

Haslingfield Parish Council (HPC) Minutes (Draft)

14 October 2019

Attendees: Parish Cllrs Jenny Jullien (JJ) Chair; Ron van der Hoorn (RH); Lucian Hatfield (LH); Andrew Gillies (AG); Diana Offord (DO); Helen Brown (HB); Ben Mavely (BM). District Cllr Philip Allen (PA). Parish Clerk – Jacqui Cressey (JC). 2 members of the public

Members: 8 Quorum: 4

Meeting commenced 7.30pm

- 1 **Apologies for absence** – Parish Councillors Tony Adcock-Vice Chair (TA) Simon Duke (SD) David Revell (DR)
- 2 **To receive Members' declaration of interest for items on the agenda** – No declarations
- 3 **Public Forum – Broad Lane street signage and noisy neighbour.** It was reported that the street signs in Broad Lane are in bad repair. JJ confirmed that the HPC will be logging all the village street signs in need of repair with the Highways Department at Cambridgeshire County Council shortly. It was also reported that residents in Broad Lane have been complaining about noise coming from continuously barking dogs. CB commented it is best to try and sort this out locally before reporting it to the SCDC.
- 4 **To approve and sign off the minutes of the meeting 9 September 2019**
Proposed by RH, seconded by DO. All supported.
- 5 **To receive the County Councillors' Report** – No report received
- 6 **To receive the District Councillors' report (PA)** – Written report is on the village website. PA commented that SCDC are offering Zero Carbon Community Grants for up to £15,000. DO attended a recent seminar and commented that the grants will probably go to Parishes that can show commitment to reducing traffic flow, installing cycle paths and planting numerous trees.
- 7 **Planning Applications and Decisions:**
 - 7a – **Notification of the outcome of Planning Decisions by SCDC**
 - **S/2797/19/FL** – 37 Badcock Road, Haslingfield, Cambs, CB23 1LF: Demolish single storey entrance hall and construct a single storey front extension – WITHDRAWN
 - **S/2326/19/FL** - 106 New Road, Haslingfield, Cambridgeshire, CB23 1LP: Two storey rear extension - APPROVED
 - 7b – **Notification of the outcome of the Planning Meeting held in between Parish Council meeting 30/09/2019 attended by CB/DO/HB/LH/RH/TA**
 - **S/3066/19/FL** – 6 Badcock Road, Haslingfield, Cambridgeshire, CB23 1LF: Change roofline on garage to one level with new dormer to front – SUPPORTED unanimously
 - 7c – **Notification of new Planning Applications**
 - There were no new planning applications
- 8 **Skate Park – to discuss the way forward**

BM reported that the Skate Park is now open after like for like repairs on the equipment. BM met with three contractors to look at ideas and prices for a complete overhaul of the park. There were few options to make big changes due to the space and ground covering so the quotes of £49,550, £42,000 and £40,000 are for providing similar but updated equipment.

The most expensive quote will use metal frames and hard-wearing plastic materials that are guaranteed maintenance free. The cheaper quotes will use wood material like the current equipment but will be open ended as opposed to a closed structure so this will be less likely to deteriorate as at present. All quotes give a 25 year guarantee.

The PC currently have £10,000 in the budget for the Skate Park. LH said any proposal should consider providing a facility that will appeal to the users of the park. DO and HB suggested bringing together a group of teenagers and school children from the village for comments and suggestions. JJ proposed we set up a Skate Park Working Party involving councillors and any interested volunteers. BM, LH and JJ offered to represent the Parish Councillors on the Working Party.

BM reported that the new playground equipment has been installed and the young kids love it. The annual inspection of the Children's Playground and the Skate Park is due in November.

9 Report on the Wardens Scheme AGM

JJ attended the meeting on 07/10/2019 which was well attended. They reported that their client numbers are down so they are able to recruit more people onto the scheme. The committee thanked JJ for the support the Parish Council give to the Scheme.

10 Report on the A10 corridor Joint Parish Council Working Party meeting 26/09/2019

HB attended the first meeting which was held in Foxton. It was attended by ten other parish council representatives in the area and the main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the aims and objectives of the group going forward. The group aim to influence and lobby policy-makers in the interests of the parishioners currently focusing on the Greater Cambridge Partnership's proposals for a Foxton Travel Hub which will provide free parking for 750 cars and access to Foxton Station with the intention of encouraging road users to leave their cars here and travel to Cambridge and London by train. Parishioners in all the villages are encouraged to review the proposals and respond to the consultation which is open until 21 October 2019.

Please go to <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/foxtton-travel-hub-consultation/> The committee proposes to meet bi-monthly at Foxton which is centrally placed for all the villages. There will be some costs associated with meeting at Foxton i.e. room hire and the cost of a Clerk to take minutes which is expected to be in the region of £100 per council per year. HB asked if HPC are happy to support this and participate in the meetings.

Proposed by JJ, Seconded by LH. All supported.

11 To receive the Parish Clerk's report – JJ and JC will work on completing items over the coming months

12 Finance

To resolve to pay outstanding accounts:

- Salaries: Alan Stevens, Roy Brown & Parish Clerks - £Confidential
- HMRC - £106.60
- Expenses: Parish Clerk
 - £25 (home) + £22.50 (training day) + £12.55 expenses
- Buchans – invoice 2062: (September 19 - £1051.03 (incl. VAT)
- Digital Hearing Care – Invoice £4,056 (incl VAT) full amount to be reimbursed by Access to Work
- Cambs lock & safe invoice - £360 (incl VAT)
- Walker & Turpin Consultants Asbestos Surveyors invoice £642.00 (incl VAT)
- Fields in Trust invoice £300 (incl VAT)
- Keith French invoice £180
- EPS Skate Park invoice £360

Proposed by JJ, seconded by AG. All supported.

14 To review correspondence received

- a) Request from Scope Charity** – A request has been made to locate a textile recycling bank in the village. JJ commented we have one Clothing Bank in Porkers Lane and this currently services the needs of the Parishioners. It was agreed not to take the offer up.
- b) New plaque for the village sign** – Steve Edmondson has made a new plaque to go on the Haslingfield Village sign. He proposes to attach it to a different face on the plinth and requires approval from the HPC. This was approved by all councillors.
- c) Bakehouse redecoration – Tender review** – Roger Willcocks has provided quotes from four contractors to redecorate the Bakehouse which is in bad repair. The council approved the quote from Herringbone Restoration Ltd.
- d) The Elms trees near nos. 24 & 28** – DO and JJ are commissioning a tree survey and will seek the advice of the chosen surveyor on the health and suitability of these trees.
- e) School Lane/Back Lane Bollards temporarily removed** – BT Contractors were working in the area last week and removed the bollards in School Lane and Back Lane without replacing them. JJ contacted the company on the 14 October and they confirmed they will be replacing them this week.

15 Matters for future consideration

- Status of Parish Council Land Holdings
- The Skate Park
- Information on the plans for the empty property in New Road (no. 67)
- Half year HPC Financial Review

Meeting ended 20.50

Date of next meeting: Monday 11 November 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

**Issued by the Parish Clerk: Jacqui Cressey
15 October 2019**