

## HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held on Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> 2015

**Present** –Trina Backhurst, Tony Adcock, Jenny Jullien, Sue Watson, Julie Coxall, Ron van der Hoorn and Lucian Hatfield. County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley was in attendance. Trina Backhurst chaired the meeting. Alison Talkington from SCDC came to speak about Neighbourhood Planning. No members of the public were present.

- 1 **Apologies for absence** - District Councillor Robin Page, Bob Branch and Christine Kipping
- 2 **Declarations of interest** ó None
- 3 **Open Forum for Public Participation** – There were no members of the public present.
- 4 **Neighbourhood Planning** – Alison Talkington from South Cambs District Council came to the meeting to speak about Neighbourhood Planning and answer any questions. She explained that a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) cannot promote less development than the Local Plan demands. It has to be consistent with the Local Plan and strategic policies. Proposals should be for allocating key sites, improving the area and listing protected areas. The NP cannot change greenbelt boundaries or listed buildings. If successful the community infrastructure levy can earn the village an extra 10% to spend on projects. However, this needs local involvement and a public referendum, so local people should agree with the policies. SCDC's role is to assist and advise. The average time it takes to develop a Plan is two years and costs approximately £13,000 to produce, so is both time consuming and expensive. Sebastian Kindersley said that sometimes the costs outweigh the benefits and we may need to employ a Planning Consultant. Trina Backhurst suggested putting this on the Agenda for further discussion in June.
- 5 **District Councillors Report** – Robin Page sent his apologies.
- 6 **County Councillors Report** - The CEMEX application is now expected to be heard in May 2015. Haslingfield's chief concern will be the amount of traffic passing through the village, which needs to be made very clear to the planning committee. Phase 2 of the Northstowe planning application was surprisingly adjourned. During the meeting it had become apparent that the committee had grave concerns about many aspects of the application, not least the amount of money available for the civic/community buildings. The new Route R bus service from Trumpington Park & Ride to Cambridge Railway Station was launched on April 7<sup>th</sup>, running on the Guided Busway with a 5 minute journey time. It runs every 15 minutes at peak times ó 6am-9.30am and 4.45pm-8.45pm weekdays, at the cost of a daily return ticket of £3.20 and a weekly ticket of £13.50.  
  
**Cycle Path** - Lucian Hatfield outlined 2 options for a cycle path, both of which are blocked at the moment. The matter is to be put to vote in order of preference at the Annual Parish Meeting. It has become apparent that not everyone in the village is in favour of using the Haslingfield to Hauxton bridleway as a cycleway. Lucian Hatfield agreed to write a short piece outlining the available options for the Newsletter and Sebastian Kindersley volunteered to write something about the importance of a Haslingfield Cycle Path, if needed  
**Action LH/SK**
- 7 **To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015** – Approved and signed by Trina Backhurst. Proposed TA, seconded LH.

- 8 Matters to be reported from these minutes** ó We are still awaiting a response from the Planning Enforcement Officer at SCDC regarding the rubble dumped on land off Church Street. Matthew Greenwood, Monitoring and Control Officer at Cambridge County Council, promised to continue to monitor the site when he is in the vicinity. The clerk will chase him up for a further progress report. **Action FL**
- 9 Planning applications and decisions: S/0604/15/FL** ó 19 The Hemlocks, raising ridge height. Loft conversion, dormer windows & velux roof lights ó there were no objections from 6 councillors. One had concerns about the roof height. **S/0536/15/OL** ó Former Waste Treatment Facility, Hauxton, redevelopment of the site to provide up to 32 dwellings with areas of open space and woodland including countryside park ó no objections. **Permissions granted by SCDC: S/0275/15/PB** ó The Diary, Grove Farm, prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house ó 01/04/15. **S/1625/14/FL** – 41 Chestnut Close, new linked detached dwelling - 16/03/15. **S/2665/14/FL** – Land south of Little Rose pub, 2 residential dwellings ó 19/03/15.

## **10 Additional matters for discussion**

- a) Defibrillator** – It was decided to defer a decision until the next meeting, when Christine Kipping will be there. The Parish council shouldn't commit to buying one if subsidised ones are available. Some councillors thought it should be locked.
- b) Excel Training for Clerk** – The Clerk is to look into Excel training courses and costs. It was suggested Foxton could bear a third of the expense. **Action FL**
- c) Local Government Transparency Codes** – These revised codes do not apply to us, as we are a medium sized council already following the rules.
- 11 Village Hall Refurbishment update** – Tony Adcock (TA) said there had been an issue with painting up to the ceiling and all window locks had needed changing. It was agreed to pay the final instalment to Millcam. Proposed TA, seconded JC. Ron van der Hoorn (RH) mentioned there had been a problem with the fire alarm being set off by showers. TA suggested changing to heat detectors and to get the shower pressure running better. He will obtain two more quotes to replace the old gas boiler and send proposals to Councillors. **Action TA**
- 12 Traffic Calming** – The proposed new plans from the County Council were discussed. Sue Watson and Tony Adcock think the position of one of the bollards is dangerous, being on a blind bend. There have been two near collisions already. RH said the plans show 3 barriers into the village but none coming out. All Councillors agreed the proposal is not fit for purpose. Bob Branch will follow up discussions on his return from holiday. **Action RB**

## **13 Committee and Working Party Reports –**

- a) Environment** – Grass cutting in the Elms opposite number 12 is yet to be done. The clerk will ask CGM when this is scheduled for. **Action FL**
- b) Village Hall** ó Jenny Jullien looked at second hand curtains but found nothing suitable. It would cost approximately £500 to have the current ones cleaned, but as they're nearly 30 years old this is not cost effective. New curtains would cost around £6,000. Insurance for the stage and lights for the Little Theatre was queried. TA is to find out who is responsible for insuring them. **Action TA**
- A new loop system is needed for the Little Theatre, at a cost of £1,800. Jenny Jullien will pursue cheaper options. There is already a radio controlled mike with antenna available (cost approx £300). RH will speak to Alan Stevens and Robin Perry to discuss ideas. **Action JJ/RH**

- c) **Allotments** – RH paid the clerk £25.76 for the water rates and gave her the meter readings for the solar panels. The quotation from Sam Bowden was accepted and he will be asked to coppice the Ash trees at the allotments. The donated lawn mower has broken down. They will discuss buying a new one at the allotment meeting later in the week.
  - d) **Trumpington Meadows** – nothing to report as no meeting was held.
  - e) **Play Area** – A “no dogs” sign has gone missing from the Cantelupe Road access to the Recreation Ground. The clerk will ask Clive Blower to replace it. JJ proposed buying a new sign, seconded RH. **Action FL**
  - f) **Website and C&V** – nothing to report.
  - g) **Parish Emergency Plan** – nothing to report.
  - h) **Skate Park** – Clever Curves have done the remedial work on the Skate Park, minus the platforms, which they say were fine in November when they gave the quote. Roy Brown says they are disintegrating and he will patch up one platform himself. The clerk will ask them to return quickly to complete the work at a further cost of £500, but also seek quotes elsewhere in case of delays. **Action FL**
  - i) **Councillor Recruitment** – This continues to be advertised on the noticeboards. Sheila Walker to be asked to put a notice in Church & Village. Proposed JC, seconded JJ
  - j) **Telephone box** – A broken pane of glass needs replacing with toughened glass. This should be done by BT, who will be reminded. **Action FL** A laminated sign will be put up saying what the kiosk will be used for when the window is fixed and the telephone box painted. **Action TA**
  - k) **Cycle Path** – addressed in item 6
  - l) **Connections Bus (additional item)** – TB suggesting putting this on the Working Party Report list on a regular basis. TA and Christine Kipping (CK) will be going to Harlton on 21<sup>st</sup> April to explain why the bus is so important to the Youth of the village.
- 14 Confirm Arrangements for Annual Meeting – Newsletter items requested by 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015** – The following councillors agreed to submit items:  
RH ó Village Hall  
LH ó Cycle Path  
JJ ó Telephone box  
CK ó Connections Bus  
RB ó Community Orchard and Traffic Calming
- JJ and TB will organise refreshments for the Annual Meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2015.
- 15 Correspondence** – JJ suggested giving a written response to Chris Gifford’s letter about the Millennium Pond complaint. **Action SW/TB**
- Information about the new Stagecoach bus from Trumpington to the Station is to be put on the website and noticeboards. Proposed LH, seconded JJ. **Action LH/FL**
- 16 Finance – Resolution to pay outstanding accounts** - Proposed LH, Seconded TA ó approved. Sam Bowden will be asked to do the tree work by the Allotments and Lilac Close over two separate months. Proposed SW, Seconded JJ.

**Salaries** – Clerk, Roy Brown, Alan Stevens

**Date of next meeting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Invoices ó 13/04/2015

Connections Bus	£2453.00
Clerkø Expenses	£124.76
HMR&C (January shortfall)	£99.52
HMR&C (March)	£81.65
Alan Stevens	£160.00
Roy Brown	£133.30
Clerkø Fees	£763.66
Clever Curves	£1500.00
Millcam	£21,480.31
CAPALC	£362.97
Clive Blower	£122.97
Bob Branch (Expenses)	£15.96
Haslingfield Parochial Church	£300.00

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