

## HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**Present** – Tony Adcock, Ron van der Hoorn, Lucian Hatfield, Clive Blower, Julie Coxall and Peter Agar. County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley was in attendance. Tony Adcock (Vice Chair) led the meeting in Jenny Jullien’s absence. There were three members of the public present.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** – Jenny Jullien (Chairman), Tricia Knibbs and District Councillor Doug Cattermole.
- 2 **Members Declaration of interest for items on the Agenda** – None.
- 3 **Open Forum for Public Participation** – A member of the public asked if there was any chance of getting the footpath widened outside the school, as the verge next to it has become very muddy. The parking situation around there was also raised. Concerns will be reported to CCC and the Traffic Calming team. The grass verge on New Road, which has been badly damaged by lorries, will also be reported. **Action FL**
- 4 **County Councillor’s Report by Sebastian Kindersley**

**Buses** Stagecoach will be making improvements to the No. 26 bus service, but the price will be to lose the No. 27 bus. Ron van der Hoorn agreed to reply to the website survey, asking to keep it running, by the end of March. Stagecoach and Heidi Allen have already been written to regarding local bus services. **Action RH**

**Council Budgets and Council Tax** CCC voted to reject the standard 1.99% council tax rise allowed by the government, and adopted by virtually every other authority in the country. That would have helped meet costs of inflation and pay for some of the basics. Finance for public services is in freefall, pot holes are proliferating, white lines on dangerous roads have faded and children’s centres have no secure future. This freeze saves the average household 42p per week. The Council has agreed to a separate ‘social care’ precept rise of 2%. SCDC agreed a Council Tax rise of £5 per Band D dwelling, and has diversified into the private rental market by buying up homes and renting them for a profit of about 6%.

**Pharmacies and Dispensaries in Cambridgeshire** Views are being sought on pharmacies and dispensaries across the county. The consultation runs to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Services include filling prescriptions, selling medicines that don’t need a prescription, giving advice and supporting people to quit smoking. Please visit: <http://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/joint-strategic-needs-assessment/PNA>. This will help shape the future development of pharmacies across the country.

The Clerk is to reply citing the importance of maintaining pharmacies in local surgeries, as there are no other similar facilities for miles. **Action FL**

- 5 **District Councillor’s Report by Doug Cattermole** – None received.
- 6 **To approve and sign minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017** – Proposed RH, seconded CB. Approved nem con.

**7 Matters to be reported from these minutes – None**

**8 Planning applications and decisions:**

S/0189/17/FL – **41 Chestnut Close**, (amended) detached garage: Supports  
S/0614/17/FL – **Charity Farm, Harston Road**, retrospective application for single storey dwelling: Supports. **Planning Meeting on 27/2/2017:**  
S/0553/17/LB – **46 Barton Road**, demolition of single storey rear extension, construction of two storey rear extension, detached garage: Objects  
S/0392/17/FL – **Village Hall, New Road**, single storey extension: Supports  
S/0333/17/FL – **82 New Road**, addition of an upper storey to central part of bungalow: Supports. S/0420/17/FL – **Land rear of 97 New Road**, proposed dwelling and garaging: Supports. S/0423/17/FL – **Trumpington Park & Ride**, proposed click & collect facility: Supports. S/2646/16/RM – **Trumpington Meadows**, reserved matters inc. 392 new dwellings: No comments.

**9 Additional Matters for Discussion:**

- a) **Traffic Calming – Next steps:** John Miller (JM) and team met with Skanska and sent a report (see appendices attached). Lucian Hatfield suggested extending the footpath on Cantelupe Road and creating a tarmac pathway through the trees on the Recreation Ground, as the whole area gets very boggy in winter. This idea will be discussed with JM at the next traffic calming meeting. **Action LH**  
The Clerk will find out costs and liaise with JM. **Action FL**  
Roger Scott wrote to say he would be glad to help with Traffic Calming. The Clerk will pass on his details to JM. **Action FL**
- b) **Speedwatch** – It was agreed to purchase the speedwatch equipment as soon as possible. Harlton has offered to pay 25% of costs in return for borrowing it fortnightly. Up to £2,600 + VAT was authorised. 25% will be reclaimed from Harlton. Proposed PA, seconded CB. **Action FL**

**10 Committee and Working Party Reports:**

- a) **Environment** – The Wellhouse Meadow wall has been cleared of ivy. Two fallen trees, including one leaning on the wall at Broad Lane, are to be removed. An additional £200 was authorised for this. Proposed CB, seconded JC. **Action FL**  
It was agreed to accept quotes from Shire Trees to remove a tree at the Wellhouse Meadow and pollard a willow on Lilac Close. Proposed JC, seconded PA  
The next volunteers' session will be to tidy up the corner of Lilac Close.  
Lucian Hatfield was given archived Environmental Committee documents by Martin Heazell. Clive Blower will view them to see if relevant. **Action CB**  
Rob Mungovan is leaving his post as Environmental Officer at SCDC. It was agreed to write a letter thanking him for all his advice over the years. **Action FL**
- b) **Tennis Courts** – Nothing to report.
- c) **Village Hall** – A meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March. The accounts were audited and signed off by Keith French. Another quotation is awaited for tractor tyres. The boiler in the hall has been repaired (the water pressure was low). The taps in kitchen were leaking and have also been repaired.
- d) **Allotments** – Three working parties were held in January and February. All were well attended. The water bill has been paid. Six plots are still vacant. A lawn mower was donated and security is being investigated to prevent it being stolen.

- e) **Connections Bus** – Tony Adcock expressed concern that the average attendance has dropped from 14.6 the previous year to an average of 7.8 people now. He will contact Alan Webb, Project Manager, to make him aware that we're thinking of dropping it. **Action TA**
- f) **Play Areas** – Julie Coxall has been clearing up bottles and cans in the Skate Park for the last two weeks. Roy Brown is to be asked to keep an eye on it. **Action FL**
- g) **C& V and website** – A meeting was held on 21<sup>st</sup> February. Nothing new to report.
- h) **Cycle Path** – Peter Agar wrote to the Bursar at King's College and a meeting with him and Lucian Hatfield has been arranged for Friday. **Action LH/PA**

**11 Correspondence** – An email was received about the increasing incidents of dog mess on footpaths. It was agreed that putting posters up around the village, as suggested, would be unsightly. Peter Agar suggested obtaining more dog bins. He will walk around the village and list possible locations. **Action PA**  
 Information was received about the A14 improvement scheme. A truck will be touring villages with further information. The Clerk is to investigate bookings. **Action FL**

**12 Finance:**

- a) **Bank of Cyprus (Bond ending in May 2017)** It was agreed to transfer the £50,000 Bond into Barclays Bank at the end of its term in May 2017. Other investment options may be considered. Proposed TA, seconded LH
- b) **Barclays Bank Transfer** It was agreed to transfer £30,000 from Barclays Bank to the Unity Trust Bank account. Proposed PA, seconded CB
- c) **Resolution to pay outstanding accounts:**  
**Salaries – Clerk, Roy Brown, Alan Stevens**  
 Payments proposed TA, seconded CB. Approved.

**Invoices Paid on 13/03/2017:**

Skanska (paid 28/02/2017)	£2399.70
SLCC (Membership renewal)	£139.00
Play Maintain	£1130.40
Clerk's fees	£691.54
Clerk's expenses	£48.50
Roy Brown	£104.00
Clive Blower	£10.00
HMR&C	£34.62

Frances Laville  
 Parish Clerk  
 22/03/2017

**Date of next meeting: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

## **Appendices:**

### **Traffic Calming (TC) Working Group: update Article for C&V**

The first meeting of the TC Working Group took place on 08.03.2017 which followed the 2016 November Parish meeting where the Parish Council was given a clear mandate to implement TC measures in the Village. The Working Group was also supported by representatives from Cambridge County Council (CCC) and Skanska, both being instrumental to the approvals and ordering process. The Aim of the meeting was to review the results of the 16/17 Traffic Calming questionnaires with clear focus on the Traffic Calming 'hotspots' raised by the Villagers in order to support a 5 year plan to increase road safety in the Village.

A status report of progress was reviewed by the Group as follows:

- Phase 1: is now complete (in sum: being speed restrictions at the School and on surrounding roads entering the village).
- Phase 2: the Gates have now been installed and associated road markings will be installed by Skanska within the next 6-8 weeks. The Barton Road designs have been amended (being one only central chicane now with road pillows at either end of Barton Road) and will be resubmitted for CCC Safety Approval.

The following was out of Scope of the TC meeting and is being reviewed separately by the Parish Council: Mobile (rechargeable) Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS): it was registered that the data collected from these would be able to 'inform' future priorities within the 5 year plans as well as attempting to reduce traffic speeds. Please note: 4 village locations are being looked into and these VAS will be rotated on a regular basis by the Parish Council when approved by CCC.

After a detailed assessment & a summary review, the following areas were agreed to be the key focus, here named as Phase 3 Traffic Calming [#] e.g. P3-TC1:

- P3 – TC1: the junction Cantelupe Rd/New Road & Fountain Lane: consideration – reduce vegetation, install pavement extensions to the current path to improve visibility.
- P3 – TC2: High Street: consideration – where sufficiently wide enough, install central island(s) that would also facilitate pedestrian crossing point(s).
- P3 – TC3: School bend – village green-side: consideration – install double yellow lines & possible pedestrian fencing so that cars can proceed safely on the road within the 20 mph zone without blind spots due to parked cars.
- P3 – TC4: Harlton Road junction with Church St through New Road/Barton Rd junction: consideration – 2 mini-roundabouts and associated traffic pillows so that cars speeds are reduced along this stretch but also maintain traffic flows.
- P3 – TC5: New Road stretch from Sydney Gardens through to Watsons Yard: consideration – traffic pillows or full width raised pillows (similar to Thriplow). All pillow sighting avoiding drives/roads.

The next steps will be to meet with the Skanska Manager in w/c 20 Mar 17 to determine approximate costs and then report back to the TC Working Group and Parish Council with the next measures to derive the 5 year plan. These, in sum, were perceived as being:

- To prioritise the implementation of the P3-TC#s as above.
- To commence TC where not requiring CCC approval such as P3-TC1.
- To agree to which TC the Parish Council would proceed with ahead of the next round of Local Highway Improvement grants (LHIs) (i.e. being within accrued funds in fiscal).
- To proceed with an LHI submission for the Nov 17 round noting that the Parish Council has twice been successful in the past with Grants so defraying some of the design costs.

The Working Group continue to look for supporters and if you would like to join then please contact Jenny Jullien (Parish Chair) or John Miller (Working Group Chair). Progress is being made to improve the safety of our Village.