

## HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017

**Present** – Jenny Jullien (Chairman), Tony Adcock (Vice Chair), Ron van der Hoorn, Lucian Hatfield and Clive Blower. District Councillor Doug Cattermole and County Councillor Kevin Cuffley were in attendance. There were three members of the public present.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** – Tricia Knibbs, Julie Coxall and County Councillor Roger Hickford. Peter Agar has now resigned, for professional and family reasons.
- 2 **Members Declaration of interest for items on the Agenda** – None
- 3 **Open Forum for Public Participation** – Nothing to report.
- 4 **County Councillors Report** by Cllr Roger Hickford & Cllr Kevin Cuffley

#### **Financial Impact**

The County Council has to cut its spending by £300m over eight years. This will be achieved through restructuring, income generation and transformation, while still providing the front line services that are so needed.

#### **Major Development**

A North Uttlesford Garden Community of up to 5,000 dwellings is being proposed at Great Chesterford in the Uttlesford draft submission local plan - this could mean development all the way from Sawston to Uttlesford.

#### **Children's Centres**

A consultation on Children's Centres opened on 19 July and closes on 22 September. You can take part here: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/children-s-centres/children-s-centres-consultation>. The proposed changes will help the service with maintenance and running costs of under-used or over-used buildings, thereby saving a million pounds a year, and focus on improving the actual service to young people and their families.

#### **Combined Authority**

The Combined Authority successfully secured £100million from the Government to deliver 2,000 affordable homes across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough as part of the devolution deal. The Combined Authority will be writing its own Housing Strategy, envisaging 100,000 dwellings by 2037.

#### **Withdrawal of Bus Services**

After three generations of family ownership, Whippet became part of the Tower Transit Group in November 2014. Whippet has given notice of withdrawing services 1, 1A, 2, 5, 7A, 8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 18, 21, 45/45A, 114 and 117 from 2 September 2017. The Council is looking to see if there is a possibility to keep any of these services running.

#### **Police & Crime Commissioner bids to take over the Fire Service**

The Police and Crime Commissioner are keen to take over governance of the Fire & Rescue Service. The bid is being strongly resisted by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority, whose stance has been supported at Full Council of the County Council. It was suggested that instead of the PCC taking over the Fire service, rather the Fire service and the Ambulance Service would make a better fit.

Cambridgeshire County Council's Community and Cultural Services have been awarded funding from Arts Council England for a four-year programme of arts events and activities in libraries, beginning in 2018.

A new £34million a year highway services contract, initially for ten years with the option to extend for a further five, has been awarded to Skanska, including management and maintenance of 2,800 miles of carriageway, 1,400 miles of footways and cycleways and 1,276 structures.

Tony Adcock said there was no mention in the County Councillors' report that they had voted themselves a 30% increase in salary, and asked why when there are so many cutbacks to vital services such as Children's Centres. Kevin Cuffley said the Council had been restructured saving a lot of money and they hadn't had a pay rise for quite a few years. They had a large workload and they have been making Children's Centres more cost efficient so they only have to rent one hall instead of several across the county. TA commented that such a large increase might be seen as insensitive.

## **5 District Councillor's Report** by Doug Cattermole

The last month has been fairly quiet, with the next meeting scheduled for the end of September. The hearing on the Local Plan has now finished, with a Public Consultation starting in the autumn. The Grosvenor Sporting Village application has been formally withdrawn. The Greater Cambridge Partnership (City Deal) is holding workshops in August/September looking at improving transport links, with a view to opening a new Park & Ride site.

The County Council is scheduled to look at the future of libraries seeking ideas to maintain the service, with more cuts on the way. The first Parish Council meeting for South Trumpington is to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

The wrongly reported planning application for Grove Farm will take 6-8 weeks to get to the High Court hearing for the mistake to be overturned. The whole process for looking at planning applications is to be reviewed so this mistake never happens again. Kevin Cuffley said the government is to tighten up the process for planning, as there is now an 8 week timescale for turning applications around, putting an unfair amount of pressure on any officer.

## **6 To approve and sign minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017** – Proposed RH, seconded TA. Approved.

## **7 Matters to be reported from these minutes** – Lucian Hatfield said Cambridgeshire Highways had confirmed that the white lines over the M11 were its responsibility. The pothole on the road to Harlton has now been filled in. Quotes have been obtained for pruning the hedgerow on Cantelupe Road. SCDC is looking at locations for placing extra dog bins, and will be in touch with their decision. All grass cutting and tree issues have been reported to CGM. The rope beside the river has been reported to Harston. The blind in the Village Hall has now been fixed. Kevin Cuffley has approved the ballot for the village consultation on Traffic Calming. The village website is now secured. CGM looked at the tree opposite 19 The Elms and did not think there was a problem. If they keep taking the top out it

will encourage thicker growth. The householder is to be informed. **Action FL/JJ**

- 8 Planning applications and decisions: S/2572/17/FL 122 New Road** - To remove existing and erect new PVCU Conservatory. Supported.  
**S/2737/17/TP Tree Works:** 44 Church Street, Horse Chestnut (T.3) - Crown reduce tree by 2M in height and 2M Lateral branches to improve light. Supported.  
**SCDC Decisions: S/2227/17/FL 44, Church Street;** Retrospective: - Retention of children's play equipment in rear garden. Approved. **S/0874/17/FL Wendovers, 10 Church Street;** Demolition of existing house and construction of a new and larger single two-storey detached dwelling. Approved.

- 9 Additional Matters for Discussion:** The Parish Council is now reduced to seven councillors out of the eleven needed for Full Council. There will be a leaflet drop to every house in the village by early September, asking for people interested in joining the PC to contact the Clerk or Chairman with a short CV. The Clerk said she would be leaving her role at Foxton at the end of September, freeing up more time to concentrate on her CILCA studies.

**10 Committee and Working Party Reports:**

- a) **Environment** – The Working Party will resume work in September. Clive Blower proposed buying daffodil bulbs, to be planted in October, to mark the approaches to the village. These will give a lovely display in spring. Proposed CB, seconded RH. All agreed.  
More bark chippings are to be put around the bench and the village sign in the middle of the village Green. Ron van der Hoorn is to check to see if they have any left over at the allotments. Proposed LH, seconded RH. Agreed. **Action RH**  
It was proposed to do a survey of the waterways around Haslingfield and organise a schedule of routine maintenance to keep them clear. Some watercourses and pipes appear to be blocked. CGM is to be asked to look at the situation and quotes obtained. Proposed TA, seconded CB. All agreed. **Action FL**
- b) **Village Hall** – The new water boiler feed has been repaired. The Velux blind has been fixed. An estimate of approximately £3000 was received to replace eight lights with a dimmer, as the current ones can't be dimmed and take several minutes to light up. All lights can then be dimmed individually or in groups of two or four. Two other estimates will be sought. **Action RH/TA**  
The large pothole in the car park has been filled by a passing contractor. New spoons have been bought for the kitchen. The fire blanket has been stolen and will have to be replaced. People have also been taking soap and sponges. The back door was found to be left unlocked after a party. There have been problems with both the cookers. Engineers will be asked to assess them. **Action JJ**  
Tony Adcock said tenders have now gone out for the extension to the Village Hall, including to John Offord and Millcam, and three quotes should be received by the end of August. The structural engineer for steelwork will cost £475. Proposed TA, seconded CB. All agreed.
- c) **Allotments** – All plots at the allotments are now occupied. It has been good growing weather.
- d) **Play Areas** – Julie Coxall sent her apologies.

- e) **Tennis Club** – An email had been received from Lawrence Hopkins to say quotes for the fencing work had been sought and the work will be done soon.
- f) **Traffic Calming Measures** – There will be three meetings taking place on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October to discuss and vote on Phase 3. Ballot papers and a copy of the map will be delivered to every elector in the village. Larger maps will be put on the noticeboards outside the Village Hall and on Barton Road. The result will be announced at the end of November. The distribution list will be brought to the September PC meeting and leaflets distributed the week after. **Action JJ**
- g) **Speedwatch** – This is a Police initiative and they will monitor it. Two posters were handed to the Clerk to advertise a Speedwatch event on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, to go on both noticeboards. There will be eight or nine sites targeted in the village, and the team will be going out in the morning and evening rush hours. Tabards and warning signs have still not been received. The Clerk is to contact Kim Quince to borrow theirs and chase up Paul Jenkins to buy them without delay. **Action FL**
- h) **C&V and Website** – Nothing new to report.
- i) **Cycle Path** – Nothing more will be done until September, when the City Deal will start a consultation.

## 11 Correspondence –

Tony Adcock said that at the May meeting he had agreed with Peter Agar that he would hand over the Emergency Plan. As he has now left this will not happen, and he asked if Frances Laville could manage and update the Plan Document instead. This was agreed and a meeting will be arranged in September. **Action TA/FL**  
The Clerk will be on holiday between 18<sup>th</sup> August and 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017. All emails are to be re-directed to Jenny Jullien in her absence.

## 12 Finance: Resolution to pay outstanding accounts:

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

Payments proposed TA, seconded RH. Approved.

### Invoices Paid on 14/08/2017:

John Guest Architectural Design	£3044.20
Tony Adcock expenses (BT & keys)	£145.92
SLCC	£78.40
CGM	£687.49
CAPALC (Chairman's training)	£105.00
John Miller	£12.00
Roy Brown	£170.60
Alan Stevens (3 months)	£87.40
HMR&C	£74.42
Clerks fees	£717.04
Clerks expenses	£177.15

<b>Remittances:</b> Harlton Parish Council	£600.00
VAT Repayment	£8571.45

Frances Laville - Parish Clerk  
17/08/2017

**Date of next Meeting: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**