



October 2018

Special points of interest:

- **New Parish Councillors Needed**
- **Hedges - a reminder!**
- **Latest news on local issues**
- **District / County Council explained**

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Love where you live?

Support your community — become a Parish Councillor!

Haslingfield Parish Council are urgently recruiting new Parish Councillors with 6 vacancies available. If you want to make a real difference in our local community on topics such as the Recreation Ground, the Village Hall Extension, traffic calming, planning matters, the Greenway, the skate park and playground amongst others, then please contact our Parish Clerk, Vicky Crowden, (clerk@haslingfieldparish.co.uk / 07495 435029) in the first instance or simply come along to a meeting. Previous experience is not required though you need to live or work in the village. The Parish Council meets at 7:30 pm on the second Monday of the month in the Village Hall.

6 VACANCIES



Applications welcome from those over 18, who have lived or worked in Haslingfield for more than 12 months and are an EU national

Your Parish Councillors

Who are we / specific responsibilities?

Chair:	Jenny Jullien (chairman@haslingfieldparish.co.uk)
	* Manages the traffic calming initiatives
Vice Chair:	Tony Adcock
	* The treasurer for the Parish Council
	* Leads the plan to extend the Village Hall
Councillors:	Clive Blower
	* Our newest recruit, particularly interested in the green spaces in our village / its environment
	Lucian Hatfield
	* A returning Parish Councillor, keen to see the Greenway project delivered
	Ron van der Hoorn
	* Also Chair of the Village Hall Committee and a keen allotment holder

Collectively our Parish Councillors have served the village for 'x' years— all for free! We aim to promote and protect Haslingfield's best interests

A reminder from Haslingfield Parish Council (Autumn 2018) Hedges overhanging public footpaths

Haslingfield Parish Council would like to remind all householders that hedges (bushes and trees) planted on private property should be cut back this Autumn to enable the safe use of roads and / or footpaths in the village. Many of the footpaths in Haslingfield are already narrow but there are a number of hedges which now obstruct drivers and pedestrians and at times risk their safety, especially where families are walking with children and / or the disabled. Please therefore do take a moment to review your own boundaries and determine whether you need to take action.

Here are some key points to consider:

- Hedges should be cut back so they do not overhang the asphalted parts of footpath and roads, and, where possible, allow a safety verge between the hedge and the asphalt.
- Autumn is a good time to undertake maintenance (the bird nesting season is complete) but a dangerous hedge or one causing obstruction can be cut back at any time.
- Even if you are not the owner, the occupier is usually responsible for maintaining the property's boundaries (check your tenancy agreement).
- If you believe an overgrown hedge is owned / managed by a public body such as a utility company, County Council etc, please advise the Parish Clerk who will then make contact.
- It is an offence under the Highways Act 1980 not to properly maintain a hedge that is deemed dangerous / obstructing the footpath, and the County Council can take action to bring it back to good order at the householder's expense.

The Parish Council would like to thank you for your support on this matter. Please note we are writing separately to those houses that have very obvious overgrown hedges which are obstructing footpaths or the road but if you have any specific concerns please contact the Parish Clerk by emailing clerk@haslingfieldparish.co.uk or calling 07495 435029.

Haslingfield Village Hall

Following the consultation meeting on the Village Hall extension earlier this year, revised plans have now been submitted to South Cambs District Council for approval. You can view the planning application online at <http://plan.scambs.gov.uk/swiftlg/apas/run/wphappcriteria.display> using the reference **S/3389/18*** or by contacting the Parish Clerk. Following approval we will move forward with detailed drawings for Building Regs approval, and will then start the formal tender process. We hope to be able to start work next Spring. In the meantime its business as usual down at the Hall which is used by a variety of local groups. New bookings are very welcome and can be made by contacting Terry Baker on 01223 872150 or terrybaker1@hotmail.co.uk



Traffic Calming

During **October 2018** two traffic calming schemes will be implemented.

1. Two speed cushions will be installed on **Barton Rd** at either end of the road and a chicane in the middle. This will be controlled by the Highways Division of Cambridgeshire County Council and installed by

Skanska UK PLC.

2. We will take delivery of a **mobile vehicle activated sign (VAS)**; which we will move around the village on a regular basis. The VAS will record the speed of vehicles, and periodically the data, but not a record of the number plate, will be sent to the police. This will

help them identify problem areas.



Skate Park / Playground

The **Skate Park** has been closed over the summer months whilst awaiting a significant repair. The Parish Council had accepted a quote to fix the Skate Park but, despite reassurances that the necessary parts were on order, the Contractor did not turn up to carry these out.

Subsequently we have approached other suppliers and hope now to have found a new contractor.

The Skate Park is however very near the end of its economic life. Any repair will only likely last for a short period of time and attention must now turn to what will replace it and the fund-raising required to make that happen. A new Skate Park would require a substantial investment. All offers of help / ideas to help make this happen are very welcome.

The **Playground** remains a much loved and well used part of the Village. The Parish Council has just authorized repairs to two pieces of equipment which we hope will be carried out before Xmas (the parts have to be ordered).

Opened in 2008, the playground will also require some investment in the coming years.

Speedwatch aims to help

Speedwatch has been operational within the village since September 2017, and is co-ordinated by Linda Shankland. It is an important part of our quest to reduce speeding throughout the village.

We believe this is an effective means, but to maintain the service we need to attract more volunteers. Full training, organised by the Cambridgeshire Constabulary, will be given to all applicants.

If you are interested in helping or hearing more please contact Linda on lindashankland28@gmail.com telephone 871260



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

Their main responsibilities are:



- Council tax payments and benefits
- Rubbish collections & recycling
- Housing and housing benefits
- Council leisure facilities
- Environmental health
- Residential planning



- Education
- Transport
- Planning
- Fire and public safety
- Social care
- Libraries
- Waste management
- Trading standards

Did you know:

- You can report problems on roads or pavements, including potholes, verges, hedges etc online at <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/>
- The Connections Bus Project visits Haslingfield on Wednesdays 4-6pm in term time
- All residential planning applications can be viewed at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/planning/view-or-comment-on-a-planning-application/>

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 Vicky Crowden, Haslingfield Parish Clerk, in the first instance by emailing clerk@haslingfieldparish.co.uk or calling 07495 435029