

HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 13th August 2018

Attendees:

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| Parish Councillors: | Jenny Jullien (Chairman) (“JJ”), Tony Adcock (“TA”), Ron van der Hoorn (“RH”), Lucien Hatfield (“LH”) and Clive Blower (“CB”), |
| District Councillor: | Ian Sollom (“IS”) |
| County Councillor: | None present |
| Parish Clerk: | Vicky Crowden (“VC”) |
| Others: | Andrew Gillies (“AG”) |

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** – Darren Crowe (“DC”), County Councillor Roger Hickford (“RHCC”) and County Councillor Kevin Cuffley (both Cllrs were unable to attend due to illness).
- 2 **Members Declaration of interest for items on the agenda** – CB will abstain from voting on the planning application for 18 Cantelupe Rd.
- 3 **Open Forum for Public Participation**
 - Andrew Gillies raised several queries about overhanging hedges within the village and how / when guidance to residents would be issued. Hedges that impede / may harm pedestrians are particularly concerning, an example being the hedge between the Village Hall and Porkers Lane. JJ thanked Mr Gillies for the work he had undertaken on this and advised that this topic will be covered at next month’s Parish Council meeting including a proposed communication to residents. **Action JJ/VC to progress / place on Sept agenda**
- 4 **County Councillors Report**
 - Nothing to report
- 5 **District Councillors Report**
 - A written report was received from IS.
 - The meeting reflected on the fact that whilst any new Park & Ride sites are now to be temporary in nature (i.e. less tarmac, more loose surfacing etc so it can be more quickly returned to nature when no longer required), the issue remains that a solution for better connecting South Cambridgeshire to Cambridge is yet to be agreed.
 - JJ thanked IS for the useful information it contained and we will look to distribute the report wider moving forward, e.g. on the parish website. **Action VC**
- 6 **To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of 9th July 2018**
Proposed LH, seconded RH. Approved
- 7 **Matters to be reported from these minutes**
 - S/1394/18/FL Demolition of former cement works in Barrington – VC advised that the appropriate papers have now been sent to Haslingfield Parish Council and a response from the Parish Council has been submitted. The response requested that all traffic, including but not limited to heavy goods vehicles and multi-

wheeled skips, do not come through Haslingfield but gain access / exit to the site from the A10 at Foxton. It also asked that any proposed changes are sent to Haslingfield Parish Council in future for comment. An inconsistency was noted in the paperwork on the access routes and the Planning Case Officer is due to address this shortly. VC thanked the District Councillors for their help in making sure Haslingfield Parish Council were consulted. **Action VC**

- Removal of ivy on Well Meadow wall. VC has written to the Conservation team at South Cambs District Council to seek advice. No response received. **Action VC**
- Clearance of Wisbey's Pond: Buchans have looked at the pond and believe it would require substantial number of man hours to clear and would regrow in the short / medium term. JJ has questioned which authority is responsible for the pond as the nearby housing is SCDC maintained. **Action VC**
- VC noted that this issue and others, e.g. hedges, waterways, are often complicated by the fact that ownership is unclear. IS advised that this is not unusual in other Parishes. LH has some old paperwork that may well help provide information.
- JJ and VC have now met with Stuart Buchan, the landscaping contractor. Its noted that:
 - Trinity Close is now in order, School Lane has been removed from their schedule and the base of the old football goalposts have been dug out from the Recreation Ground.
 - Buchans will provide a quote to clear the Parish land where The Elms meets Back Lane
 - Buchans will meet with VC before the autumn hedge cut to agree a precise schedule
- JJ / VC also reported that they had walked the ditches that run from the Millenium Pond, alongside the Recreation Ground, up onto Cantelupe Rd ending at New Road, with Buchans. Flooding has affected householders in previous years and the question was asked whether preventative ditchworks were required. No obvious blockages were seen but it was noted that some of this runs underground. TA also raised the point that the ditch from the Millenium Pond into the River was overgrown. The following actions were agreed:
 - Ask Buchans to clear the ditch from Millenium Pond to the end of Cantelupe Rd quarterly, i.e. must be able to walk along it without obstruction and nothing hitting your head. **Action VC**
 - Check that the underground section is clear by employing a specialist company / camera to do so but only if the cost is moderate, e.g. a few hundred pounds. **Action VC**
- Installation of a hand pump at Well House Meadow: CB advised that he has found a pump that will do the job – it costs £76. It can draw water from a depth up to 3.7m and be fixed within the well to ensure its safety. Those wishing to use the water would bring their own hoses / bucket etc. Pipes and hosepipe connectors would also need to be purchased. CB requested a total budget of £100 to install. JJ proposed a budget £150 to ensure those installing had some contingency. CB proposed. TA seconded. Approved.
- Accurate water bill for the allotments: in progress **Action VC**

8 Planning applications and decisions

a) S/1394/18/FL Barrington Cement Works

- See comments under 7

- b) **S/2807/18/TC Haslingfield Endowed Primary School - Tree Works**
 - Supported at a Special Planning Meeting on 9th August 2018
- c) **S/2771/18/FL 18 Cantelupe Rd, Haslingfield, CB23 1LU – conversion of car port**
 - Supported (CB abstained)
- d) **S/2649/18/FL 6, The Hemlocks - Proposed garage conversion and window replacement / alteration**
 - Supported
- e) **S/2894/18/LB 15 New Road, Haslingfield, CB23 1LR**
 - Supported

9 a) Cambs Beds Rail Road (“CBRR”)

VC recently attended a meeting on the Parish Council’s behalf. Key points as follows:

- This volunteer body has considered what would be the optimal route for the Central Section of the Bedford to Cambridge. This originated from concerns that transport agencies were not working together to achieve the best outcome and that expected proposals would not serve the existing and proposed communities en route.
- CBRR believe that there is an opportunity now to influence the outcome and ask that Parish Councils help raise awareness within their own communities and key stakeholders.
- The Parish Council meeting concluded that they are happy to promote CBRR’s material via its website / other publications. **Action VC**

b) Village Hall Extension – quote for Building Regulations / Engineers

TA advised that the existing architects have quoted £980 to produce the plans for building regulations. 2 quotes for structural engineers have also been obtained - £1975 and £3200 respectively. TA proposed a total budget of £3k to cover both these works. JJ seconded. All supported.

10 Committee and Working Party Reports

a) Environment

- CB asked whether the Parish Council wanted to restore the former pathway that runs alongside the Millenium Pond (now overgrown) to the Recreation Ground. This is close to the pathway that Buchans have now cut back on the right of the pond to the Skate Park. The Meeting concluded that as the Millenium Pond is no longer being maintained then this overgrown path will no longer be maintained.

b) Village Hall (RH)

- As previously reported the old goal post bases have now been removed the Colts have confirmed the dugout is no longer required.

c) Allotment

Nothing to report

d) Play Areas / Skate Park

VC has chased the contractor for the Skate Park numerous times. They have confirmed the part on order has been dispatched. Quotes are being obtained for the play area parts that require fixing. **Action VC**

e) Traffic Calming & Speedwatch

JJ advised the traffic calming planned in Barton Rd in August is still scheduled. Highways have asked Skanska to revise a quote they received as believed it was too high. The works will take 4 days to complete.

JJ also advised that the vehicle activated sign proposed will not be delivered until December 2018 (and the actual design / delivery time can not be guaranteed as this would be part of a bulk order). The Parish Council can opt to order on its own. Delivery would take 8 weeks from the time of the order and the design would be specified. The increased cost would be £1k, totalling £4k. JJ proposed that an order be placed for the second option of £4k, TA seconded. All supported. **Action JJ**

CB asked if we can pre-empt the siting of the sign now as there are strict rules detailing where they can be placed. A question was also raised about in what speed limit zones they can be placed. JJ agreed to send Highways (Joshua Rutherford) a map of the village with existing signposts so that early decisions can be made. **Action JJ**

- f) **C&V and website** – No update
- g) **Greenway** – LH will submit the response tabled at the July meeting on the Parish Council's behalf on Parish Council headed paper. **Action LH/VC**

11. **Correspondence**

- a) Scout Group / Haslingfield Play Group (Chris Price) has written to again ask for permission to use Well House Meadow for the Guy Fawkes Bonfire and Firework Display. Supported. **Action VC**
- b) Magpas Air Ambulance: agreed that it is not appropriate for the Parish Council to donate funds.
- c) The Knapp / Knapp Rise junction: following the recent advice from Highways that mirrors are no longer used as a means to improving visibility at junctions, Mr Ward has asked if a double yellow line could be implemented from the area opposite the junction to that opposite the café. JJ referred back to the vote last year on Phase II of traffic calming which the majority of the Parish voted against. **Action VC**
- d) Oak Tree memorial – Cole family. Dr Cole had asked for a list of parish owned land so he could review whether there was space for a oak tree in an alternative site. The Parish Councillors agreed however that there was not a site available on parish-owned land. **Action VC**
- e) JJ had received a request from Lina Joseph to hold a 5k run in Haslingfield on the Scarecrow Festival Weekend but the details / route were not advised, although Ms Joseph is liaising with the Festival organisers. The Council were supportive but would need a route before permission could be given. **Action JJ**
- f) Cemex Healthcare – this initiative spans 12 villages and is looking at providing better local healthcare given the new housing developments. **Action JJ to monitor**

12. **Finance**

- a) **Resolutions to pay outstanding accounts** – proposed LH, seconded JJ.

Vicky Crowden - Parish Clerk
15/08/2018

Date of next Meeting: Monday 10th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall