

HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2015

Traffic Calming Measures

Following up on the Barton Road chicanes issue, modified locations are being considered, following an informal risk assessment with CCC, and a site visit with the contractor. Options with costs are now being collected with a view to works commencing in the New Year, which will include road marking for the speed restrictions areas. The Parish Council has already obtained funding support from the CCC Local Highways Improvement (LHI) Initiative. Further enhancements within the village are in early discussion and it is the intention to apply for further LHI grants. The Parish has also taken note of other traffic calming measures to seek to attempt drivers to see our village as a place where people live. Further updates will be provided at the Parish Council Meetings and any major works will be subject to further consultation with residents.

John Miller

Haslingfield Village Hall Committee

Notes from the Meeting of Wednesday 2nd September 2015

The revised **Loop System** has now been set up and installed. It is available now for general use.

The recently broken **Fire Alarm system** has now been repaired.

Work started on the third **tennis court** on 1 September.

16 new 'wood look' **tables** have arrived. 15 of the old white tables have been sold to Haslingfield residents.

The problems with the **electricity circuits** have now been resolved and the outside lights (front door and bollard) have been repaired.

There are lots of **bookings** including a new regular Wednesday booking. The Committee is delighted that the Hall is being so well used.

Recycling was discussed and it was agreed to contact SCDC.

Next meeting: Wednesday 4 November September 2015 at 7.30pm.

Jennie Jullien

Cycle Path

HPC continues to work on two possible routes from Cantelupe Road linking to the Barton-to-Grantchester bridleway east of Roman Hill and to investigate financial support options for implementation once negotiations over designs have been finalised with the concerned landowners.

Defibrillator News

A defibrillator has now been ordered from the Community Heartbeat Trust and will be placed in the redundant telephone box on the High Street.

It can be used without any formal training because the equipment is very easy to use, and when you have dialled 999 (from a mobile), the ambulance service operator will give you the code to open the defibrillator cabinet and stay on the telephone to assist you. The modern AED (Automated External Defibrillator) equipment is designed to talk to you and tell you what to do. You cannot make a mistake when using an AED – just follow the instructions being given. However, training is desirable, particularly to create confidence in the community, and to learn CPR.

The Community Heartbeat Trust will organise a “Heartbeat Awareness” session in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 3rd November at 7.30pm**. This session will not give full first aid training but will answer questions, give basic instruction in its use and create confidence.

The 2 hour session will cover

- What is Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- How to recognise SCA
- How to dial 999 and what to expect
- How to do CPR, and why
- Recovery Position
- Handover to the Paramedics

We would encourage representation from all village groups, and hopefully at least one person from every road in the village.

If one life can be saved, it will all have been worthwhile, but if you were unsuccessful you will know that you have “Done your best”.

Christine Kipping

Skate Park

The Skate Park came about as a result of a group of parents in the village getting together, raising funds and with help from the Parish Council bringing the project to reality. It has been operating for a long time now and there is a new generation of users. Some of them have requested updating with new features. The Parish Council have asked Sue Watson and Julie Coxhall to liaise with the users to identify their ideas for improvement so that HPC can investigate what improvements might be affordable and where the necessary funds might be obtained.

If you or your children have ideas for improvements please contact Sue, Julie or Frances our Clerk.

Queen Elizabeth’s 90th birthday celebration

Four of the parish councillors recently met to discuss a ‘Haslingfield’ event to mark the Queen’s 90th birthday.

It was agreed that the event would take place on the weekend of the 11th – 12th June 2016.

The plan is to involve as many Haslingfield Villagers as possible; arranging events throughout the whole of the Saturday and concluding the celebration with a Church service on the Sunday.

Plans discussed included starting the proceedings with a parade by the Cubs, Scouts and Brownies, followed by folk dancing, wheelbarrow, bicycle and running races. We also plan to arrange to have an

assortment of stalls. During the afternoon a children’s street party would be held and a ball in the evening for the grown-ups. Other ideas discussed

were competitions for the ‘best dressed queens’ and the ‘best bonnet’. These are just ideas – nothing is “set in stone”.

A general meeting to discuss ideas was advertised and will have been held in the Methodist Church Hall on Thursday 13th October at 7.30 pm. Notwithstanding this meeting, to make this a memorable and successful event we still need your ideas, help and support and we ask you to please keep that weekend free so we can have a great attendance and enjoy what we are sure will be a great event.

Jenny Jullien/Christine Kipping

Further Call for Volunteers for Work within the Village

Environmental maintenance needs to be done in places such as the Wellhouse Meadow, Broad Lane and some footpaths. Some of the work will be hand work which could be done by volunteer working parties. We are still on the lookout for more volunteers to help with this. Please contact the Clerk or speak to Sue Watson or Lucian Hatfield about what might be involved.

Frances Laville/Sue Watson

Parish Council –new ideas for the future

There are prospects of the Government devolving more responsibilities down to Parish Councils in the future. Since the Parish Council is responsible to you, the residents, we would like to include your ideas in our thinking through the Governments’ ideas. What new things would you like to see the Parish Council getting involved with to support our community? There is a lot going on in the village outside of what the Council does, and we thank the people involved for what they contribute to village life, but we need to hear residents’ new ideas on how we can benefit our community. Remember that we work for you.

Bob Branch