

HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th October 2017

Present – Jenny Jullien (Chairman), Ron van der Hoorn, Tony Adcock and Clive Blower. Julie Coxall has resigned for family reasons. District Councillor Doug Cattermole and County Councillor Roger Hickford were in attendance. There were two members of the public present, plus two children.

- 1 Apologies for Absence** – Lucian Hatfield and Tricia Knibbs.
- 2 Members Declaration of interest for items on the Agenda** – None
- 3 Notice of Intention to Co-opt Parish Councillors:**

Ian Johnson was proposed by RH and seconded by TA. Unanimously approved.
Darren Crowe was proposed by RH and seconded by TA, in his absence. Unanimously approved. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form was signed by Ian Johnson and will be emailed to Darren Crowe in time for the next meeting. Both new Councillors were welcomed to the team.
- 4 Open Forum for Public Participation** – Nothing to report.
- 5 County Councillors Report - County Councillor's Report by Roger Hickford** –

There is a budget deficit for the coming financial year for a total of £37.5m. £31.5m of savings has already been identified. A new contract with our Highways maintenance provider will be saving £500k, whilst delivering at least the same service. Another £2.5m was put into road maintenance last year, and this will continue.

Children's Centres - The New Sawston Community Hub will be the location for the new Child and Family Zone – this will be a really good space and much larger than the present centre. The proposed 1 million efficiency savings are to be made through limiting buildings overheads and management costs.

Innovation Fund - There was a meeting for PC's and organisations to learn more about the £1m Innovation Fund set up by the County Council to encourage partnership working at a local level to improve services and potentially save money.
- 6 District Councillor's Report by Doug Cattermole** – SCDC are to discontinue the separate paper caddy in the blue bins, which residents can keep for personal use or take to the local recycling centre.

Greater Cambridge Partnership/Haslingfield Greenways – Consultants have been appointed to look at future transport solutions for the City, including a network of walking, cycling and equestrian routes linking local villages with Cambridge City. There will be a meeting at the Methodist Church, on Wednesday 25th October from 6-8 pm, to gather information on the Haslingfield Greenways.
- 7 To approve and sign minutes of the meeting of 11th September 2017** – Proposed JJ, seconded RH. Approved.
- 8 Matters to be reported from these minutes** – The tabards and Speedwatch Village

signs have now been purchased, and the warning triangle re-ordered from the Police. The tree branches have not yet been removed from the ditch on Cantelupe Road, although this has been requested to CGM. **Action FL**

- 9 Planning applications and decisions: Tree Preservation Order - Ref: S/3409/17/TC 1, School Lane** T1 Group Cherry/Prunus Reduce height back to previous reduction, T2 Silver Birch x 3 Reduce height by 0.5m, T3 Cypress Reduce height by 3/4m. No objections.

SCDC Granted: S/2601/17/PA - Chivers Barn, River Farm: Prior Approval for a proposed change of use and associated operational development for an agricultural building into three dwellings. 5/10/2017.

10 Additional Matters for Discussion:

- a) **Skate Park** – Ian Johnson presented three quotes for a new Skate Park to the Parish Council. Fearless Ramps quoted £50,000 + VAT, Axo Leisure quoted £41,357 + VAT and Caloo quoted £95,000 + VAT, including resurfacing. Ian Johnson said Fearless Ramps would install a better structure made of more durable larchwood. He said concrete could crumble over time and would be much more expensive to install. He confirmed that he would be happy to train in how to undertake Play Inspections, and apply for grant funding. The next Play Inspection course is in Ely on 22nd November 2017 and he will let the Clerk know if he is free. **Action IJ/FL**
Tony Adcock asked for ideas for fund raising in the village. Jenny Jullien suggested installing new seating and another bin. The clerk is to circulate quotes to councillors and put a motion on the Agenda for the next meeting. **Action FL**
The gate to the Skate Park has dropped and needs adjustment. A padlock and chain around the two gates would suffice. A chain is to be purchased. **Action IJ**
- b) **Village Signs & benches** – Prue van der Hoorn will investigate refreshing or replacing the signs outside the village hall and play areas. She will paint the finger post black and white next Spring. **Action Prue van der Hoorn**
Well House Meadow – The Village Society would like to install another seat in the Meadow and the enclosed Play Area. They are happy to fund both benches. Proposed RH, seconded TA. Agreed.
- c) **Stands at Fetes** – It was suggested having a stand/stall at future village fetes to take questions from residents and make councillors more widely recognised. Putting photos next to the list of Councillors on the website and having name-plates or badges at meetings was also suggested. **Action All Councillors/FL**
- d) **Watercourses** – A quote was received from CGM, but this did not include putting cameras down to examine blocked pipes. Steve Dawson, a resident who specialises in the area, is to be asked for more information. **Action FL**

11 Committee and Working Party Reports:

- a) **Environment** – Around 50% of the daffodils bulbs have been planted on the entrances to the village. There is a 20/30-foot concrete stretch, beyond the 30mph limit, on Barton Road which has been grassed over, so is unsuitable to plant bulbs. Lucian Hatfield is to be asked if he knows why it's there. **Action FL**
The possibility of buying planters instead, to be installed during Phase 2, was suggested. Highways grant money could be used.

New trees for the Community Orchard have been bought by Sylvia Armit, with funds kindly donated by residents. These include a Webb's Cob, a Red Pippin, a Conference Pear and a Bramley Apple.

Jay Cole is to be asked to put a sign by the oak tree planted by the Dance Club, so that it's not smothered by grass cuttings again. **Action FL**

- b) **Village Hall** – Instructions for operating both cookers are to be put up. **Action RH**
Tony Adcock will obtain three quotations for the Village Hall extension. A village referendum will also take place. **Action TA**
- c) **Allotments** – All plots are now occupied, with four people on the waiting list. The rents have increased by £2 per plot. A new Chairman will be sought at the AGM, as the current Chairman will be standing down. The water bill was given to RH by the Clerk. **Action RH**
- d) **Play Areas** – No report sent. Julie Coxall has now resigned, for family reasons. The Parish Council would like to thank her for all her help over the years.
- e) **Tennis Club** – A proposal was submitted for installing lighting on the third tennis court. There were no objections to the plans, but it was suggested putting additional lighting into the proposal, to go on the footpaths next to the tennis court and the village hall. This will be paid for by the Parish Council. **Action FL**
- f) **Traffic Calming Measures** – After many years of discussions, 50% of the vote or more will finally decide what, if any, measures are to be installed. Voting will close at the end of the month. The Parish Council will represent the views of the village. John Miller is to write a notice for the Church & Village magazine asking everyone on the electoral roll to vote. **Action John Miller**
- g) **Speedwatch** – Linda Shankland said 53 speeders had been reported to Police over six sessions, with 15% going at speeds of 36mph or more. Drivers brake as soon as volunteers are seen. There are five sites in the village suitable for speedwatch, with only ten people to cover them. A notice has been put in the C&V asking for more volunteers. Speedwatch is a deterrent and can only be used in 30mph zones. It was decided to purchase two more 'Community Speedwatch Area' signs for Chapel Hill and Harlton Road. Proposed TA, seconded JJ. Agreed. **Action FL**
Clive Blower will install the two signs already purchased. **Action CB**
The Parish Council would like to record their thanks to the Speedwatch team for doing such a great job on behalf of the village.
- h) **C&V and Website** – A link has been put to the village Facebook page. Ron van der Hoorn said he would give the Clerk a link to the website for her to upload Parish Council information, and give training on how to use it. **Action RH/FL**
- i) **Cycle Path** – A drop-in event will be held by The Greater Cambridge Partnership on Wednesday 25th October between 6-8 pm at Haslingfield Methodist Church, to gather more information on the local Greenways. Lucian Hatfield will be asked to attend. **Action FL**

Correspondence – A message was received by Ron van der Hoorn from a resident about a possible alternative cycle route across the village. This will be forwarded to Lucian Hatfield and the Clerk. **Action RH**

Ian Johnson mentioned that a row of overgrown bushes in front of the houses on Watson's Yard needs cutting, and asked whose responsibility this is to maintain. It was thought to be the residents, but this will be investigated further. **Action FL**

A letter was received from N W Brown enclosing a form to be completed, to ensure that the PC remains covered for trading. This was signed by two signatories.

13 Finance: Resolution to pay outstanding accounts:

Salaries – Clerk, Roy Brown, Alan Stevens

A letter was written to Barclays Bank, asking them to transfer £60,000 from the Current Account to the Unity Trust Account, and was signed by two signatories. The CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund (instant access) is to be investigated further, with a view to transferring the Bank of Cyprus payment and Section 106 monies. This will ensure that the other bank accounts remain covered by the £85,000 FRCS limit. A motion will be put on the next Agenda. **Action FL**

Payments proposed CB, seconded RH. Approved.

Invoices Paid on 09/10/2017:

CGM	£382.99
Trumpington British Legion	£25.00
Emorsgate Seeds	£39.52
CAPALC	£35.00
Archer Safety Signs	£164.22
Haslingfield Methodist Church	£30.00
Clover Blower (bulbs)	£51.96
Roy Brown	£156.00
HMR&C	£162.97
Clerks fees	£886.69
Clerks expenses	£182.04
Connections Bus	£3003.00

Remittances:

SCDC Precept	£47330.50
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Frances Laville - Parish Clerk
20/10/2017

Date of next Meeting: Monday 13th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall