

HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 9th November 2015

Grosvenor Estates ó Grosvenor gave a small public exhibition for residents before the start of the Parish Council Meeting, showing their proposals for a Sports Village at Trumpington Meadows and a redevelopment of Abbey Stadium for a Cambridge Community Sporting Trust. Several people attended and questions were answered by the team.

Present –Bob Branch, Tony Adcock, Christine Kipping, Jenny Jullien, Ron van der Hoorn, Sue Watson, John Miller and Kirsty Walker. District Councillor Robin Page did not attend. County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley was in attendance. There was one member of the public present.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** – Trina Backhurst, Lucian Hatfield and Julie Coxall.
- 2 **Members Declaration of interest for items on the agenda** – None
- 3 **A brief presentation by Grosvenor Estates** – Given earlier (see note above)
- 4 **Open Forum for Public Participation** – A letter was received from Lara Hawkins, suggesting the £1,800 remaining fund to oppose the CEMEX application is donated to the Primary School for Environmental projects. RB to report back that they need to call a public meeting, giving appropriate notice first. **Action RB**
- 5 **District Councillor's Report** – None.
- 6 **County Councillor's Report** – Sebastian Kindersley said South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge Local Plans are currently suspended pending further work. The District Council has now undertaken it and they conclude that the housing requirement for Cambridge of 14,000 homes contained in the submitted Local Plan does not need to be changed and that the requirement for South Cambridgeshire should be 19,377 dwellings, compared with the 19,000 dwellings in the submitted Local Plan. A modification to the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan is included to change the housing requirement from 19,000 to 19,500, rounding the recommended figure in the Housing Needs document for policy purposes.

Green Belt Land - The new Green Belt study confirms that major release of land would cause significant Green Belt harm. New settlements offer an alternative means of delivering significant growth without requiring development in the Green Belt but require significant infrastructure provision to connect them to higher order services and jobs. Having weighed all those factors, consultants conclude that the development strategy in the submitted plans provides the right balance.

Housing Needs ó There has been identification of a need for a provisional extension to Cambridge Biomedical Campus. There will also be further provision for starter homes and self-build.

Budget Cuts ó The County Council needs to make £41,000,000 savings in the next year, leading to a reduction in services that really matter. The mobile library may have to go and care support will be reduced for vulnerable adults and children's centres. Highways maintenance, street lighting and gritting services will be reduced and there will be many more unpopular cuts ahead. More and more responsibility will inevitably fall on volunteers

and Parish Councils. City Centre rising bollards will be removed and replaced with cameras, earning the Council more revenue if drivers break the rules. People going into bus lanes will be ticketed, even if the bus lane is empty at the time.

SK suggested we arrange a meeting with Clare Gibbons to discuss taking a community view on the Trumpington Meadows development and related Section 106 monies. This could give us more money in the pot to allow our own infrastructure to become more sustainable, for example, allowing us to build a Community Health Centre. **Action RB/JM**

SK said someone from the Parish Council must attend the meeting in late January to represent our claim for the Local Highways Improvement Grant. **Action JM/RB**

7 To approve and sign the minutes of 12th October 2015 ó Approved and signed. Proposed JM, seconded RH.

8 Matters to be reported from these minutes – None

9 Planning applications and decisions: None received

10 Additional Matters for Discussion:

a) **Riparian Responsibilities for Flood risk** – The County Council is asking all parish councils to become actively involved in the management of flood risk within Cambridgeshire. Parish councils can undertake flood risk management work using local precepts. This is to be discussed further at the next meeting.

b) **Footbridge/footpath repairs** - It was reported that since the footpath repairs on Barton Rd the ditches are now full of mud. CGM are to be asked to remove it.

Action FL

11 Committee and Working Party Reports:

a) **Environment** – Sam Bowden has now planted the trees in the Recreation Ground. RB is to have a meeting with Sylvia Armitth regarding trees in the Wellhouse Meadow.

Action RB

b) **Traffic calming** óJM and possibly RB will attend the Local Highways Improvement grants meeting in January 2016. JM is to find out how much was paid out by the first grant, and to ask Skanska for further costs. **Action JM**

JM to ask Skanska to reduce the costs of overheads by adopting a continuous approach rather than doing the work piece-meal, and to get a mandate to get the design finished. JM to look into who is responsible for the potential maintenance costs of people hitting bollards etc. **Action JM**

Residents of Barton Rd are to be consulted on the position of chicanes for Scheme 1 and a 21 day consultation is to be arranged with the wider village. It was agreed that a chicane is needed on the other side of the road, to stop excess speeding going out of the village. **Action JM**

It was agreed to pay Skanska a further £2,000 towards design costs. Proposed TA, seconded JJ.

It was agreed to delegate JM, LH, RB and SW to arrange for the consultation on Barton Road. JM proposed written correspondence asking for residents' views within 21 days, with responses to be published on the website. **Action JM/RH**

JM said we should get on with the design work as soon as possible, at a cost to Skanska of £500 per day. TA proposed, JJ seconded

- c) **Tennis Courts** - The Tennis Club have now decided to settle for a shed of 5meters by 3meters with a canopy. 7 x 5 meters total area is to be covered by a modified lease. RB is to get in touch with FIT to redo the paperwork. **Action RB**
The cost of the supplementary lease of £750 plus VAT is to be shared with the Tennis Club. It was suggested the TC pay for electricity for floodlights on the footpath. RB said we should pay for power on our own footpath.
Laurence Hopkins has said the TC would like to put up a noticeboard. RH said they should use the Village Hall noticeboard, which is there for all activities. The TC is to be asked to re-seed the grass in the dug up area around the tennis courts. **Action RB**
- d) **Neighbourhood Planning** ó now postponed until further notice
- e) **Village Hall** ó RH has decided to keep the Boiler Room unlocked for now, as the fuse is still tripping. He thought this could be something to do with the use of the floodlight and said the existing mains ring has individual fuses. It was decided that RCDOs should be installed, and Des Camp is to be sent further details. **Action FL**
- f) **Allotments** ó Four people have given up their plots and two people have taken them on, leaving two plots free. There are currently 31 plot holders, and the balance of accounts stands at £1293.09.
- g) **Trumpington Meadows** ó There was no meeting this month.
- h) **Connections Bus** ó Christine Kipping went to the AGM. Government grants have reduced so the Connections Bus is now losing money, with the total funds decreasing from £71,000 to £69,000. This will result in the prices having to rise soon. TA asked if the Connections Bus could reduce the number of villages they visit? CK said most villages pay for 3 youth workers, but ours is run by volunteers. Harlton said they would contribute £1000 towards the cost, but the cheque has yet to be received. **Action FL**
- i) **Play Areas** ó No report received.
- j) **C&V and website** ó Nothing to report.
- k) **Telephone box and defibrillator** ó The defibrillator is now working but the original shelving has had to be removed and it is a tight squeeze to get into the phone box now. The training session last Tuesday had less than 30 people attending, but was very worthwhile. It was agreed to have an Emergency phone, to be installed by BT for a small charge, using volunteers as first responders. Eight people are willing to get involved. Proposed TA, seconded JJ.
- The paint for the phone box has now arrived. The Charity Fair raised £20 towards the Community Heartbeat Trust, totalling £65 altogether. Christine Kipping was once again thanked for all her efforts.
- The Community Police Officer will patrol our area for 6 weeks on a regular basis, along with Harston and Hauxton, between 2 ó 7pm, in accordance with Operation Oaklands. This will act as a deterrent to criminals and Police notices are to be put on the website. **Action RH**
- l) **Cycle Path** – Nothing further to report.

- 11 **Correspondence** – A suggestion to have a street light put at the entrance to the Churchyard was not considered to be viable. However, it is possible we could make a contribution towards floodlighting inside when it's done.

JJ and the team are to have a further meeting this week to discuss the Queen's birthday celebrations on 11th and 12th June 2016. The budget is to be set soon and it was suggested merging with the Scarecrow Festival in order to reduce costs. Public liability insurance will be looked into. **Action JJ**

JM asked to attend the rural services network Health Conference on 29th January at the House of Lords. This will cost £75 + VAT. Proposed RB, seconded TA. **Action FL**

12 Finance - Resolution to pay outstanding accounts

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

Invoices 09/11/2015

Community Heartbeat Trust	£2130.00
Glasdon UK Ltd 6 bin liners	14.78
Royal British Legion	25.00
Arbantia Fencing	492.00
Haslingfield & Harlton C&V newsletters x 2	80.00
O.C. Electrical Ltd	115.80
Sam Bowden 6 trees	192.70
CAPALC 6 training	50.00
Roy Brown	172.80
Clerks Fees	702.24
Clerks Expenses - admin	92.04
HMR&C	123.93
CGM	1640.16

Frances Laville
Haslingfield Parish Clerk
23/11/2015

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