

HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER MAY 2016

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday May 23rd at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The business of the evening will be followed by some brief talks on the Warden Scheme, the Connections Bus, Speedwatch and plans for celebrating Her Majesty's 90th Birthday. This will be followed by an Open Forum for residents comments and questions. The full agenda is given at the end of this newsletter.

Parish Emergency Plan

Under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004, Cambridgeshire County Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council have a duty to prepare an Emergency Plan to deal with incidents that could happen which threaten injury or serious disruption to significant numbers of people in the region. The Parish Council in turn are required to have their own Emergency Plan in place to support the County and District Councils, or to deal with an incident within the village.

The team had an exercise last year, based on a helicopter crash within the village. A lot was learnt at Parish and District level, leading to improved procedures.

Tony Adcock is the Parish Emergency Officer. If you have skills or equipment that you think could be useful in the case of an emergency, please contact Tony on 870708 or e-mail tony@tonyadcock.co.uk.
Tony Adcock

The Queens 90th Birthday Celebration, Festival Weekend and Scarecrow Festival Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June - *Just a snapshot of what's happening over the weekend.*

The weekend starts with a peal of bells to announce the start of the festivities at noon on Saturday 11th, a fancy dress parade will leave the Methodist Church at 12.15. Everyone in the Village is invited to get involved with the festivities; you can bring your own picnic to the Recreation Ground from about 1 o'clock. Races, games and entertainment for the adults and the children will be available throughout the afternoon from 2 o'clock. Tea and cake will be served from 4 o'clock. Bands, a mobile bar and food vans will be available during the evening.

On Sunday we start with coffee and croissants on the recreation ground followed by an Ecumenical service at 10.30 am.

There will be scarecrows displayed in gardens and public areas over the festival weekend *and lots, lots more*. A full programme of all the events will be delivered to every household by the end of May.

To find out more about the Queens 90th celebration and Village Festival contact Jenny on 872848 jenny.jullien@icloud.com and for the Scarecrow Festival contact Alix on 870167 info@haslingfieldscarecrowfestival.org *Jenny Jullien*

Haslingfield Village Hall and Pavilion

The Village Hall continues to be a popular venue used by many Haslingfield residents and people from the surrounding villages, but it just isn't big enough. Last year we upgraded the changing rooms and toilets and now we are planning to expand the Hall, subject to costs and planning permission. There are three areas that we are focusing on: we are desperately short of storage space, we do not have enough meeting rooms and the kitchen isn't really adequate. We have had a couple of meetings with regular users asking how they would like to see the Hall improved. Last week a couple of the Parish Councillors met up with a local architect. He has been asked to draw up plans to extend the Hall, by bringing it forward a few metres. This will enable us to increase the size of the kitchen, add more meeting rooms and dedicate more room for storage. We, obviously are in the very early stages of this exercise but we will keep you up to date with progress through the Parish Council Minutes, the Church and Village magazine and on the website. There will be drawings of options to look at later in the year. *Jenny Jullien*

Skatepark

We had a hiccup before and during the Easter holidays because we had to close the Skatepark for a time because it was unsafe. Apologies for that. But now the facilities have been repaired thanks to Micky Pullen and funders. We would like to make some improvements and upgrades so, if anyone has ideas about this, please contact us to express them or contact the Parish Clerk.

Sue Watson/Julie Coxhall

Road Safety Initiative

Traffic Calming Phases 1 & 2

The Parish Council have been successful, again, in getting funds from the latest round of CCC Local Highways Improvement (LHI) initiatives. In parallel, discussions have continued with Skanska for the re-assessment of designs for the remaining elements of Phase 1 (Barton Road) and also on proposed designs for Phase 2 elements, taking into consideration highway design and safety constraints such as driveway exits & chicane spacing. Next steps are summarised as follows: -

Phase 1: - 3 chicanes would be implemented along Barton Road as proposed by Skanska following CCC highway design considerations such the addition of “gates” at the entrance to the village on Barton Road.

The final road markings outside the school (within the new 20 mph zone) would be completed during the same site visit.

Phase 2: - Dragons teeth, count down signs and “gates” would be implemented on Chapel Hill. The Southern Village approach on Harston Road would have new road markings and additional “gates” at the entrance to the village.

Upon the above basis HPC are proceeding with SKANSKA and Cambridgeshire County Council to complete these Phases and will continue to review additional safety features on roads within the village with a view to securing more LHI funds in the next round in June 2016 to spend on Phase 3.

Haslingfield Community Warden Scheme

For more than 30 years, our village has had its own Warden Scheme, which supports clients by providing a personal visit 6 days per week. The Warden, Deputy Warden and our Volunteers offer elderly or vulnerable residents an invaluable service which helps them maintain independence in their own homes.

We can deliver newspapers, prescriptions and basic groceries from the Village Shop, and ensure that family, friends or medical help is called as necessary. The Scheme is very reasonable, and clients can sign up on a long term or temporary basis following a hospital stay or illness, or during holiday periods when family members are away. The Scheme is a registered Charity and the Trustees are grateful for the financial contribution received from the Parish Council and a small grant from SCDC. Further information available from Jan Date (tel. 872007) or Audrey Buckland (871900).

The Village Defibrillator

The redundant telephone box on the High Street has had a new lease of life as the home for the Defibrillator and the Book Exchange. Some residents are not sure of the procedure: -

1. **Call 999 immediately (on a mobile or house telephone)** – They will give you the code for opening the locked defibrillator case.
2. **Give immediate CPR** (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation)
3. Open the Defibrillator box and you will be given verbal prompts which you should follow until the ambulance arrives.
4. After the patient has been taken to hospital, please return the defibrillator to one of the addresses on the box, so that the used pads can be replaced.

More than 350,000 deaths occur each year as a result of sudden cardiac arrest!

Haslingfield and Harlton Luncheon Club

The Luncheon Club began in 2003 and has continued to be popular and well-appreciated. At present, there are 51 members of the Club and 29 volunteers, who, on a rota basis, provide a good quality 3-course meal.

The Methodist Church rooms are organised to provide a welcoming setting for the diners as they arrive and there is a real “Buzz” as friends greet each other.

The Christmas meal is the highlight of the year, when children from the village school come along to sing to the diners. This year, the June meal is 2 days before the village celebration of the Queen’s birthday. This will be made into a special occasion for our diners. The Luncheon Club welcomes new members and Christine Kipping (tel. 870227) can give you more information.

Christine Kipping

Haslingfield and Harlton Voluntary Car Scheme

The scheme currently has 34 users and 24 drivers enabling visits to dental and medical surgeries, hospital, rehabilitation and treatment appointments including optician services. Adults of any age in our two villages can book the scheme as long as they do not have access to a car. Users pay 30p per mile at the moment, and the drivers can claim a small extra payment per distance travelled.

We are currently seeking some relief or regular lift coordinators. A mobile phone is provided to receive calls (in use Mon – Friday and the cost of resulting calls made on a domestic line are reimbursed. The County Council pays any admin costs we incur, as the schemes are operating a vital community service. We would also welcome more volunteer drivers.

Our next meeting for drivers will be held on Monday, June 13th, 3-5pm at the Methodist Chapel. We would be happy to welcome anyone to the meeting who is thinking of volunteering to help the scheme.

Any enquiries please to Liz Heazell 870289 or liz.heazell@btinternet.com

Community Governance Review

The population of Haslingfield parish is set to grow from 1,273 (July 2015) to a forecast 2,351 by 2021, with the increase largely attributable to new residents moving into Trumpington Meadows. The timing of the SCDC review takes into account that the likely number of electors within the Trumpington Meadows area in SCDC will exceed 150 by the time the review concludes in January 2017. The aim is to create an effective and convenient arrangement which reflects the identities and interests of each community – this could entail the altering of the existing parish boundaries and/or creation of a new parish including part of Trumpington Meadows. Details of the year-long process, started in February 2016, can be accessed at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/community-governance-reviews>. Formal submissions on the first stage consultation can be made on-line over the above website until June 13th 2016, paper copies of the submission form are available at the Village Hall; completed forms can be taken to the Village Shop and Village Hall for collection.

Household Security

There have been some burglaries locally recently, involving entry through unlocked doors or through breaking windows. Local police advice says: - Don’t make your home an easy target for burglars

Always keep doors and windows closed and locked or in a ventilated but locked position, even when you are inside the house. Always check and lock doors with a key - never assume that just pushing up an internal handle will lock the door. Remove keys from window and door locks, but keep them in a familiar and safe place where all members of the family know where to find them in the event of an emergency.

Never leave items such as keys, bags and money on show through a window, as these can prove a real

temptation for an opportunist burglar. Think about the position of key racks or shelves next to a door and ensure that they cannot be reached through the letter box. Use timer switches to turn on lights and radios when you are going to be away from your house for any period of time.

For more information on how to secure your home and property go to: Cambridgeshire Constabulary website - www.cambs.police.uk or visit our blog www.southcambscops.com

The Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held at the Haslingfield Village Hall on Monday May 23rd 2016 at 7.30 p.m. with the following agenda.

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Notes of Annual Parish Meeting 2015
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Accounts - Haslingfield Parish Council
- Village Hall Committee (BRGT)
6. Report from S. Cambs. District Councillor
7. Report from Cambridgeshire County Councillor

Short Break

Brief presentations on the Warden Scheme, the Connections Bus, Speedwatch and plans for celebrating Her Majesties 90th Birthday.

Item 8 Open Forum; an opportunity for village residents to air concerns and present ideas.

Parish Council Members

Only six nominations were submitted for Parish Councillors in Haslingfield for the elections scheduled for 5th May 2016. Thus all those nominated were declared elected unopposed and will assume their duties from 9th May 2016. The Parish Council is looking to invite expressions of interest from residents who might wish to be considered to serve in the vacancies on the Parish Council. Selection will be by an initial screening and then by interview by the council of screened volunteers before decide on any co-option and the council reserves the right not to co-opt any or all applicants.

For details of what is involved in being a councillor and to discuss the matter informally, please contact the Parish Clerk or Bob Branch.

HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCILLORS 9th MAY 2016

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