

HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday August 10th 2015

Present –Bob Branch, Tony Adcock, Christine Kipping, Jenny Jullien, Ron van der Hoorn, Lucian Hatfield, John Miller, Julie Coxall and Kirsty Walker. County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley was in attendance. There were 8 members of the public present.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** – Trina Backhurst, Sue Watson and District Councillor Robin Page sent their apologies.
- 2 **Members Declaration of interest for items on the agenda** – John Miller declared an interest in the 21 Church Street planning application, as he knows the people involved.
- 3 **Open Forum for Public Participation** – It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council that no signs had been put up around the village by the District Council regarding the proposed development at 21 Church St. The person felt that this was important as the proposed development is in a conservation area, and that if more of the public had been made aware of it there would have been a bigger attendance. She was told that the District Council was not obliged to notify people. The need for traffic calming on Chapel Hill was also brought up for discussion.
- 4 **District Councillors Report** ó None received.
- 5 **County Councillors Report** ó Sebastian Kindersley said a further 520 dwellings are proposed for Trumpington Meadows. Speculative applications are coming in thick and fast. Applications and pre-application are now numbering over 3,000 not in the Local Plan. South Cambs has written back to the Local Plan inspector (who has suspended further hearings on our Local Plan) saying that they will do the work required to demonstrate that the green belt policy and the new settlement policy are robust. They will also review the housing numbers needed, and hope that there isn't an increase. This work will be completed by October, and there will then be a public consultation on what comes out of it in November-December, with a view to submitted modifications in February 2016 and getting the examination back on track.

There has been recent flooding in Barrington which had an impact on the school. Panicked people in Barrington collected an ill defined substance, which set like cement. The Environment Agency came and Cemex sent out road sweepers and it will be tested to see what it is. S106 monies for the quarry application is now being discussed with legal teams and offered to parishes soon.

SK saw the Ombudsman complaint sent by HPC, and asked if there was anything still outstanding with Balfour Beatty. Bob Branch said yes ó lights that come on in the day! County Officers still seem to be ineffectual in the city and elsewhere. Balfour Beatty are having to pay out a lot of money in compensation but we are not allowed to know how much!

The new 75 bus timetable is now up and running, unfortunately not doing what the local people want but having saved £10,000 in costs. South Cambs are about to start the boundary review for reducing the council in size from 69 ó 63 people. Police/NHS/Fire Authority have been asked to be considered for further devolution, perhaps with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough becoming one authority looking after everything.

SK asked if we intended to go forward by 2nd November for applications for the minor highways improvements grant. We have agreed to make a submission to Highways and Local Govt. Committee. SK asked if we need him to do anything on traffic calming. RB said we would let him know if needed and SK said he would be happy to lend his support.

Action RB/JM to draft submission

6 To approve and sign the minutes of 13th July 2015 ó Approved and signed. Proposed JJ, seconded CK.

7 Matters to be reported from these minutes – None

8 Planning applications and decisions:

Kirsty Walker introduced the following two applications. Trevor Walker from 23 Church St, next to the shop, said he had two major concerns, in particular the overshadowing effect and the drainage of surface water into his garden. It would also affect traffic. Liz Galkin, owner of Country Kitchen, said she was surprised as to why there should be traffic issues. At the moment all cars are parked alongside the house, causing regular shunting during the day, with people having to reverse out into the road. The application would free up parking space at the back. She said the long, thin house naturally lends itself to two flats and there would be minimal impact. There would be roof lights so no problem with overlooking. She said if permission was refused they may turn the house into a B&B as a fall back position and that permission for a car park was probably not needed. Another person said their house would have all upstairs windows overlooking a noisy gravel car park. Liz Galkin said the car park would not necessarily be gravel.

S/1452/15/FL Conversion of existing accommodation above and behind the shop (currently a single dwelling) into 2 flats, erection of new dwelling, formation of new parking spaces and associated works. 21 Church Street ó A majority of councillors recommended refusal.

S/1891/15/E2 Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion for sports facilities, community and leisure uses (Use Class D1/D2), ancillary retail (Use Class A1) and enabling residential development of 520 dwellings (Use Class C3), new landscaping and public realm, car and cycle parking, and other associated works, Trumpington Meadows ó it was decided to defer comments as there are over 30 documents to read through first.

Action KW/JM/ RB to send back comments in clerk's absence on leave.

Permissions granted by SCDC: S/0994/15/RM Details of reserved matters for the Southern Infrastructure provision (Southern primary street and associated infrastructure) and discharge of conditions of outline planning permission S/0054/08/O, Trumpington Meadows ó Decision date 16/07/15.

S/1309/15/FL Extension at The Barn, Charity Farm, Harston Rd ó Decision date 22/07/15.

9 Additional Matters for Discussion:

a) Community Governance Review – Terms of reference will be decided at the November meeting of SCDC Civic Affairs Committee.

b) Motion for award of land licence – See item 10c.

10 Committee and Working Party Reports:

a) Environment – A resident has kindly donated £100, which will go towards environmental projects. We intend to assign this towards trees for the community orchard. RB will have a meeting with Sue Watson and Sylvia Armit and plans to plant trees in the Autumn. There is a large ash tree with a dead branch overhanging the pavement in Broad Lane. The resident is to be asked to cut it back if the tree is in their garden. **Action RB**

b) Traffic calming - John Miller presented traffic calming options for the village. These

will be processed through risk assessment by Skanska/CCC and then HPC will consult informally in Barton Rd and Church Street once modifications are finalised. Future areas for consideration include Harston Rd and Chapel Hill. JM thinks we should proceed with chicanes as soon as possible as planning permission is not needed and we have the money, including a £10,000 grant, reserved for this purpose. SK suggested also applying for another grant.

- c) **Tennis Court** ó It was agreed that lighting for the path would be desirable and to go for Option 1 at a cost of £1150 + VAT. Proposed TA, seconded JJ
The piece of land needed for a hut housing the switch gear on the North West side of the courts was discussed. Solicitors have advised us to modify the lease at a cost of £750 + VAT but there was a preference for a cheaper licence instead. The Tennis Club has agreed to pay half. It was agreed informally that they can put up the shed temporarily until a formal licence is drawn up. The Tennis Club should bear the cost for the switch gear hut. They are asking for a contribution towards the electrical installation costing £6,000. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Proposed TA, seconded RH. **Action RB to continue investigating legal options.**
- d) **Neighbourhood Planning** ó This would cost approximately £12,000 to £15,000 with expert advice. At the moment we can't define a specific area for a Neighbourhood Plan due to the pending Local Boundary Review. A sub-committee can be set up in the meantime if wished.
- e) **Village Hall** - 16 New tables have been received. Old tables will be sold off at £10 per table. Jenny Jullien is to have a draw for allocating the tables, with priority going to community projects and local people. There will be a limit of 3 tables per person. 2 new 200W amplifiers and wireless microphone system (one handheld and one lapel) have been supplied and installed. Robin Perry has received, but not yet installed, the loop tester.
- f) **Allotments** – There was a meeting on 14th July in the Little Rose. The Account is £1326.09 in credit. The £5 peppercorn rent has been paid with apologies for late payment. A BBQ has been organised for 13th September for all plot holders. There are currently no free plots
- g) **Trumpington Meadows** ó Christine Kipping reported that there was a walk around Clay Farm at the last meeting, and all appears to be going well. However, there have been complaints about the lack of parking in the area. The report can now be distributed. **Action CK**
- h) **Connections Bus** ó This is a popular and enjoyable meeting place. The same 5 volunteers are all doing a wonderful job.
- i) **Play Areas** ó Nothing to report on the Play Area, but it has been busy over the summer. The clerk has taken photos of the recent Skatepark repairs and sent them to Clever Curves, asking them to come back and replace defective wood. A notice has been put up asking people to desist from bringing in hazardous glass bottles.
- j) **Other Tennis Club issues** ó nothing more to report.
- k) **Traffic Calming** ó reported under item 10b).
- l) **C&V and website** ó There will be another meeting of the Website Committee in September.
- m) **Telephone box and defibrillator** ó The Ambulance Service has recommended that only one defibrillator is needed in the village, and suggested buying it through Community Heartbeat Trust, as they give a lot of support in setting up the system and offer an aftercare counselling service. It was decided to go ahead and locate it in the former telephone box at High Street/Lilac Close, which is relatively central to the village and easy to reach. CK recommended the Silver Plan at a cost of £350 per year. The defibrillator would cost £1750. Motion for expenditure; Proposed RV, seconded JM. All in favour. LH recommended getting a proper sign made, costing up to £100, advertising the defibrillator in the telephone box. Proposed LH, seconded JC. All in favour. **Action FL**
- n) **Cycle Path** ó Lucian Hatfield had nothing new to report.

11 Correspondence – An email was received from Robin Page saying he would attend no further meeting unless he received an apology from Bob Branch for the disagreement at the previous meeting he had attended in June 2015. This email was read out to Councillors and the attached report made available.

12 Finance - Resolution to pay outstanding accounts –

Salaries – Clerk, Roy Brown – proposed JM, seconded TA

Invoices ó10/08/2015

Sam Bowden óremoval of willow tree on footpath	£2950.00
Tony Adcock ó expenses	89.39
Clerks Fees	£590.80
Clerks Expenses ó including new printer	£262.40
HMR&C	£60.00
Roy Brown	£139.70
Glasdon UK	£14.78
Sheila Walker ó admin fees	£40.00
Archer Signs ó 2 no dog signs	£70.74
CGM ó grass cutting	£848.88
Connections Bus	£2497.00

Frances Laville
Haslingfield Parish Clerk
14/08/2015

Date of next meeting Monday 14th September 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall