Jullien received a call from Mr Gifford saying a white van had been seen by the river taking and tagging voles. The Wildlife Trust was informed. Liz Heazell said they would be removing a huge silver birch tree from the front of their property, as it's up against the phone lines.

**12 Finance: Resolution to pay outstanding accounts:**

**Salaries – Clerk, Roy Brown, Alan Stevens**

Payments proposed LH, seconded RH. Approved.

**Invoices Paid on 14/08/2017:**

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| Cambs ACRE      | £63.00  |
| CGM             | £382.99 |
| Roy Brown       | £186.80 |
| HMR&C           | £142.72 |
| Clerks fees     | £845.51 |
| Clerks expenses | £48.50  |
| PKF Littlejohn  | £360.00 |

Frances Laville - Parish Clerk  
22/09/2017

**Date of next Meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**