

## HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Present** – Jenny Jullien (Chairman), Ron van der Hoorn, Tony Adcock, Clive Blower, Darren Crowe and Ian Johnson. District Councillor Doug Cattermole was in attendance. There were three members of the public present.

- 1 Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from County Councillors Roger Hickford and Kevin Cuffley. Lucian Hatfield and Tricia Knibbs were unable to attend.
- 2 Members Declaration of interest for items on the Agenda** – None.
- 3 Open Forum for Public Participation** – Nothing to report.
- 4 County Councillor’s Report** – None sent.
- 5 District Councillor’s Report by Doug Cattermole**

**Council Tax reduction for people with serious mental impairment** - Many councils are not advertising the fact that some people are exempt from council tax due to mental impairment. This can include dementia and learning difficulties. Carers may be entitled to an Allowance and an annual lump sum. If you need support with caring for an adult contact Carers Trust: <https://www.carerstrustcpn.org>, and if you are caring for a child you should join Pinpoint: <https://www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk>. If you are a Carer, tell your GP; at the very least this will get you a free flu jab.

**Strategic bus review** - The Mayor and Combined Authority have agreed to spend up to £150,000 on a strategic review of bus provision in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

**Trains to Brighton** - A major redesign of Thameslink rail services means that from May 2018 there will be services from Cambridge to Brighton, and from Peterborough to Horsham, both serving Gatwick. From 2019 there will be Cambridge to Maidstone East services as well. Details of stopping patterns and frequencies are still being worked on.

**New Stadium for Cambridge City in Sawston** - South Cambs Planning Committee granted planning permission for a new stadium for Cambridge City Football Club in Sawston. The petition presented at the meeting showed that there is widespread backing for the proposal in the area and from a majority of Sawston residents.

**Planning** – It was revealed that there had been 162 referrals to Committee in the last 12 months but only 8 had been heard by them, due to prioritisation of larger developments.
- 6 To approve and sign minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017** – Proposed CB, seconded RH. Approved.
- 7 Matters to be reported from these minutes – Watercourses** - The surface water on the left-hand side of Cantelupe Road is due to the lack of a gully rather than one being blocked. Simeon Carroll, Local Highways Officer, has arranged for a new gully to be installed at this location with a connecting pipe running under the road into the ditch on the other side (which the parish Council maintains). The left-hand side of the road will also be patched around the new gully. These works will take up to 12 weeks.
- Pathway Lights** – Clive Blower reported that Luminescence Pro only do floodlighting and that underground cables for extra lighting could cost up to £4,000. Costs of installing

solar lighting and attaching an additional movement activated light to the Tennis Court lighting pole will be investigated. **Action CB/RH**

**8 Planning applications and decisions** (Meeting on 04/12/2017):

**S/4014/17/FL** Tennis Courts Recreation Ground, New Road; Provision of floodlighting to Court 3 comprising the erection of 3 no. column floodlights to the north side and the addition of 3 no. floodlights to existing columns on south side. **Supported.**

**S/4030/17/FL** 1 Lilac Close; Proposed Garage Conversion, Front Porch and Window Replacements. **Supported.**

**9 Additional Matters for Discussion:**

- a) **Dog bins** – Heidi Duffet from SCDC emailed to say she had not yet managed to get out and look at the proposal for more dog bins, but would do so this week, when they expect to be back up to capacity with drivers and loaders.
- b) **Haslingfield Quarry** – Hannah Roberts, a resident with young children, came to the meeting to request a clean-up of the Quarry, to make it more suitable for children to learn about nature, with a view to possibly setting up a Nature Reserve. There is currently rusting scrap metal and dog waste lying around. It was decided that Clive Blower would speak to Rebecca Rayner to investigate the possibilities and will email Hannah to let her know. **Action CB**
- c) **Connections Bus** – Alan Webb and Christine Kipping will be asked to give a report. The total number of visits and costs per child will be sought. **Action FL/TA**
- d) **Grass Cutting Tender** – Quotes for renewing the tender in February 2018 were received from CGM - £3943.65 + VAT, and Buchans Landscapes - £4988.00. It was decided to accept Buchans from February 2018, pending good references from other Parishes. Proposed TA, seconded RH. Agreed. **Action FL**

**10 Committee and Working Party Reports:**

- a) **Environment** – Land at the end of Trinity Close, by the footpath, will now be tidied up in January. A list of next year's dates for the Working Party will be put in the C&V. **Action Jay Cole**
- b) **Village Hall** – PAT testing of the electrics will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, including looking at the faulty light in changing rooms. Judith, the Cleaner, is off work from 18<sup>th</sup> December – 6<sup>th</sup> January.
- c) **Allotments** - All plots are now occupied. The AGM was attended by 19 people and a new Committee elected. There is no new Chairman, but this will be shared between the members. The bank balance is £1,697.76. Ron van der Hoorn reported that a camera attached to the side of the farmhouse would not be practical, and a large, lockable metal gate, costing around £250, would be best. The PC may be asked to contribute 50% of the cost (approx. £125). **Action RH**
- d) **Play Areas & Skatepark** – Ian Johnson has put in a grant request to fund a new Skatepark with WREN, and will hear back in February. The Clerk has put in a request for a Community Chest Grant to cover expenses to repair the Skatepark, and will hear back in January. Ian Johnson is to make fund-raising banners and find out other fund-raising ideas from children who use the Skatepark. His son will also put something on social media. **Action IJ**
- e) **Traffic Calming & Speedwatch** – Two residents have contacted Jenny Jullien asking the PC to reconsider Traffic Calming in Barton Road (Phase 2), saying correct procedure was not followed. A private Extraordinary Meeting was called

by the Chairman and will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January to consider whether these complaints are valid. **Action All Councillors**

Speedwatch was reported to be working well, although evening traffic is not being monitored. Traffic speeds on Barton Road are often excessive.

f) **C&V and Website** – The meeting was postponed until January.

g) **Cycle Path** – Lucian Hatfield said he is waiting to hear from the Greater Cambridge Partnership about a proposed Cycle Path to Cambridge.

**Correspondence** – None.

**Quotes** – CGM have quoted £155 + VAT to trim and clear the ditches around the Skatepark. This will be done soon.

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

**Finance:**

**a) Precept 2018**

Tony Adcock read the forecast for next year and said there would be a slight reduction in the Precept requested for 2018. Last year a larger Precept was sought to compensate for the loss of Trumpington Meadows income and to set aside for proposed Traffic Calming measures. Reserves accumulated, with Section 106 monies, will be allocated for an extension to the Village Hall. Proposed by TA, seconded by JJ. All agreed. Tony Adcock is to firm up on costs of the Village Hall extension at the next meeting. A date for a Public Consultation will be arranged in February. **Action TA**

**b) Resolution to pay outstanding accounts:**

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

Payments proposed TA, seconded RH. Approved.

**Invoices Paid on 11/12/2017:**

Jenny Jullien (expenses)	£101.80
Alan Stevens	£181.55
Roy Brown	£118.50
HMR&C	£237.50
Clerk's fees	£944.03
FROG (Excel training)	£228.00
SLCC	£36.00
CGM	£526.99
Eltek (Ballot papers)	£253.20
Play Inspection Company	£180.00
Clerk's expenses	£241.87
Cambs ACRE	£72.00
Philip Golden (Abbey Tyres)	£270.00

Frances Laville  
Parish Clerk  
20/12/2017

**Date of next Meeting: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**