

HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 14th September 2015

Present – Bob Branch, Trina Backhurst, Christine Kipping, Jenny Jullien, Ron van der Hoorn, Lucian Hatfield, John Miller and Kirsty Walker. County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley was in attendance. There were 3 members of the public present.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** – Tony Adcock, Julie Coxall and District Councillor Robin Page sent their apologies.
- 2 **Members Declaration of interest for items on the agenda** – None
- 3 **Open Forum for Public Participation** – Clive Blower asked the PC how they would know when they had done enough regarding the traffic calming, as in his opinion the new speed signs hadn't had much effect. John Miller said the supplementary schemes hadn't started yet. The chicanes are being re-sited on Barton Road and road markings need to be put outside the school. Phase 2, including Chapel Hill, won't be started until phase 1 is complete. He suggested doing a survey to see how effective this has been when the chicanes are in place. The result of the survey on traffic flows was with Skanska at the moment. Clive Blower asked for the speed survey to be mailed to him when it became available. Bob Branch suggested having a separate meeting and further discussions between Clive Blower, John Miller and himself. **Action RB/JM**
- 4 **District Councillor's Report** – Robin Page sent a message to say he shares and supports the views of HPC on most local planning issues.
- 5 **County Councillor's Report** – Sebastian Kindersley said the whole Planning Department of SCDC is now a disaster, having to deal with many speculative planning applications and appeals with much reduced manpower and no Head of Planning. He said many Parish Councils are objecting to decisions but not coming to meetings or sending reports to explain their objections. Local services, including health provision and education, are now stretched to the limit.
Various people locally have been asking about the use of Bassingbourn Barracks as a refugee Reception centre, as despite £14,000,000 being previously spent on refurbishment it is now standing unused. The Government is likely to eventually decide what to do with it. Bassingbourn Barracks has capacity in the barracks areas to house refugees and could also provide health centres and education, as current local services are now stretched to the limit - the housing has already been taken by South Cambs. Syria has a very large proportion of qualified people such as doctors, nurses and teachers in the population fleeing the country and their potential contribution to the UK could be of considerable benefit. HPC are supportive of this idea, provided local people are not denied the available family housing there as a result.
- 6 **To approve and sign the minutes of 10th August 2015** ó Approved and signed.
Proposed LH, seconded CK.
- 7 **Matters to be reported from these minutes** – The proposal to grant the Colts £1000 towards the cost of new goalposts was omitted. This was proposed by LH, seconded by JM and approved nem con on 10th August 2015. Item 10 m) re the telephone box - signs for the defibrillator should be actioned by LH and not FL.

8 Planning applications and decisions:

S/2012/15/FL Development of 5 detached 4 bedroom dwellings including detached garages. Construction of new access onto Church St, new bus stop and pedestrian footpath, land adjacent to Grove Farm, Harlton Rd & Church St. ó unanimously recommended refusal.

S/1967/15/FL Extensions and alterations, including a 2 storey side & rear extension and demolition of existing garage, 30 New Road ó recommended refusal. **S/2121/15/FL**

Alterations to garage to create annexe & new entrance porch link to main dwelling, Rose Cottage, 31 Barton Rd ó no objections.

Permissions granted by SCDC: S/2073/14/LB Internal alterations & installation of new chimney pots, River Farmhouse, Harston Road. Decision date: 04/09/2015. **S/0236/15/FL**

Demolition of existing farm buildings, erection of a new farm building & construction of a new farm dwelling & garage, Lesanna Farm, Cantelupe Road. Decision date: 01/09/2015.

S/1830/15/FL Raising height of flat roof and converting garage to habitable accommodation, 7 Cantelupe Road. Decision date 14/09/2015.

The agent and an employee from Ely Planning came to the meeting to represent their case for putting in an application for five detached four-bedroomed houses on greenbelt land outside the village framework, on land adjacent to Grove Farm off Church St/Harlton Road. This was opposed by Parish Councillors who are totally against building on protected land. Aside from this, they also felt that the development was far too dense and completely out of character with the local area. The application was unanimously recommended for refusal.

Lucian Hatfield declared an interest in the 31 Barton Road application, as it is his next door neighbour, and abstained from the proceedings.

9 Additional Matters for Discussion:

a) The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations - The Queen's 90th birthday will be celebrated on June 11th and 12th next year, and there were suggestions for activities such as a village dinner dance or a church service with food afterwards. Anyone with Coronation Day memories (people probably now in their 90s) could be interviewed at the Luncheon Club to share their stories. Any further ideas, especially for making it a memorable day for children, would be well received by HPC. A Committee will be set up to organise events and anyone who wishes to be involved should contact the Clerk. The Clerk will put a separate notice alongside the minutes and on the village noticeboards. **Action FL**

10 Committee and Working Party Reports:

a) Environment – Tree stumps by the bus shelter on Lilac Close will be ground down and the surrounding area rotovated by Sam Bowden in the second week of October. Bob Branch will talk to Keith Bennett and Kate Dickson about where to site the new trees.

Action RB

The Clerk and RB will arrange a meeting with CGM to discuss outstanding work on Lilac Close, the Wellhouse Meadow and Barton Road. **Action FL/RB**

Tim Austin is to be asked to flail the overhanging hedgerow opposite the Elms alongside the Recreation Ground. **Action FL**

The Clerk was asked to resend Sue Watson the list of volunteers. **Action FL**

b) Traffic calming ó John Miller met with Skanska. We await completion of white lines outside the school and chicanes on Barton Road. There are currently four design elements proposed totalling £37,000. Further work, including extending the 30 mph limit, chicanes and lighting, would cost a total of £52,000, which is way beyond the budget. John Miller recommended a step-by-step approach utilising grants as they become available. We will initially apply for a Local Highways Grant based on Skanska's design. Proposed TB, seconded RB.

- c) **Tennis Court** ó The Tennis Club have now agreed to reduce the size of the proposed shed to the originally suggested 5 x 3 meters for electrical switch gear and storage only. There will be a HLTC meeting later this week to confirm size and location. The Tennis Club has agreed to pay half the cost for the modified lease. Planning permission will be sought for retrofitting 2 floodlights onto the mast on the western side of the tennis court. **All in favour.**
 - d) **Neighbourhood Planning** ó It was decided to postpone discussions.
 - e) **Village Hall** ó The new audio amplifying system is installed. The car park light is not working. The glass in the fire alarm has been broken. Alan Stevens is to be asked to repair the car park light. **Action RH**
 - f) **Allotments** –25 people attended the BBQ held recently. There are currently no free plots but vacancies are expected at the end of October when the rents are due.
 - g) **Trumpington Meadows** ó There was no meeting held over August.
 - h) **Connections Bus** ó The AGM is to be held on 27th October 2015 at 7pm at St Andrew's Centre, Histon. This year they will be providing soup, rolls and drinks so would appreciate an RSVP by 15th October in order to cater for the correct numbers. Let Christine Kipping know if interested in attending.
 - i) **Play Areas** ó Julie Coxall sent her apologies.
 - j) **C&V and website** ó Copy for the Newsletter should be received by the end of the month for submission on 4th October 2015. There are to be items on traffic calming, the village hall and the Queen's party. **Action JJ and all Councillors**
 - k) **Telephone box and defibrillator** ó Christine Kipping sent attachments prior to the meeting. The defibrillator will be owned by the Community Heartbeat Trust, who has public liability insurance. There can be an emergency phone system, and training will be given, which will also fit in with the Emergency Plan requirements. A newsletter item is to be submitted to encourage representation from all village groups, and hopefully at least one person from every road in the village. The Connections Bus will be informed. CK will book a training session in the Village Hall. A painter will be found to paint the telephone box. Proposed JJ, seconded TB. All in favour. **Action CK**
 - l) **Cycle Path** – Lucian Hatfield is to look into proposals for a new route and will report back at the next meeting. No letter has yet been sent to Richard Pemberton. **Action LH**
- 11 **Correspondence** – A letter was received asking for the electric light outside All Saints church to be reinstated. If this had been asked at the Public Consultation, before the lamp was removed by Balfour Beatty, it would have been possible, but as it will now cost between £10,000 - £15,000 to reinstall it was thought to be too expensive. RB to talk to the church authorities, suggesting another floodlight or solar lights. **Action RB**
- An email was received from Sharon Maloney asking permission to temporarily close the footpath between Butler Way and All Saints church, to enable the County Council to carry out repair works. The repairs are planned over two days, to be notified, between 08:30 and 15:30. The footpath will be open outside of these times. This was agreed nem con.
- An email was received about a van parking at The Elms. This was against the covenants when The Elms was originally built. The PC suspects this is not legally enforceable, but will investigate further. **Action FL/JJ**
- The Little Rose Pub has now been bought by Neil and Sue Poole, and is no longer under threat of closure. The PC would like to thank Keith Murray and the Poole's for all their dedication and commitment in keeping this as a much needed community asset.
- The gate to the Recreation Ground has a loose bolt. LH will investigate further and see if it can be fixed. **Action LH**

12 Finance - Resolution to pay outstanding accounts –

Salaries – Clerk, Roy Brown – proposed TB, seconded CK

Invoices 014/09/2015

Glasdon UK 0 bin for Skatepark	£157.17
Haslingfield Colts FC 0 grant	£1000.00
Clive Blower	£30.00
CGM (to be held until work complete)	£820.08
Sam Bowden	£45.00
Clerks Fees (inc. holiday pay)	£798.52
Clerks Expenses	£58.04
HMR&C	£223.68
Roy Brown	£183.50
Alan Stevens	£128.00

Frances Laville
Haslingfield Parish Clerk
28/09/2015

Date of next meeting Monday 12th October 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall