

HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday March 9th 2015

Present – Bob Branch, Trina Backhurst, Tony Adcock, Jenny Jullien, Sue Watson, Julie Coxall, Ron van der Hoorn, Christine Kipping and Lucian Hatfield. Seven members of the public were present.

- 1 Apologies for absence** - District Councillor Robin Page and County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley sent their apologies.
- 2 Declarations of interest** ó None
- 3 Open Forum for Public Participation** – Aiden van de Weyer, District Councillor for Barrington & Orwell, came to update the council on developments. At Great Eversden, 10 affordable homes have been granted permission on a sensitive site. The CEMEX proposal will now go to Planning Committee on 1st April 2015. A delegation from HPC intends to be there to explain our opposition.
- 4 Update on The Hemlocks footpath** – Chris Burgoyne, a trustee of Haslingfield United Charities (HUC), updated the council. The Village Plan in the 1960s envisaged a network of footpaths on the south side of the village but the final link to the school was never opened. Two years ago the school reviewed the safety of children walking to school and it was decided that the access from the Hemlocks should be opened and asked for HUC's assistance. HUC purchased the land, originally designated by Planning for the access, on the school's behalf. The current occupier of the land has been granted a licence to continue to use the land as long as they occupy the adjacent property. After this, the land will become a gated pedestrian access to the school, limited in use to short periods at the beginning and end of each school day. Staff and parents will be requested not to park in or use The Hemlocks for dropping off. The Parish Council would like to thank all the people involved in getting this agreement in place, especially Chris Burgoyne, Rebecca Ridley, Professor Martin Dixon, who gave extremely useful advice and his services for free, Sebastian Kindersley, Carole Bennett and Graeme McLeod, and also the resident who has maintained the land for such a long time.
- 5 District Councillor's Report** – Robin Page sent his apologies
- 6 County Councillor's Report** ó Sebastian Kindersley sent his apologies
- 7 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of February 9th 2015** ó approved and signed Proposed TB, seconded RH
- 8 Matters to be reported from these minutes** ó More rubble has been dumped on the derelict land and spilt onto the road in Church Street. Sebastian Kindersley and Andrew Greenwood are to be contacted again.
Action FL/RB

Sam Bowden has given a quote for the removal of trees on the allotment site.

- 9 Planning applications and decisions –C/11/40/45** ó 2 The Knapp, application to undertake tree work in a conservation area; approved. **S/0410/15/RM, S/0409/15/RM** ó Former Bayer Crop Science Site, phase 1 and 3 (132 dwellings) and phase 3 (14 dwellings), application for the approval of reserved matters comprising layout, scale, appearance and landscaping ó no comment.

Permissions granted by SCDC: S/0032/15/PB ó Grove Farm Barn, Church Street, prior approval for change of use of barn to two dwellings and associated operational development; 02/03/2015. **S/2870/14/FL** – Recreation Ground, New Road ó installation of floodlighting on two tennis courts and construction of an extra court at Haslingfield Tennis Club; 12/02/2015.

- 10 Additional matters for discussion** ó Funding for the proposed A10 cycle route to Harston was discussed. City Deal funding has been turned down, although a cycle route is crucial to the success of the planned A10 corridor developments. Money will be sought from other avenues, including possible Section 106 money from the Trumpington Meadows development. A meeting with James Fisher will be arranged to find out details of available funding options. Sebastian Kindersley and John Pym will be contacted for an update.

Action RB/LH

People have been observed with dogs on the Recreation Ground. The PC asks to public to be mindful that this is a danger to children's health and to kindly desist from bringing their dogs there. It was mentioned that two people wearing suits had been observed getting onto bicycles in the Village Hall car park, before cycling off, leaving their cars parked on site all day.

- 11 Village Hall refurbishment update** – The Village Hall refurbishment is now nearly complete, except for painting the windows. Separate solutions and quotations will be sought for the outstanding issues of improving shower water pressure and water heating/control in the whole building.

- 12 Connections Bus Financing** ó Tony Adcock and the clerk had a meeting with Alan Webb from Connections, Peter di Mambro (Chairman) and Kim Quince (clerk), from Harlton PC to discuss financing of the Bus Project. Peter di Mambro will ask Harlton PC to commit to contributing £1000 per year to the cost of the service, to be reviewed every November. To help with their cash flow it was agreed that the next instalment could be paid in October 2015.

- 13 Local Council Awards Scheme** ó There has been a change of legislation at NALC and Haslingfield, along with other participating councils, is now re-registered at Foundation level. A decision will be made as to whether we would like to progress to the next level in February 2016. For the time being, we will carry on as we are.

- 14 Traffic Calming Delay/Remodelling** ó Bob Branch circulated Skanska notes from Richard Bensley. The planned works on Barton Road have been put on hold, pending further consultation about layout of the chicanes. The designs will be revisited and adjusted as appropriate. All agreed that outliers would be used, rather than speed bumps. These were resisted as the shallow clay foundations beneath some of the older houses should not be shaken. £590 for Stages 1 & 2 will be taken out of the grant and a further £835 will be taken on completion.

15 Committee and Working Party Reports –

- a) **Environment** – The Community Orchard at the Wellhouse Meadow is to be expanded in size and fund raising for new trees will be led by Sylvia Armit. The trees will be planted by village children. Bob Branch and Jay Cole have finished pruning and staking the original trees and have removed some anti-deer protection, which was impeding the development of lower branches. Sylvia Armit will follow up Christine Kipping's suggestion of using Cam Valley Orchard to advise on the purchase of new trees. RB is to obtain costs for Sorbus trees, as advised by the South Cambs Tree Officer. **Action RB**
Lilac trees of a reasonable size will be planted at Lilac Close.
- b) **Village Hall** – Ron van der Hoorn reported that there had been the theft of a handbag last week. Unclaimed items left for a long time at the Village Hall will be donated to the next jumble sale. The Tennis Club have received permission for floodlights and a third court. Bob Branch received an email from the Tennis Club asking for written confirmation that we consent to the development. He has drafted two letters to the Tennis Club, one supporting and one consenting. Proposed RH, seconded TB
- c) **Allotments** - Nothing to report
- d) **Trumpington Meadows** – There was no meeting to report
- e) **Play Area** – Nothing to report
- f) **Website & C&V** – Any offers of help on the web team would be gratefully received
- g) **Parish Emergency Plan** – TA had nothing new to report
- h) **Skate Park** – Clever Curves should be doing the required work this month
- i) **Recruitment** – There is a vacancy for two Councillors on the Parish Council. Help with planning and environmental issues would be especially valuable. **Action RB/SW**
- j) **Telephone Box** – The paperwork for the purchase of the kiosk has been signed and returned. One of the panes of glass is missing and needs replacing. The defibrillator has been applied for and a doctor is to be asked to do regular checks of the apparatus. All this needs to be done before handing it over as a book exchange. **Action CK**
- k) **Cycle Path** – Lucian Hatfield saw Richard Pemberton to discuss a change of surface along part of the bridleway to Hauxton. He put him in touch with the owner of the plot of land involved. LH is to see how much money can be raised for the project. Solar powered LED lights were suggested to illuminate the track at night. **Action LH**

- 16 Confirm Arrangements for Annual Meeting** – Christine Kipping suggested the possibility that a retired policeman from the Bobby Scheme could come out to give a talk. Ron van der Hoorn was asked to do a written report for the Badcock Charity Trust and give a short talk about Village Hall activities, which he has agreed to do. **Action RH**
Tony Adcock will give a short talk about the Parish Emergency Plan. **Action TA**

- 17 Correspondence** – All correspondence has been dealt with.

- 18 Finance – Motion to authorise new signatory for Bank Account and Motion to authorise new signatory for Bank of Cyprus Bond** – It was proposed that Jenny Jullien should be the new signatory for both accounts. Proposed TB, seconded SW.
FL will contact Bank of Cyprus to organise the paperwork. **Action FL**
Motion to authorise Purchase of Laser Printer – Ron van der Hoorn kindly offered to donate a laser printer from his workplace. **Action RH**
Resolution to pay outstanding accounts - Proposed TA, Seconded JJ – approved.
Salaries – Clerk, Roy Brown, Alan Stevens

Date of next meeting Monday 13th April 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall