

Haslingfield Parish Council (HPC) Minutes (Draft)

12 April 2021

A VIRTUAL meeting of Haslingfield Parish Council took place on Monday 12 April 2021 at 7.30pm using the Zoom media platform.

Attendees: Parish Cllrs Jenny Jullien (JJ) Chair, Clive Blower (CB), Helen Brown (HB), Simon Duke (SD); Andrew Gillies (AG), Ben Mavely (BM), Diana Offord (DO), David Revell (DR), District Councillor Ian Sollom (IS), Parish Clerk – Jacqui Cressey (JC), Assistant to the Parish Clerk – Lise Jackson (LJ). Sixteen members of the public attended.

Members: 8 Quorum: 4

Meeting commenced 7.30pm

At the start of the meeting the Chairman Cllr (JJ) said how saddened they all are to hear of the death of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh and as a Parish Council we have certain responsibilities. My thanks go to Jacqui, Lise and Ron Van der Hoorn for arranging the announcement posted on the notice boards and the Haslingfield website very quickly. There was an Operation Forth Bridge Emergency Meeting held on Friday afternoon by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council one of items agreed upon was that only virtual condolence books should be used at this time due to the pandemic and there should be no floral tributes. It was suggested that maybe some people may like to give a charitable donation, but that there was no recommendation on where to donate, although the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme was suggested. The meeting observed a one-minute silence in memory of Prince Philip.

Cllr (JJ) also clarified the situation on Agenda Item 18 of the minutes of the 8 March 2021 meeting, that Wellhouse Meadow may be a possible site for Community Beds allotment. We have now checked through the Deeds of Covenant for Wellhouse Meadow dated 11 February 1976, and it clearly states that *'it is for the benefit of the Parish of Haslingfield and the same shall always be kept and maintained as grass land'*. I am sure the search will continue for an alternative site.

1 **Apologies for absence** - Cllr Lucian Hatfield.; Cllr Tony Adcock

2 **To receive Members' declaration of interest for items on the agenda** - None

3 **Public Forum** – Cllrs Brian Milnes District Councillor for Sawston and Fiona Whelan County Councillor for South Cambridgeshire introduced themselves to the parish councillors and informed them that they are both standing for election at the County Council Elections on 6 May 2021.

A villager asked the parish council if EWR had consulted the parish council as indicated at the 2019 consultation when a vote was in favour of the southern route. Cllr (HB) responded saying the HPC was consulted and along with individuals sent in their comments to EWR saying they strongly preferred the Cambridge North route which would not pass through Haslingfield.

Another member of the public asked if the local councils have any say in route approval. Cllr (IS) replied they have very little to none as it is a government decision. EWR have already made their decision and the only challenge will now be through a legal route.

Cllr (BM) led a discussion with members of the public on the skatepark. Its current location was based on complaints from households and other sports users, who stipulated that it had to be 100m away from residential areas and that the land currently in use was originally gifted to the parish council. At the time the agreement was to locate the Skate Park out of sight, but times have changed. One solution may be to take some of the trees down to open it up. Cllr (BM) is keen to encourage villagers to get involved with the construction of the new skate park. It was suggested there should be a Zoom meeting to form a skatepark working party and interested persons have been invited to meet at the Skate Park on the morning of Saturday 17 April 2021 for an initial discussion.

4 **To approve and sign off the minutes of the meeting 08/03/2021 – Proposed: (HB) Seconded: (AG) All supported.**

5 **To receive the County Councillors' Report (KC)(RoH)** – No report received.

6 **To receive the District Councillors' report (IS)** – The full report is available to read on the Haslingfield Village website. The parish councillors received the report from Cllr (IS) with questions regarding the launch of the EWR route consultations in April. Cllr (IS) confirmed that South Cambs District Council will be sending in their response to the consultations and will continue to raise

questions on behalf of the parishes and residents affected by the preferred southern route but as it is ultimately a government decision the best route now is for Cambridge Approaches to legally challenge EWR's failure to fully develop the northern approach as an option.

7 Planning Applications and Decisions:

7a – Notification of the outcome of Planning Decisions by SCDC

21/029/LBC: 46 Barton Road Haslingfield CB23 1LL – Retrospective repair to exposed south facing clunch wall – **Permission Granted**

7b – Notification of the outcome of additional virtual Planning Meeting held 31 March 2021 and attended by Cllrs (JJ), (TA), (CB), (HB), (AG) and (DO) – **21/00678/LBC:** 46 Barton Road Haslingfield CB23 1LL – Replace 4 no. timber single glazed modern softwood windows to the front elevation with bespoke made like for like slimline double glazed Accoya casement windows – **All Support**

21/00544/FUL: 2 Barton Road Haslingfield CB23 1LL – Demolition and reconstruction of 2 Barton Road with single detached garage plus 3 no. dwellings with attached garages and associated gardens and parking – **All Object** – see comments on;

<https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications>

21/00590/FUL: 7 Orchard Road Haslingfield CB23 1JT – Erection of a one and half storey house –

Majority Object - see comments on; <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications>

7c – Notification of new Planning Applications

21/00752/HFUL: 5 Dodds Mead Haslingfield CB23 1LD – erection of a detached garage – **Majority Support**

21/00846/HFUL: 1 Badcock Road Haslingfield CB23 1LF – two storey side extension, single front, rear and side extensions, demolition of existing single storey garage and construction of double garage with room over – **Majority Support**

- 8 Ms Zoe Ratnasothy was co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ron van der Hoorn in December 2020. There were no other applicants for the role.

Proposer: Cllr (JJ) Seconder: Cllr (SD) All Supported

- 9 **Environment Group update: Cllr (JJ) announced that** Michelle Golder has agreed to look after the environment; replacing Jay Cole who left earlier this year after making great inroads to improving the look of the village. Michelle has already encouraged many villagers to join her in this initiative.

Cllr (JJ) also reported that the village tree wardens had planned to plant some replacement trees during March this year but time ran away with them so they decided to delay the planting until October. Shire Trees Limited will be taking on the responsibility of ordering the trees and planting them. They also explained that October was a better time to plant trees as they would have a much better chance of survival. Two chestnut trees were planted in Chestnut Close on the 9 April by the Highways Department at the County Council in lieu of the tree that was felled by them in the autumn last year.

The parish council would like to formally thank Jay Cole for all her enthusiasm and hard work to organise the previous environment group and for making such a difference to the look of the green spaces in the village.

- 10 **Support Team Update** – Cllr (DO) reported that the Prescription deliveries will end on the 15 April. Prescriptions will then be available from the Village Shop box or direct from Harston Surgery Dispensary. The support phone will be in use until the lockdown ends in June, the Haslingfield Food Hub will also continue until June after which it will amalgamate with Harston Food Hub. South Cambs District Council have a Covid recovery grant of £30,000 in the Community Chest fund which is available to help groups and projects resume their activities in a Covid-safe way has now been opened up to all parish councils and community groups until the 10 May.

- 11 **East West Rail Cambridge Approaches Action Group update** – Cllr (DR) informed the meeting that he has prepared a longitudinal section showing the height of the proposed 10m high embankment from Toft to Harston broken only by an 18m deep cutting in Chapel Hill and bridges and viaducts. Look at 'Level Difference' between existing and proposed levels on this link.

<https://eastwestrail-production.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/public/Hauxton-Preferred-Alignment.pdf>

EWR are holding a series of virtual presentations and Q&A sessions over the coming weeks. The dates for the Harlton to Hauxton section are **Thursday 15 April** 19.00-20.00 and **Tuesday 11 May** 11.00 – 12.00 noon. Register for the events by using the link <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation>. A live chat event will also take place on **Saturday 24 April**. Anthony Browne was shown around some particularly severely impacted locations in Option E area including Money Hill and donations have increased recently and are sufficient for a judicial review if it is decided to proceed.

- 12 **To discuss permanent location in the village for the Food Vans** – Cllr (BM) provided a few options for a new location to site the weekly food vans. After discussion it was agreed that as the operation is working well at the moment the food vans should continue to park in the Village Hall car park and the

parish council would reconsider this if any problems arose. A member of the public asked if the trees could be trimmed to allow the vans to fit under them. This will be considered and quotes obtained for the work. **Action: Clerk (JC)**

- 13 To consider the opening up of the Bakehouse on Wellhouse Meadow for breadmaking classes.**
Peter Spence would like to teach the residents of Haslingfield and Harlton how to bake bread in a traditional community bakehouse where people can meet each other, share food, recipes, and have fun. This was supported by the councillors providing the appropriate insurance is taken out. The chair of the village society requested assurance that any artefacts stored inside the Bakehouse will be safe.
Proposed: (SD) Seconded: (BM) All supported.
- 14 To receive the Annual Report from the Little Owls –** The councillors received the Annual Report from the Chair of the Management Committee. She thanked the parish council for their ongoing support and reported that although they have had a difficult year with the pandemic they anticipate a surplus this year in the region of £3,000. For this reason they will not require a specific amount of money from the parish council grant fund this year but express a desire to continue working in partnership in the future.
- 15 To comment on the request to plant wildflowers on the raised grass verges on the north side of the high street-** Cllr (JJ) reported that a villager had written to the PC to suggest planting mixed wildflower seeds on the verges north of High Street for a trial period. It is the responsibility of the County Council to cut the verge so they would need to be asked not to include this verge in their cutting regime. Cllr (CB) proposed putting up signs on the verges to inform the county council and the villagers about the trial.
Proposed: (AG) Seconded: (DO) All Supported.
- 16 To discuss the recommendation from the government for hybrid parish council meetings from the 7 May 2021 –** Cllr (JJ) Currently after the 6th May we cannot have Zoom meetings, so we have to consider how we conduct monthly Parish Council Meetings in the future. I would however like to postpone this item until the May Annual Meeting. Legal action is being taken against this and will be heard by the High Court on the 21st April 2021, the outcome will be advised at the next PC meeting in May.
- 17 To agree the format of the Annual Parish Meeting 6 May 2021 –** Cllr (JJ) reported that the date of the Annual Parish Meeting has been brought forward to Thursday 6th May so that it can legally be held as a virtual meeting. The format of the meeting is normally as follows: Chairman's Report on the parish council's activities of the last 12 months, Guest speaker(s) and Parishioners' questions. This year as the meeting will be by zoom so the format will change slightly to include the Chairman's Report and a summary of achievements throughout the year and future plans. Parishioners' questions should be submitted in advance to the Clerk at clerk@haslingfieldparish.co.uk or via the online chat during the meeting on the 6 May 2021.
- 18 To receive the Parish Clerk's Report -** the report was received with no queries.
- 19 Finance – To resolve to pay the outstanding invoices and payments:**
- To resolve to pay outstanding accounts:**
- Salaries: Alan Stevens, Roy Brown, Parish Clerk & Assistant to the Parish Clerk- £ Confidential
 - HMR&C - £252.28
- Expenses:
- o Parish Clerk - £25 (home)
 - o Ron van der Hoorn- Support phone SIM card renewal with giffgaff January 2021- £10.00 (incl. VAT)
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 - Shire Trees Limited –Tree works in the village – Inv. 1330 - £834.00 (incl. VAT)
 - Buchans Groundworks March Invoice 2504 for £1279.19 was rejected as it included a significant mistake. The councillors voted to authorise the Clerk to pay a revised invoice up to the value of £1200 ex vat. A revised invoice was received three days after the meeting for **£1265.83 (incl. VAT)**. This will be paid and authorised by two signatories from the parish council.
 - Royal Images – 2 x framed 10x8 prints of the Queen and Prince Philip-Inv 34033 - £187.20 (incl. VAT)
 - CAPALC – Affiliation fee and DPO membership - £519.67
 - Contribution to Cambridge Approaches for the EWR Judicial Review costs using s.137 power of expenditure FY 2021/2022 - £4,000.00.
 - **Proposed: (HB) Seconded: (AG) All supported.**

20 To review correspondence received

- 1. Email request from a resident in Wisbey's Yard regarding the heavy door on the red telephone phone box book share facility** - Cllr (CB) had been to look at the problem with the phone box door closure and discovered the handle of the door was on upside down so he rectified this. However, it is not possible to change the door closure mechanism as all phone boxes were made with this type of door closure. It was noted that the shop has a table outside with a number of books that seem to be for sharing and perhaps this would be easier for Wisbeys Yard residents to access.
- 2. Invitation for parish councillors to comment on the application for permission to alter the surface of a short section of Footpath 7 – Dodds Mead** - the councillors reviewed the documents provided and commented that they would have preferred a surface that gave more of a look of a continuous strip of grass down the length of Dodds Mead rather than it be broken up by a stone driveway. This possibly could be achieved by laying 'permeable driveway grass'. These comments to be fed back to the parishioner. **Action:** Clerk (JC)

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4 May 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom

Issued by the Parish Clerk: Jacqui Cressey

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