

HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 13th November 2017

Present – Jenny Jullien (Chairman), Ron van der Hoorn, Tony Adcock and Clive Blower. Darren Crowe was welcomed to his first meeting as Councillor. District Councillor Doug Cattermole and County Councillor Kevin Cuffley were in attendance. There were nine members of the public present.

- 1 Apologies for Absence** – Lucian Hatfield, Ian Johnson and Tricia Knibbs.
- 2 Members Declaration of interest for items on the Agenda** – Clive Blower declared an interest in 6 Wells Close. Tony Adcock declared an interest in 95 New Road. Both Councillors know some people involved and didn't take part in discussions.
- 3 Signing Declaration of Acceptance of Office & Return of Register of Financial Interests** - The Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form was signed by Darren Crowe and witnessed by the Chairman and Clerk. The Register of Financial Interests will be returned at the next meeting.
- 4 Open Forum for Public Participation** – Nothing to report.
- 5 County Councillor's Report by Kevin Cuffley**

Last month was dominated by the Children Centre debate at Full Council. The plans aim to take out unnecessary running costs of buildings, but will not result in loss of children's centre sessions and services to residents. The funding of front line delivery services, which are the actual Children Centre sessions and outreach services, are increasing from £2.56m to £2.63m, which means more sessions in more places for more families. Roger Hickford and Kevin Cuffley worked with Highways officers to get the timescale for the A10 works cut drastically, and are hopeful it may be completed slightly ahead of the revised schedule. Kevin Cuffley is now Champion for Community Safety for domestic abuse, child abuse, exploitation, alcohol and drug abuse and will soon give a presentation on Domestic Abuse.
- 6 District Councillor's Report by Doug Cattermole**

Planning continues to be a real issue for many residents. In the financial year 16/17 South Cambs spent £250,000 on appeals. This year we are heading to double that figure and there are several very long appeals yet to come.

Community Chest applications may be made for grants of up to £1,000. These grants are for voluntary and community groups, charities and parish councils for improvements to community facilities, repairs to historic buildings, and hedge planting schemes, equipment and materials and project start-up costs.

Local Plan - There will be a consultation on the changes recommended by the Inspector starting in late November or early December, going into the new year. Once that is complete, the Inspector will sign off the plan and we will once again have a full set of local policies to base planning decisions on. This will be in March at the very earliest, but may be delayed until after the May elections.

The draft South Cambs Local Plan was submitted for inspection in March 2014, over three years and eight months ago. This makes it the longest running local plan process ever. **Greater Cambridge Partnership** - Consultation started on 13th November on the Cambourne to Cambridge bus route.

The County Council has appointed 5 Area Champions for each District. These are Councillors paid an extra £5,000 per year to champion their area. The South Cambs representative is Lina Joseph.

- 7 To approve and sign minutes of the meeting of 9th October 2017** – Proposed TA, seconded CB. Approved.
- 8 Matters to be reported from these minutes** – Tree branches have now been removed from the ditch on Cantelupe Road. Two Speedwatch signs have been installed, awaiting two more for Chapel Hill and Harlton Road. Prue van der Hoorn will organise and design a new sign for the Childrens Play Area in the spring.
- 9 Planning applications and decisions:**
 - S/3913/17/FL & S3914/17/LB 46, Barton Road;** Demolition of single storey rear extension and side lean-to, and construction of two storey rear extension and internal alterations. **Supported.**
 - S/3585/17/FL, 15 , Badcock Road;** Single Storey Front Extension and Two Storey Side Extension and Replacement of Existing Garage. **Supported.**
 - S/3851/17/FL, 6, Wells Close,** Height of rear roof of bungalow to be raised to incorporate small ground floor extension to rear of property. The addition of 2 domer windows and roof light to the front roof. Roof lights added to rear roofs. Existing brickwork to be rendered. Construction of carport and store in garden. **Supported.**
 - S/3818/17/FL & S/3819/17/LB, Brook Cottage, 24, Cantelupe Road;** New front porch and rear extension, and alterations. **Supported.**
 - S/3587/17/FL, 22, Church Street;** Single storey side extension and new front porch along with internal alterations and associated external works. **Supported.**
 - S/3556/17/FL 95, New Road;** New double garage to front. **Supported.**

Permissions Granted by SCDC:

 - S/ 1575/17/FL 7 Trinity Close;** To replace existing rear conservatory with larger single storey flat roof extension and add a single storey side extension, extending garage to rear. **24/10/2017**
 - S/0614/17/FL Charity Farm;** Single storey dwelling (retrospective). **16/10/2017**
- 10 Additional Matters for Discussion:**
 - a) Skate Park training course & fundraising** – The training course on 22nd November has been cancelled due to lack of interest. Ian Johnson has applied for a grant from WREN, and hopes to hear back in February 2018.
 - b) Cantelupe Farm Access** – Richard Pemberton came to the meeting to brief the Parish Council on permissive footpaths across the farm. He said there was some confusion about where people can walk, and that he had been wrongly accused of shutting down access. The farm is under a Conservation Scheme, but as much access as is reasonable has been opened up. The Trumpington Estates website: www.trumpingtonestate.com/maps sets out all the permissive footpaths across the site. Anyone who wishes to cycle across the farmland can write to ask permission to use the path, for a £10 annual fee to cover maintenance costs, but he asked that people don't use headphones or iPods, as they cannot then hear farm machinery on the track.

- c) **Watercourses** – The Clerk is to ask Evan Lochlin and Peter Taylor from the County Council, copying in Kevin Cuffley and Roger Hickford, to do a site visit to the Cantelupe Road/New Road ditches and under the Rec, with a view to assessing the watercourses and possibly put cameras down blocked pipes. **Action FL**

11 Committee and Working Party Reports:

- a) **Environment** – A request was received from the Wildlife Trust, via Clive Blower, for help with funding maintenance of the Quarry, which is currently looked after by a volunteer group for 2.5 days per annum. Land Rovers, plus fuel, strimmers and other maintenance tools are used, and the Wildlife Trust estimates volunteers' costs to be in the region of £200 per day. They are canvassing support from all other land-owners involved. It was suggesting paying half the cost for the next five years, with a review at the end of that time. Proposed RH, seconded DC. Agreed. Roy Brown is to be asked to clear the nettles to the left hand side of the Manor wall in order to plant daffodils. **Action FL**
- b) **Village Hall** – To supply and fit a new large Playground sign will cost £185.00 + VAT. Proposed JJ, seconded CB. Agreed. Prue van der Hoorn has done the artwork, and will also look at replacing the Village Hall sign. **Action RH/PH**
It was agreed to apply for the footpath lighting next to the Village Hall separately to the Tennis Club's proposal, which has already been submitted. Planning permission will be investigated. **Action FL**
- c) **Allotments** - All plots are now occupied. There have been two break-ins recently, with the lawnmower and crops stolen, and there was damage to the fencing. The Police were informed and a crime number obtained. Several plot holders have threatened to leave. The lawnmower is no longer stored on the site. The Chairman has given notice he will not seek re-election at the AGM. Bank balance is £1,596.88. Four plot holders have still to pay their rent. The AGM will be held on 4th December. Water rates of £16.52 were paid to HPC. It was suggested contacting Charity Farm, as the entrance is close to the farm house, and asking if a security camera could be put on their wall. **Action RH**
- d) **Play Areas** – Nothing to report.
- e) **Tennis Club lighting proposal** – The plans have now been submitted to SCDC. Ron van der Hoorn is to ask if an extra light could be added to the new column to illuminate the footpath beside the third court. **Action RH**
Robert Judge is to be asked who the contractor is. **Action FL**
- f) **Traffic Calming – Results of the Phase 3 Ballot** – Five hundred votes were received (39% of the electorate). The Parish Clerk and the Chairman counted the votes. 182 people voted 'Yes', 290 people voted 'No', 28 ballot papers were void. Therefore, the majority (58%) of the voters did not want Phase 3 Traffic Calming to go ahead. This decision will be upheld by the Parish Council.
- g) **Speedwatch** – Linda Shankland sent her apologies.
- h) **C&V and Website** – Ron van der Hoorn provided the Clerk with account and log-in details for future uploads.
- i) **Cycle Path – Greenways** Lucian Hatfield sent his apologies. He said the Cycle Path is now in the hands of the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP), who will come up with a proposal in late spring 2018. HPC will be able to comment on the proposed route which has not yet been decided. Lucian Hatfield hopes the PC will support the GCP in whatever route they suggest, so that the residents of Haslingfield finally have a safe means to cycle into Cambridge.

12 Correspondence – A letter was received from the Connections Bus Project saying there will be a 1% increase in fees from April 2018. The charity is seeking new trustees. If interested, please get in touch via the website.

The Unity Trust Bank announced that the interest for the Deposit Account will automatically be increased to 0.20% from 3rd November 2017.

Quotes – A quote of £390 + VAT was received from CGM for clearing the pond at Wisbey's Yard. Proposed JJ, seconded CB. Approved.

A quote of £245 + VAT was received from CGM to give a report of ponds and ditches. Proposed TA, seconded CB. Approved.

A quote of £1742 + VAT was received from Play Maintain for Skatepark repairs. This was put on hold pending a Community Chest grant application. **Action FL**

13 Finance: Archive Store, CCLA

Tony Adcock proposed buying a new metal archive store to go in the Village Hall, in place of the Trophy Cabinet. A six foot, lockable metal cupboard will cost £259.

Proposed JJ, seconded RH. Agreed.

The Clerk proposed setting up a public sector deposit account with the CCLA, to ensure both Barclays and Unity Trust bank accounts are covered by the £85,000 FRCS limit.

Proposed TA, seconded JJ. Agreed.

Resolution to pay outstanding accounts:

Salaries – Clerk, Roy Brown, Alan Stevens

Payments proposed TA, seconded RH. Approved.

Invoices Paid on 13/11/2017:

Tony Adcock (BT)	£113.97
Community Heartbeat Trust (pads)	£45.60
Clerk's fees	£827.19
Alan Stevens	£40.80
Roy Brown	£137.20
HMR&C	£128.35
Clerk's expenses	£117.13
Offord & Camp	£196.81
CPRE (training)	£40.00
CGM	£634.99

PWLB payment (Direct Debit) £5285.98

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Frances Laville - Parish Clerk
23/11/2017

Date of next Meeting: Monday 11th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall