

## HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**Present** –Jenny Jullien, Tony Adcock, Ron van der Hoorn, Lucian Hatfield, Peter Agar and Clive Blower. District Councillor Doug Cattermole was in attendance. There was one member of the public present.

**1 Apologies for Absence** – Julie Coxall, Tricia Knibbs and Sebastian Kindersley.

**2 Members Declaration of interest for items on the Agenda** – None.

**3 Open Forum for Public Participation** – None.

**4 County Councillor’s Report sent by Sebastian Kindersley**

**Innovation Fund** - There is to be a new Innovation Fund of £1m next year to provide services to the community. It is for community groups and organisations with ideas about how to improve the lives of local people, particularly those who are most vulnerable. Grants start at £2,000.

**Devolution** - All the Cambridgeshire authorities have now met and the majority agreed to accept the Government’s Devolution proposal. There will be a new £20m annual fund to support economic growth, development of local infrastructure and jobs. There will also be £170m for affordable housing including rent, shared ownership and new Council housing.

**5 District Councillor’s Report by Doug Cattermole**

The South Cambs Magazine will list community events from next spring. SCDC is asking residents and businesses how their money should be spent in delivering services to them over the next five years. The four priority areas are:

**Living Well** - Supporting communities to ensure the district is a healthy place to live in.

**Homes for our future** – Working with developers to ensure early delivery of high quality new homes, good transport links and facilities, focussing on preventing people becoming homeless.

**Connected Communities** – Transport links and better digital infrastructure.

**An Innovative and Dynamic Organisation** – Government cuts to services have meant there is even more need for councils to generate their own income. ‘Ermine Street Housing’ is one of the ways money is being generated. Please visit:

[www.scambs.gov.uk/council-aims-and-objectives](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/council-aims-and-objectives) to view the full plans and have your say. The consultation will close on Friday 20 January 2017.

**6 To approve and sign minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016** – Proposed TA, seconded RH. Approved nem con.

**7 Matters to be reported from these minutes** –

**Environment** – Clive Blower agreed to be responsible for overseeing the Environment, taking over the role from Bob Branch. Proposed RH, seconded PA. All agreed.

He will liaise with Jay Cole, who will be Co-ordinator for the volunteers. Jenny Jullien apologised to Bob Branch for the total misunderstanding caused over the Environmental roles and said it was never her intention to upset or undermine anyone.

Any offers of help with voluntary work around the village would be much appreciated. Ron van der Hoorn will put a notice on the website asking for volunteers. **Action RH**

**Haslingfield School Railings** – Lucian Hatfield is to ask Karen Lunn about appropriate distances between possible railings and the kerb, and for the name of the person to liaise with. It was decided that John Miller would incorporate the proposal into Traffic Calming, although Skanska had advised that the traffic would only be shunted elsewhere, and could potentially make the problem worse. **Action LH/John Miller**

## **8 Planning applications and decisions:**

S/2647/16/RM **Trumpington Meadows Development Site** – Reserved Matters for Local Centre, including 40 new dwellings with associated internal roads etc. No comments.

S/3212/16/TC **18 The Knapp** – Removal of a Cypress tree within 2 meters of house. Approved/No comments. S/3337/16/TP **10 Church Street** – Box Elder, crown reduce height by 4m, cut back lateral limbs by 2.5m, causing excessive shading to lawn and neighbours house. Approved/No comments.

**Planning Meeting 18/11/2016** S/2787/16/FL **33 High Street** - Single storey rear extension & removal of chimney. Approved.

**SCDC Approved:** S/2371/16/LB & S/2370/16/FL **The Mill House, Harston Road** – Proposed first floor extension. 09/12/2016. S/2460/16/LB **4 Church Way** – Installation of gas central heating system. 29/11/2016.

## **9 Additional Matters for Discussion:**

a) **Traffic Calming** – About 40 questionnaires have been received to date. We will wait until the end of the year for people to complete them. Jenny Jullien will analyse and circulate the results before the next meeting in January. John Miller distributed copies of the Terms of Reference. He said these are a clear statement of intent explaining the perimeters we have to work within. The design process is expensive and needs to be approved by safety audits and Skanska, and good designs support grant applications. We need to be seen to be building up a comprehensive picture to get a mandate to move forward. £5000 has so far been paid for designs.

Going through aspects of safety, designs and cost takes time and effort, so we need to move forward despite some objections. The more we develop plans with Skanska the more cost effective it will be. We need a high level of consultation so that if people object we can still go forward with a consensus.

Tony Adcock said he genuinely thought we had consulted before, both on the website and in the minutes. It was decided to do a letterbox drop through every door and collate the results at every stage, and we also need to know what can and can't be done. John Miller is to check that there is no connection between traffic calming and moving the boundary of the village envelope. **Action John Miller**

It was decided to delay Barton Road for the time being and move forward with other areas. Peter Agar and Lucian Hatfield volunteered to go on the Traffic Calming team, which will be headed up by John Miller.

- b) **Speedwatch** – Harlton PC is keen to support Speedwatch and the Parish Clerk is consulting councillors about sharing the cost of the equipment with Haslingfield. It will cost approximately £2,600 or £1,300 if shared. Jenny Jullien has been in touch with the Speedwatch volunteers and suggested people lead the team for six months each. Linda Shankland will lead for the first six months, followed by Sue Barnard. Training is required for four more people in January. More volunteers are sought.

## 10 Committee and Working Party Reports:

- a) **Environment – Formal Resolution to confirm the new Co-ordinator**  
Jay Cole was formally appointed as Volunteer Group Co-ordinator. Proposed LH, seconded PA. All agreed. Clive Blower will be the Councillor in charge of the Environment (see item 7).
- b) **Tennis Courts** – No further news. The bench will be painted with sadolin in warmer weather when the wood has dried out. The clerk is to ask for an update on the fencing. **Action FL**
- c) **Village Hall** – The drains outside the village hall have been damaged, causing a problem just before the Peter Pan performance. These have now been repaired by MetroRod of Ely. Tony Adcock requested approval to put in a Planning application for the village hall extension. Proposed RH, seconded LH. All agreed.
- d) **Allotments** – The AGM was held in the Little Rose on 5<sup>th</sup> December and was attended by nine people. The new committee was formed with same Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer as last year. There were three new committee members. A lawnmower, petrol and hand tools were stolen from the shed. There are six full plots and two half plot vacant. The bank balance is £1,594.09 (last year £1,768.64).
- e) **Trumpington Meadows** - Nothing to report.
- f) **Connections Bus** – Two of the volunteers have resigned. The Bus urgently needs more help or we may have to stop the facility. A notice advertising the Bus has gone up in Harlton, requesting volunteers, and one will be put in the Church & Village and on the website. **Action RH**
- g) **Play Areas** – Nothing to report.
- h) **C& V and website** – A meeting was held on 6th December attended by Ron van der Hoorn, Brian Gott, Amanda Hourmand and William Harrold. Ron van der Hoorn requested a precept increase to £250 (was £100) to cover hosting, increased storage, tools and domain registration. **Action TA**  
RH requested details of working parties (Speedwatch and Environment) to put on the website asking for volunteers. **Action FL**  
RH suggested using Cloud storage for storing information on subjects such as Traffic Calming. It will be password protected and accessed by the PC. He will investigate further and come back in February with more information. **Action RH**
- i) **Cycle Path** – Lucian Hatfield has had no response from Savills (Estate Managers for King’s College). He will contact the bursar and Richard Pemberton to get this last hurdle sorted. **Action LH**

- 1. **11 Correspondence** – Nothing to report.

**12 Finance –**

a) **Precept for 2017** – There is a new Band D figure for the taxbase and the increase is now £21.72 per household. Tony Adcock suggested putting £10,000 towards the Village Hall extension. Phase 1 will cost approximately £90,000 and the total cost will be in the region of £100,000 - £110,000. The Precept request will be for £94,661. Proposed RH, seconded CB. All agreed.

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

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

Payments proposed RH, seconded PA. Approved.

A quote was received from CGM for pruning at 1 The Elms for £95 + VAT.

A quote was also received from CGM to prune the overgrown shrub bed at The Elms for £145 + VAT. Proposed RH, seconded LH. All agreed.

A quote was received from Play Maintain for a new Prosafe Gate repair kit for £318.25 + VAT. Proposed RH, seconded TA. All agreed.

**Invoices Paid on 12/12/2016:**

Archer Safety Signs	£44.34
Clerk's Fees	£847.09
Clerk's expenses	£107.94
HMR&C	£97.11
Roy Brown	£109.30
Play Inspection Company	£180.00
CGM (Grass cutting)	£820.08
MetroRod (Village Hall)	£990.00
Tony Adcock (MetroRod)	£102.00

Frances Laville  
Parish Clerk  
20/12/2016

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

