

HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 8th February 2016

Present óBob Branch, Trina Backhurst, Tony Adcock, Christine Kipping, Jenny Jullien, Ron van der Hoorn, Sue Watson, Kirstie Walker and Lucian Hatfield. County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley was in attendance.

1 Apologies for Absence óJulie Coxall, John Miller and Parish Clerk Frances Laville sent their apologies.

2 Members Declaration of interest for items on the agenda ó TB & BB possibly on item 12b.

3 Open Forum for Public Participation óNo members of the public attended.

4 District Councillor's Report- No report received.

5 County Councillor's Report by Sebastian Kindersley SK reported that the County Council are due to have a meeting Tuesday 16th February to agree the budget. The increase in Council Tax will fall somewhere between 0% ó 4%. After the next county council elections the number of councillors will be reduced from 69 to 61 and the final decision as to where Haslingfield lies will be announced shortly. The traffic calming application recently submitted by John Miller had a favourable response from Highways, and it was thought that the quality of the application should be what other applicants should aspire to. Heidi Allen, Conservative Party MP for South Cambs is to write to Connecting Cambridgeshire regarding Superfast Broadband.

6 To approve and sign the minutes of 8th February 2016 ó Approved and signed. Proposed TB, seconded RH.

7 Matters to be reported from these minutes ó CK reported that Clive Blower had fixed the pane in the Telephone Box and that Roger Wilcock will be checking the defibrillator every week. Poster are available to advertise the location of the defibrillator, it was agreed that two would be placed in the Parish Council notice boards and, if permission granted, in the windows of each of the shops. **Action FL**

8 Planning applications and decisions:

S/3186/15/FL Construction of new dwelling house & detached carport garage & associated external works - The Bungalow, 1 Broad Lane. Severe concerns were raised about the construction of the property with the very limited access with potential damage to ancient walls and the Village Green; Concern was also raised about the timing of the lorry deliveries. It was agreed that there was no objection subject to the appropriate construction methodology being put in place.

S/3184/15/FL Construction of a new Farm Dwelling - Lesanna Farm, Cantelupe Road. No objections

C/11/40/045/27-1-16 Tree works at All Saints Church Yard. No comment

Planning Permission refused by SCDC: S/1967/15/FL -2 storey side and rear extension and demolition of existing garage, 30 New Road. Decision date: 22/01/2016

Planning Permission granted by SCDC: S/3061/15/FL - Single storey rear extension, 65 New Road. Decision date: 20/01/2016. **S/2567/15/FL** ó Erection of a timber shed enclosed by fence at Haslingfield Lawn Tenn Club. Decision date: 14/01/2016

9 Additional Matters for Discussion:

a) Meetings: The dates and venues of the following meeting were confirmed: APM May 16th Methodist Church; APGM May 23rd 2016 Village Hall

b) Noisy Dogs: This fall outside the Council's remit and is the responsibility of South Cambs.

c) Parking: People are parking their cars with two wheels cars on the pavements in which makes it very difficult for people with buggies or wheelchairs to pass safely and a couple of people regularly park in the Village Hall car park when neither using the Hall or the recreation ground. It was agreed to erect a 'Private' sign in the car park and place notices in cars parking illegally. **Action FL**

10 Committee and Working Party Reports:

a) Environment ó Sam Bowden is to start work in Lilac Close shortly.

b) Traffic calming ó John Miller sent his apologies.

c) Tennis Courts ó The concrete base is now complete and the shed has been ordered. The cost to the Council is in the region of £1.5k, mainly due to the legalities.

d) Village Hall ó We have now received 2 quotations for electrical work to be done in the boiler room and replace the current consumer unit and replace the individual over current fuses with RCBO. The recommendation was to replace BOTH units to ensure they will be compatible with the latest standards and have some spare capacity in case we build the village hall extension.

It was agreed to place the work with AG Electrical at £856+VAT, this includes a periodic inspection, report and certificate. Proposed RH and seconded TA. Approved

Lights above the front door have been replaced by LED lights and so far have not failed. It has been reported that the microwave sensor in the away team changing room is playing up and will be replaced shortly.

There is a problem whereby some village hall users switch off the thermostatic heaters (especially in the evening) as the hall is warm and then forget to open them again when they leave resulting in the users the following day complaining that the hall is cold. It was agreed to put up notices. **Action RH** TA reported that the annual Accounts for the Village Hall have been prepared and are ready for audit. 2015 is showing a deficit of £2k, during £2k was paid for fire protection and £1k for 16 new tables. We currently have £5.5k in the bank. The audited accounts will be circulated. Action TA John Guest has been approached to draw up plans for the proposed Village Hall extension. A motion for a budget of £1k for drawing up the architectural plans by John Guest with the money for payment to come from Section 106 was proposed TA seconded RH and approved.

e) Allotments ó The committee organised a working party on 23rd January, which was attended by 8 plot holders. Main tasks were to repair the main driveways as these had become very rutted during the recent wet spell. Also repaired the notice board and the water tanks. The committee organised a social evening at the **Little Rose** on Tuesday 26th January which was attended by 20 plot holders and their partners. Due to the success we plan to make this an annual event.

There are currently 2 half plots and 1 vacant full plot which have been advertised on the website but no response as yet.

Jon Spain has contacted Sam Bowden with a view to get the ash trees cut in April-May. (1/3 was done last year, with next 1/3 being done later this year and final third next year). This work was approved last year.

f) Trumpington Meadows ó Christine Kipping reported that there was a delay in people moving in to Phase 7 at Trumpington Meadows. It is expected that 10-15 large, social housing, family homes will become occupied in Feb/March. Barratts don't give out details about private housing.

The building of the Secondary School is going well and the school will open to pupils in September. At present, 47 Year 7 pupils are being educated at Parkside School, but they will move to the new school as Year 8s, along with approximately 60 new Year 7 pupils. Great efforts are being made to make them feel that they are an important part of the new development.

g) Connections Bus ó Christine Kipping reported that the bus continues to be well supported, and valuable work is being done by the 2 Youth Workers.

h) Play Areas ó Julia Coxhall reported that the area was very muddy especially under zip wire but still being well attended.

Several people have offered to help repair the ramp to get it opened again. FL will be asked to chase the contractor. **Action FL**

i) C&V and website –It was noticed that couple of recent copies of the Parish Council Minutes were missing from the website. LH undertook to ensure that they were always posted. **Action LH**

j) Cycle Path A meeting was held between Ian Steen (Grantchester Parish Council) and Lucian Hatfield 4/2/16. The aim of the meeting was to see if there could be agreement on the Grantchester Parish Council (GPC) with regard to a cycle path between Haslingfield and the Cambridge cycle path in Grantchester.

The original route as proposed by LH was rejected and various alternatives suggested in 2014 but with no indication as to their acceptance by GPC. LH then decided to investigate the Harston Bridle Path route.

LH suggested that GPC discuss the possible alternatives and put forward a route acceptable to GPC, which could then be part of a proposal by HPC for a complete route.

Ian Stein agreed to open the discussion with GPC and report back. He did express the opinion that GPC wants to preserve the character of the landscape so reduce the width of the cycle path as much as possible and use plantings rather than tarmac for the surface.

If we get GPC agreement, we will need to get approval by the CCC cycle path officer (Patrick Joyce) before submitting it to get funds.

k) Haslingfield School. Lucian Hatfield reported that he had been appointed a governor. Items regarding the school would now be a regular topic at the Parish Council meetings.

l) Local Council Award Scheme. It was agreed to investigate the costs and benefits of an increased accreditation. **Action FL**

m) Queen's 90th Celebration and Village Festival weekend The weekend will shortly be advertised around the village, the first of the posters, designed by Prue Van der Hoorn and printed and laminated by Lucien Hatfield will be posted shortly.

A meeting is planned for 25th February at 7.30 with the village groups and the parish councilors to discuss the proposed plans and maybe get other ideas. There is still a lot to be arranged i.e. closing the road for the fancy dress parade, ensuring the correct insurance is in place and the closing of the car park (except for essential vehicles). These tasks will we hope be undertaken the parish councilors. We also need help with the refreshments. We have been given a budget of £1k for the event.

11) Correspondence

a) BB reported that there was a neighbourhood dispute concerning overhanging branches from trees and shrubs. BB & LH to draft a notice. **Action BB & LH.**

b) City Deal Drop in Exhibitions have been arranged for the 23rd February at Harston, 9th March at Barton and 10th March at Trumpinton. Meetings to be held at the Village Halls.

12 Finance

12a) Clerks VAT Course: It was agreed to send the Parish Clerk on the course, fees are £100 plus VAT. **Proposed** TA seconded by JJ- **Approved.** Foxtton would be contacted re paying a proportion of the fee if deemed appropriate. **Action FL**

12b) Choose a pension. TB reported on the three options available with different set up and on-going costs. TA to discuss the implications with FL. FL and TA to talk to Foxtton Parish Council re possible contribution to the pension. **Action TA & FL**

12c) Resolution to pay outstanding accounts

Salaries ó Clerk, Roy Brown ó proposed JJ, seconded TB. Approved.

Invoices Paid on 08/02/2016

Tony Adcock (BT)	104.22
William Harrold	79.99
PKF Littlejohn	480.00
City of Ely Council (VAT)	120.00
HMR&C	77.00
Clerks Expenses	78.92
Clerks Fees	672.90
Roy Brown	64.00

Remittance

VAT Repayment 3732.59

Date of next meeting Monday 14th March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall