HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER MAY 2018

Haslingfield Parish Council Needs Your Help

At the time of writing this, we have only six parish councillors and a much-valued parish clerk leaving us in May 2018. To give you the service we'd like to, and that you deserve, we need to share the load and attract more councillors and volunteers.

If you don't have the time, energy or whatever it takes to become a parish councillor then why not just volunteer to help us in an unofficial capacity. There are still lots of tasks within the village that need attending to, including joining the new Skate Park committee and helping with the Environment volunteer group.

At last year's Annual Parish Meeting, the then District Councillor, Sebastian Kindersley, finished his report by saying that he had always felt that Haslingfield has a very go-ahead Parish Council, is a wonderful place to live and one of the nicest parishes in South Cambridgeshire. Please let us remain so, and with your help I am sure that it can. Please contact me and let me know how you can help. I very much look forward to hearing from you.

Jenny Jullien Chairman

Village Hall extension

At the Parish Council meeting in February plans for the proposed extension to the village hall were displayed and residents were asked for their comments. Several significant comments and suggestions were received, and these are being incorporated into revised plans that will be on display at the Annual meeting. Subject to any further comments and suggestions at the meeting the Council will then submit planning and building regulations applications.

The referendum of village residents delivered overwhelming support for an extension to the village hall with 88% voting in favour, 9% against and 2% voided papers.

Tony Adcock Vice Chairman

Haslingfield Environment Report

I hope you have all enjoyed the daffodils which have been planted on the approaches to the village. We would be interested to hear if you would like to have more daffodils planted on other verges within the village, maybe around the road name signs or other public areas?

The environment volunteer group has done many tasks to keep the village neat and tidy, and to make it a nice place to live. We are always looking for additional help, and ideas of things that need sorting out which can be done by volunteers.

The fruit trees in the community orchard (far end of Wellhouse Meadow) are currently in flower and should produce fruit again in the autumn. You are welcome to pick the fruit for your own use as it ripens later in the year.

Some new dog waste bins have been put in, and some have been made larger in places of high use. Please use them.

If there is anything that is bothering you about the environment in the village or you have any suggestions to make Haslingfield a better place to live, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk or Clive directly.

Clive Blower Councillor

Haslingfield Cycle Path

Approval was given by the landowners, tenants and Haslingfield Parish Council in April for a Cycle Path from the end of Cantelupe Road to the Barton-Grantchester Bridleway. The Cambridge Greenways Team were involved at the end of this approval stage to confirm they agreed with the route. Subsequently they have rebranded themselves the Greater Cambridge Partnership and have now taken on the whole project. They have been around the villages consulting with parishioners to get views on proposals of their own, based on independent consultancy work, and visited Haslingfield last October. They intend to submit the results to the parish in early summer to obtain feedback. So, we will get a cycle path sometime, funded by the Cambridge Partnership and hopefully it will meet the needs of local cyclists.

Lucian Hatfield Councillor

Skate Park Report

It is with great regret that following the recent vandalism and current state of the Skate Park the Parish Council have had to close the Park for use. The Parish council have formed a working committee made up of the Parish councillors in order to access a local grant to repair some of the Skate Park, but this is touching up an old car when a new model is required!

We want the users of this Park to have a say in what they would like a new Skate Park to have in ways of ramps, pipes, steps and rails, so welcome the parents and grand-parents of those who use the facility to contact myself to offer your help and support in joining the committee and raising the required funds to build a new Skate Park.

The Skate Park, along with the Children's Play Area and Connections Bus, are great assets for our community, giving our children and youngsters within the village facilities to enjoy and embrace the outdoors with their friends and acquaintances. Let's get together and drive this working committee forwards to ensure that the Village and our youth do not lose this great asset.

Darren Crowe Councillor

Tennis Club Report

Haslingfield Lawn Tennis Club is celebrating a birthday this year - it is seventy years ago that tennis was first played on the recreation ground, and I am sure those who started the Club and those who have worked so hard for the Club in the past would be proud of the fantastic facilities we now enjoy. To celebrate this anniversary, we are holding a ball at Barrington Hall on 22nd September. There are a very limited number of tickets still available and you don't have to be a Tennis Club member to attend. Please contact Alix for full details at alix.robinson@btopenworld.com.

This month has seen the inauguration of floodlights for our third court and our thanks go to the Parish Council for supporting this project.

We have over three hundred members, active social tennis and Club tournaments, coaching sessions for all ages, provided by our valued coach Paul Bonnington, and sixteen teams play in Cambridgeshire Lawn Tennis Association League matches.

On Sunday morning May 6th we will hold our season opening event and members and non-members are very welcome to join us from 10.30 at the courts. For more information and details about joining the Club please go to www.haslingfieldtennisclub.org.uk or speak to us at one of our Club Sessions (Wednesdays from 7.00pm and Sunday mornings from 10.30am).

Robert Judge Chairman, Haslingfield LTC

Annual Parish Meeting Agenda

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 21st May 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Please save the date - all are welcome!

The Guest Speaker will be a Companion from Emmaus UK, the homelessness charity, who say: 'By providing a stable home and meaningful work, we help companions to re-gain their self-esteem and find a positive way to move forward with their lives'.

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Notes of Annual Parish Meeting 2017
- 3. Matters arising
- 4. Chairman's Report
- 5. Presentation of Accounts:
 - a) Haslingfield Parish Council
 - b) Village Hall Committee (Badcock Recreation Ground Trust)
- 6. Report from S. Cambs. District Councillor
- 7. Report from Cambridgeshire County Councillor

A short break for Tea and Coffee where the new plans for the Village Hall Extension will be on display

- 8. Guest Speaker A Companion from Emmaus UK, the Homelessness charity
- 9. Open Forum:

An opportunity for village residents to ask questions of the Guest Speaker or the Parish Council or to comment on any issues

Frances Laville
Parish Clerk

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