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## Special points of interest:

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- Local news

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## Welcome to your six new Parish Councillors :

We are delighted to report that Haslingfield Parish Council is now operating at full strength with eleven councillors in place. Our sincere thanks goes to all those who expressed an interest in volunteering and please join us in welcoming our six new Parish Councillors: Helen Brown; Simon Duke; Andrew Gillies; Ben Mavely; Diana Offord & David Revell.

The Parish Council looks forward to supporting Haslingfield in the year to come and contact details / responsibilities of all Councillors can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

## 2019/20 Haslingfield Parish Precept:

Every year the Parish Council reviews the money it has spent in the current financial year (ending 30/03/19) and sets a budget for the following year, This helps determine the request for funds, known as the Precept, which is then sent to South Cambridgeshire District Council for inclusion within the Council Tax bill of each of the 694 households within Haslingfield's parish boundary. The amount requested for 2019/20 has been agreed as £94,719, a slight increase of 0.57%.

These funds are used to maintain many local resources, including our green spaces, the Village Hall, the Playground and Skate Park as well as finance Haslingfield-specific projects such as the Barton Road traffic-calming chicane in 2018.

## Village Hall Extension Project is pressing ahead:

- Planning approval has been secured.
- Currently working on defining building regulations and hope to submit application shortly.
- Aim to issue an Invitation to Tender to build the extension by Easter 2019 and commence actual building by the end of 2019.

The final payment on a loan, taken out 25 years ago to help finance the existing Village Hall, will be repaid in May 2019 and it is hoped that the new extension will be paid for mainly from reserves.

NB: The Kitchen sub-committee is being set up over the next few weeks and plans to consult the major groups that use the Hall. If you / your Group know of any specific requirements, please do contact Jenny Jullien.

## Skate Park is now OPEN

Repairs to the ramps have now been completed and the Skate Park is open once more. This took longer than expected due to difficulties securing a contractor to undertake the work.

The Skate Park is however nearing the end of its useful life and a like-for-like replacement will cost a substantial amount, requiring significant fund-raising. We aim to undertake some initial research on what to do next over the coming months. All views / help is welcome.

*NB: The Skate Park should be used for the intended purpose only. All persons use this facility at their own risk and must wear the appropriate protective clothing at all times. In the interests of safety, do not bring dogs, glass or alcohol onto the site. Do help us to keep it in good repair and any damage should be reported to the Parish Clerk.*

## Playground Repairs

The two pieces of equipment scheduled to be fixed at the end of 2018 are now due to be replaced in early 2019, slightly later than anticipated as the parts have not yet been delivered.

The annual inspection of the playground was conducted in November 2018 and all items were deemed low or very low risk.

## Haslingfield Recreation Ground

The Recreation Ground is widely used by local sports clubs and increasing effort is made to keep it in good order. For example, verti-draining has just been carried out on the football pitches. This aerates the soil, making it less compact and means that the pitches should cope better with the remainder of the season reducing the number of cancelled matches.

Please do remember that **dogs are not allowed** on the Recreation Ground and also park with consideration for those properties neighbouring the Rec in busy periods.



## Haslingfield Allotment Gardeners Association – Plot Vacancies

We have several vacant allotment plots for you to grow your own produce - vegetables, salad for the summer, flowers and fruit, what could be healthier than to sit down and eat your own harvest. There are full plots 15m x 10m or smaller plots all at very reasonable rental (£17 per/yr for Haslingfield residents)

We're a very friendly, informal group of likeminded people who enjoy fresh air, growing many different crops, sharing ideas and socialising.

If you would like further information or would like to look at the plots, then please contact the HAGA secretary at [julie.seekings@icloud.com](mailto:julie.seekings@icloud.com)

## **Traffic Calming**

The Barton Road chicane has been completed by Highways. Jointly funded by Haslingfield Parish Council and a Local Highway Improvement grant, initial findings are that this has effectively slowed traffic along this road.

The mobile vehicle activated sign (MVAS) has now been installed on Harston Road and will remain there for c. 3 weeks. Depending on results it will then be rotated across one of the other 10 sites selected in Haslingfield.



*NB: Our Speedwatch team still require new volunteers. Please contact the organiser, Linda Shankland, on [lindashankland28@gmail.com](mailto:lindashankland28@gmail.com) telephone 871260, if you think you can help. Full training, organised by the Cambridgeshire Constabulary, will be given to all applicants.*

## **Haslingfield Community Warden Scheme**

Founded in 1982, the Scheme is a registered Charity which offers a visit to clients each morning except Sunday and Bank Holidays. We employ a warden and deputy warden who get to know our clients well. They are supported by a group of volunteers, people who live in the village, who provide cover when the wardens are on holiday or otherwise unavailable. Some clients join the scheme on a temporary basis (minimum one month) following an operation or illness, for example, or while a regular carer is unavailable. We visit in person and bring any pre-ordered newspapers, medication or small grocery items from the village shop.

Our role is two-fold – to check that the client is well and safe and not in need of medical or other urgent assistance and to provide social contact i.e. a chat. (Clients' wishes vary – some prefer a brief visit just to check that they are well, others welcome the opportunity to sit and talk for a while.) Some are still active and go out independently – if they will not be in when we visit we ask that they leave a prearranged signal (e.g. an ornament on a windowsill) so that we are aware.

We strongly encourage clients to consider fitting a key safe which enables safe access to authorised people only and to consider joining a personal alarm scheme. (This involves wearing a pendant or wrist alarm which can be used in the event of sudden incapacity, and continues to work if there is a power cut.)

For further information please contact: Jan Date (Chairman of Trustees) 872007; Janet Reinemann (Trustee) 870330 or Christine Kipping (Trustee) 870227

## **The Connections Bus Project**

Their bus parks in the Village Hall car park every Wednesday in term time between 4-6pm and provides a youth club for local secondary school children. The double decker bus has a wide selection of resources on board and is staffed by trained youth workers and volunteers.



The Parish Council will continue to support this scheme in the 2019/2020 financial year.

**Haslingfield Parish Councillors – January 2019**

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*Haslingfield Parish Council welcomes communication from all its residents. If you have any comments / questions on this newsletter or any other local issue, please contact Haslingfield Parish Clerk (Vicky Crowden) in the first instance by emailing [clerk@haslingfieldparish.co.uk](mailto:clerk@haslingfieldparish.co.uk) or calling 07495 435029*

**District & County Councillors assigned to Haslingfield**

**South Cambs District Councillors:**

- Cllr Phillip Allen
- Cllr Tony Mason
- Cllr Ian Sollom

**Cambridgeshire County Councillors:**

- Cllr Roger Hickford
- Cllr Kevin Cuffley