

HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8th January 2018

Present – Jenny Jullien (Chairman), Ron van der Hoorn, Tony Adcock, Lucian Hatfield, Clive Blower, Darren Crowe and Ian Johnson. District Councillor Doug Cattermole was in attendance. There were three members of the public present.

- 1 Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from County Councillors Roger Hickford and Kevin Cuffley. Tricia Knibbs was unable to attend.
- 2 Members Declaration of interest for items on the Agenda** – None.
- 3 Open Forum for Public Participation** – Three residents from Barton Road attended the meeting. One resident supported the traffic calming proposals, but two residents felt that a proper consultation had not taken place, as had happened in Phase 3, and said residents had not received copies of the plans and were not in favour of the current proposals. She said they had spent all day on Saturday canvassing opinion on Barton Road, and of the twenty-nine consulted only seven people wanted the plans to go ahead. Although residents had been promised that each household would receive a copy of the updated plans with a questionnaire, this had not happened.

Jenny Jullien said that we have a major problem in Barton Road with speeding traffic and this has been raised by residents and put on the Parish Council's agenda for many years. In the questionnaire, sent out in November 2016, there was overall support for some form of traffic calming in Barton Road by a clear majority of the residents. Tony Adcock said that the PC had spent four years coming up with a workable scheme that is acceptable to most people, and if people had been genuinely concerned why were they not at the meeting to complain? If the scheme doesn't go ahead now and we go back to the drawing board, nothing more will be done for the foreseeable future.

The Parish Council has accepted the professional advice of Civil Engineers, from both the CCC Highways Department and Skanska, as to what they think is the safest and best form of traffic calming for Barton Road. The designs have been carefully planned to consider driveways, drains and lighting, and the process has been lengthy and expensive. Over the last two years it has regularly been discussed and reported on in the Church & Village magazine and the full minutes have been regularly posted on the notice boards and the village website.

An Extraordinary Meeting was held on 18th December 2017, to review the consultation procedure (found to be in accordance with NALC guidelines) and vote again on the plans. Councillors voted by 6:1 to go ahead with installing the planned two speed pillows and one chicane on Barton Road.

It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk will shortly meet with Highways and Skanska to discuss the possibility of installing a vehicle activated sign nearer to the houses at the north end of Barton Road, as was requested by the two residents. The residents of Barton Road will be kept fully informed of the expected installation date and provided with a copy of the plans.

4 County Councillor's Report – None sent.

5 District Councillor's Report by Doug Cattermole

Refuse collection – Around Christmas, some people had too much recycling for their blue bins and extra boxes were not collected. SCDC advised: “Excess recyclable material will be collected if placed in one transparent sack (for visibility) next to the blue bin. One bundle of cardboard may be left next to your bin if it is of a size which would fit inside the bin if there were space. Please tape or tie into a bundle to assist collection.”

Park and Ride Parking Charge to be dropped - The Greater Cambridge Partnership has agreed to subsidise the removal of the charge to park at the Cambridge Park and Rides in April. Since the £1 charge was introduced use of the Park and Rides has significantly fallen. The opening times of the Park and Rides and the Park and Ride bus services will also be reviewed, for those with early starts and wanting to spend an evening out in Cambridge.

Supported Lodgings - CCC has relaunched the Supported Lodgings scheme and is looking for people with a spare room or annex who can support a young person leaving care, aged 16-21. Although the Supported Lodgings scheme requires less intensive support than other types of foster care, carers do need to be able to make time for the young people in their care and show the ability to listen and understand their needs. Carers are also required to offer advice on all aspects of independent living, such as cooking, washing and budgeting. For more information, please contact CCC's Fostering Service on 0800 052 0078 or visit the Supported Lodgings webpage. It is a paid caring role with a fixed tax-free allowance of £10,000 per year plus an extra £250 for each person supported each week or part of a week.

6 To approve and sign minutes of the meeting of 11th December 2017 – Proposed RH, seconded IJ. Approved.

7 To approve and sign minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of 18th December 2017 – Proposed IJ, seconded DC. Approved.

8 Matters to be reported from these minutes – Clive Blower has installed a solar light near the tennis courts to light up the footpath.

9 Planning applications and decisions:

SCDC Decisions: S/3585/17/FL 15 Badcock Road – Single storey front extension and two storey side extension and replacement of existing garage: Granted. 20/12/2017.

S/3851/17/FL 6 Wells Close – Height of rear roof of bungalow to be raised to incorporate small ground floor extension to the rear of the property. Addition of dormer windows & roof lights to roofs. Construction of carport and store in the garden. Granted. 21/12/2017

10 Additional Matters for Discussion:

- a) **Haslingfield Quarry** – Clive Blower will try again to speak to Rebecca Raynor to arrange a meeting for Hannah Roberts to discuss her ideas with the Raynors directly. **Action CB**

- b) **Connections Bus** – The average cost per attendee over the last year was £16 per child, but the figures have been improving and it was considered to be money well spent. A laminated sign will be put up in the Skatepark, the village shop and the Little Rose. **Action FL/RH**
It was decided to advertise the service more widely and to continue with it for another year. Proposed JJ, seconded IJ. All agreed.
- c) **Grass Cutting Tender** – It was decided to accept Buchans Landscapes' quote from March 2018, as a good reference was received from Swavesey Parish Clerk. Proposed TA, seconded RH. Agreed. **Action FL**
- d) **Village Hall Projector** – At least two groups have a projector in the Hall already (Room 9) and a third person wanted to install another. Tony Adcock suggested buying a TV screen instead. However, it was decided to defer the decision until after the extension has been built so it can be safely stored away.

11 Committee and Working Party Reports:

- a) **Environment** – A volunteers' clean-up of the Trinity Close footpath area will take place on Sunday 14th January at 2pm. All are welcome.
- b) **Village Hall** – PAT testing of all the electrics took place on 2nd January and the faulty light in the changing room was adjusted. Alan Stevens has descaled all the shower heads and will continue to do so every four months. Bookings are excellent for the month ahead. The faulty Velux blinds will be looked at as part of the planned refurbishment. The cracked window and seals in the Committee Room have not yet been replaced. John Offord is to be chased up. **Action RH**
- c) **Allotments** – A meeting on 24th January will be held to discuss installing a large, lockable gate. The next working party will be on 27th January. The bank balance is £1424.47. Insurance and affiliation fees for the 36 plot holders have been paid.
- d) **Play Areas & Skatepark** – The Clerk has put in a request for a Community Chest Grant to cover expenses to repair the Skatepark, and will hear back in January. Nothing more to report.
- e) **Traffic Calming & Speedwatch** – John Miller is heavily committed with work and family, so Jenny Jullien has been in touch with Skanska/Highways. Speedwatch stopped before Christmas, as it was dark and cold. Linda Shankland will produce another timetable for the two teams to start again in the new year.
- f) **C&V and Website** – The next meeting will be on 9th January.
- g) **Cycle Path** – Nothing to report. We should hear in May from the Greater Cambridge Partnership about a proposed Cycle Path to Cambridge.

Correspondence – HMRC wrote to say they are making changes to their IT systems and will be giving new reference numbers for VAT claims. NALC gave a briefing on the role of Data Protection Officer from 25th May 2018. There will be a consultation on the Main Modifications to the Cambridge Local Plan on the SCDC website: <http://scambsjdi-consult.net/localplan>. This runs from 5th January to 16th February 2018. There was an invitation, in recognition of past service, to nominate a Chairman for the Buckingham House Garden Party on 15th May 2018.

EVENT: Haslingfield Village Hall Public Consultation

A survey on the new village hall extension plans will soon be delivered to every household. The next Parish Council meeting will start at 7pm on 12th February 2018 so the plans can be reviewed and discussed by the community. This event and vote is your chance to have your say on the future of our Village Hall.

Finance:

a) Resolution to pay outstanding accounts:

Salaries – Clerk, Roy Brown, Alan Stevens

Payments proposed JJ, seconded LH. Approved.

Invoices Paid on 08/01/2018:

Roy Brown	£81.60
HMR&C (x2)	£376.87
Clerk's fees	£969.26
SLCC	£41.00
CGM	£382.99
Clerk's expenses	£64.70
Tony Adcock expenses	£412.80
Clive Blower expenses	£23.00
Connections Bus	£2772.00
A G Electrical	£339.00
Gawn Associates	£570.00

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Frances Laville
Parish Clerk
17/01/2018

Date of next Meeting: Monday 12th February 2018 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall