

Haslingfield Parish Council (“HPC”) Minutes (Draft)

Monday 14 February 2022

Attendees: Parish Cllrs Jenny Jullien (JJ) – Chairman; Tony Adcock (TA) – Vice Chairman; Clive Blower (CB); Andrew Gillies (AG); Ben Mavely (BM); Clare Munday (CM); Diana Offord (DO); Zoe Ratnasothy (ZR); David Revell (DR); County Cllr Maria King (MK); Lise Jackson – Parish Clerk (LJ). Six members of the public attended. Cllr Mavely left the meeting at 8:00pm.

Members: 9 Quorum: 4

Meeting commenced 7.30pm

- 1 **Apologies for absence** –District Cllr Ian Sollom
- 2 **To receive Members’ declaration of interest for items on the agenda** – Cllrs David Revell and Diana Offord declared an interest in planning for 2 The Knapp
- 3 **Public Forum** – none
- 4 **To approve and sign off the minutes of the HPC meeting 10 January 2022** – The minutes were signed by (JJ). **Proposed (CB) Seconded (DO) All Supported.**
- 5 **To receive the County Councillors’ Report** – Cllr (MK) provided a report in advance of the meeting, and this is available to read on the website. MK was asked about Thakeham’s influence with government, but she could not say for certain. She expressed hope that Haslingfield would be an early adopter of 20mph zones. CCC’s new budget has been approved, and HPC can put a proposal forward from April. MK said that while there will be a route for parishioners to object, she recommended getting the opinion of villagers first. The PC will discuss a proposal for 20mph zones to ask villagers about in March.
- 6 **To receive the District Councillors’ Report** – Cllr (IS) did not send a written report but will send a report later in the week. Once received, it will be available to read on the website.
- 11 **To discuss skatepark tender and repair (BM) – brought forward as Cllr BM needed to leave the meeting early** - Cllr BM reported that the skatepark working group met with one contractor on site and at the hall. Points of interest were good environmental credentials, a key contact who can help with funding and, while they use regular sub-contractors, they hire local people. They scored the highest with the working group. It was proposed the PC choose this contractor for the skatepark build. **Proposed (BM) Seconded (AG) All supported.** The next steps, including consultations with users and surveys, may require upfront costs. It was proposed that £2K be authorised to be spent from the skatepark reserves for these costs. **Proposed (BM) Seconded (AG) All supported.** Four quotes have been received for the playground and skatepark repairs. It was proposed to use Reids Playgrounds, based on cost and recommendations. **Proposed (BM) Seconded (TA) All supported.**
- 7 **Planning Applications and Decisions:**
 - a) Notification of the outcome of Planning Decisions by SCDC:
21/05355/FUL - 2 Barton Road Haslingfield CB23 1LL – **Permission granted 01/02/2022**
 - b) **Notification of the outcome of the planning application reviewed at a special planning meeting:**
None
 - c) **Notification of new Planning Applications:**
22/00029/FUL - Land Adj 76 High Street Haslingfield Cambridge - Erection of 1no 4bed dwelling including car and cycle parking – **All supported**
22/00140/FUL - Frog End Farm Barton Road Haslingfield - Barn conversion together with raising the roof and creating a new first floor – **Majority supported**
22/00250/S19LB - 2 The Knapp Haslingfield Cambridge - Variation of condition 2 (Approved Drawings) of listed building consent 21/02973/LBC (Refurbishment of original cottages: replacement of cement render with lime, installation of new conservation-type windows to match existing, minor internal alterations including the removal of front and side extensions. Adaptation of existing rear extensions to create unified addition to original cottages: removal of roofs and replacement with new single roof over a clerestory on top of retained walls, cladding of retained walls with insulation and larch boarding, creation of new front and rear entrances, new glazing throughout, complete internal strip-out and reconfiguration to provide modern kitchen and bathrooms) to allow alterations to windows – **Majority supported**
22/00051/FUL - Lords Bridge Barton Road Barton - Installation of a 22,975 megawatt hours (MWh) per annum solar farm and associated infrastructure on land to the east of Lords Bridge, Barton for an

operational lifespan of 40 years – **Although the PC supports the principle of solar parks, all objected on the basis that the application does not consider neighbours' needs and access, no glint & glare study and applicant did not consult with neighbours.**

22/00026/FUL - Grove Farm Harlton Road Haslingfield - New road access from Harlton Road to serve existing dwellings – **All supported**

- 8 **To review bids for grounds maintenance contract (AG/CB)** – Two bids were reviewed for the grounds maintenance contract and it was proposed the most competitive quote be accepted from Buchans. **Proposed (JJ) Seconded (TA) All supported.**
- 9 **To discuss EWR (DR)** – Cllr DR reported that a consultation response from HPC was sent to EWR Co. in June 2021, but there has been no response from EWR Co. except a letter stating they aim to publish responses in summer 2022. There is some uncertainty on the central (Bedford to Cambridge) section based on 1) No mention of EWR Co. in the chancellor's autumn spending review (SR21). CCC wrote to the DfT asking if the central section will be funded and have received no response. 2) In the Greater Cambridge local plan, there is negligible housing near Cambourne or Cambridge south stations. These would be needed for a business plan. 3) There have been two resignations from EWR Co. and no public announcement for a replacement of the CEO. 4) There have been ministerial changes and no mention of the Ox-Cam arc in Michael Gove's recent levelling up White Paper. 5) William Harrold wrote to EWR Co. asking if the central section will be suspended and received no satisfactory answer. William Harrold from Cambridge Approaches reported that EWR Co. have never published a business case. A Bedford group of councils and local organisations (BFARE) is writing to the PM via their MP. It was proposed that the PC support such a letter to be sent via Anthony Browne MP from as many local parish councils and concerned groups as possible. All agreed in principle but would need to see a draft. County Cllr MK will be attending the EWR Zoom meetings and agreed that the County Councillors should focus on two points – lack of business case and environmental concerns. Cllr DR and William Harrold will attend the upcoming EWR Co. Local Representatives Group Zoom meeting on 28 February.
- 10 **To discuss EWR land survey (AG)** – Cllr AG sought legal advice from Barr Ellison. The advice stated that nothing in the access agreement prejudices the PC. It was agreed to sign the access agreement – majority agreed.
- 12 **To discuss Barton Road bus shelter (AG)** – The removal or renovation of the bus shelter was discussed, as well as the safety of crossing Barton Road as mentioned in correspondence from villagers. A painting on the side of the bus shelter was discussed. It was agreed to ask a qualified surveyor to give the PC a report on the structural soundness of the shelter. Cllr AG will speak to Roger Willcocks about arranging a quote.
- 13 **To discuss new trustee for Badcock Recreation Ground Trust (JJ)** – Cllr ZR agreed to act as trustee.
- 14 **To discuss recycling of waste from Village Hall and recreation ground (TA)** – Cllr TA reported that recycling facilities at the village hall were discussed at the last Badcock Recreation Ground Trust. The Trust does not want any recycling placed in bins at the hall to go to landfill. It was agreed that recycling bins could be placed outside the hall and signs directing people to those bins be placed on the general waste bins. This option allows the Trust to check if people are using the bins properly. Cllr TA will take this suggestion back to the Badcock Trust.
- 15 **To discuss new signatories for Parish Council bank accounts (JJ)** – Cllrs CB and DO agreed to be signatories.
- 16 **To receive the Eco Group report (ZR)** – Cllr ZR reported the Eco Group proposed a two day event for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The deadline for the proposed mural has been moved back from June. The current proposal is for the mural to be made on concrete panels screwed onto batons on the side of the hall. It could be removed in future without damage to the brickwork. The estimated cost of £9-£12K will be raised by grants from outside organisations. The Eco Group is developing a climate emergency plan. DofE students have joined the Eco Group on Friday afternoons. The group proposed that the PC consider formal criteria for planning. Cllr DO asked for the PC to £250 fund three fruit trees and coir matting in the orchard – **Majority supported.** The Eco Group and Andy Klose have offered to maintain the trees. Cllr DO reported that Highways have agreed for the PC to plant spring bulbs on their land if they are planted in blocks and Highways are told where they are planted.
- 17 **To discuss pruning of trees in churchyard (JJ)** – It was proposed to support All Saints Church's request to pay a percentage of the cost to prune lime trees in the churchyard. **Majority objected**
- 18 **To agree a date for the Annual Parish Meeting and a guest speaker (JJ)** – It was proposed the Annual Parish Meeting be held on 23 May 2022. **All agreed.** Suggestions for guest speakers should be sent to JJ and LJ, to be discussed at the March meeting.
- 19 **To discuss removal of tree at recreation ground (JJ)** – After removing ivy as part of the stage 3 tree

works, Shire Trees recommended that one tree in the recreation ground be cut down. It has been felled but will grow again, as the stump and roots have not been removed.

20 Finance –

To resolve to pay outstanding accounts

- Salaries: Alan Stevens, Roy Brown, Parish Clerk & Assistant to the Parish Clerk - £Confidential
- HMRC - £162.98
- Expenses:
 - Parish Clerk (LJ) - £25 (home)
 - Assistant to the Parish Clerk (JC) - £25 (home)
 - Lise Jackson – Christmas Lights - Amazon - £45.99 (incl. VAT)
 - Lise Jackson – MS Office – Amazon - £161.55 (incl. VAT)
 - Lise Jackson – hybrid meeting kit – Amazon - £359.83 (incl. VAT)
 - William Harrold – Webhosting UK Invoice WHUK2022-346793 - £57.46
 - William Harrold - Webhosting UK Invoice WHUK2022-346795 - £20.14
- The Connections Bus Project Invoice 220006 - £3,030.00
- SLCC Membership Invoice MEM238263-1 - £171.00
- William Schwartz Invoice 112 - £198.00
- Shire Trees Invoice 1739 - £1,620.00 (incl. VAT)
- Shire Trees Invoice 1746 - £480.00 (incl. VAT)
- Viking Invoice 8326796 - £143.88 (incl. VAT)
- Red Graphic Invoice 7172 - £649.20 (incl. VAT)
- Dor-2-Dor Invoice INV-0835 - £120.00 (incl. VAT)

Proposed (TA) Seconded (DO) All supported

21 To review correspondence received (LJ):

1. **To discuss email from a villager about the future of the pub** – Cllr AG reported that the pub has been sold to a company who provide Indian food. They plan to apply for permission to increase the saloon bar for a restaurant and keep the pub bar.
2. **To discuss emails from villagers about safety of Barton Road for walking to school** – Additional points not discussed under item 12 were considered. The PC will contact Highways regarding the lowered kerb and will look at the hedge on the corner of New Road and Barton Road. The hooting at the chicane may reduce in future if 20mph zones are implemented.

Meeting ended 9:57 pm

Date of next meeting: **Monday 14 March 2022** at 7.30pm in the **Haslingfield Village Hall**

Issued by the Parish Clerk: Lise Jackson

16 February 2022