

## HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**Present** – Bob Branch, Jenny Jullien, Tony Adcock, Lucian Hatfield and Julie Coxall. County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley and District Councillor Doug Cattermole were in attendance. There were no members of the public present.

- 1 Apologies for Absence** – Kirstie Walker and Ron van der Hoorn
- 2 Members Declaration of interest for items on the Agenda** – None
- 3 Open Forum for Public Participation** – No members of the public present.
- 4 County Councillors Report – Devolution** - Cambridgeshire authorities have started a consultation on the website about the proposed devolution move to a directly elected Mayoralty for the entire area. Please tell the authorities what you think at: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/devolutionsurvey](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/devolutionsurvey). CCC are not keen on devolution, as the Leader of the council already acts as an ambassador who knows what he's doing and what the groups want him to do. The Mayor has the power to create Mayoral Development Corporations with planning and land assembly powers. These powers will be exercised with one other person having to agree them - the Cabinet Member in the relevant local authority area. For a site such as Bassingbourn Barracks, for example, the Mayor could decide that it will deliver 15,000 new homes, schools, road improvements etc., without a word from you and I or the people.
- 5 District Councillors Report – Housing under the City Deal** - One of the provisions of the City Deal was the commitment to 1,000 extra houses. These were to be delivered on Rural Exception Sites in South Cambs thereby providing affordable housing for local people. However, last week the commitment was redefined to include all sites not in the Local Plan. This means that all houses on non-Local Plan sites will now be covered and this includes speculative non-affordable houses.  
  
**Grosvenor Sporting Village** - Grosvenor Estates is to put forward a planning application for a sporting village and stadium plus housing on the green belt at Trumpington. Part of the development will be on Haslingfield Parish Council land.
- 6 To approve and sign minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016** – Proposed JJ, seconded JC.
- 7 Matters to be reported from these minutes** – Lucian Hatfield will start the setting up of the new Working Party for Parking Issues at the School at the start of the new term, in September. **Action LH**  
Jenny Jullien and Sebastian Kindersley attended the Cambourne to Cambridge & Western Orbital Local Liaison Forum meeting in Coton. It appeared that they had no intention of receiving objections, as became clear when slides prepared in advance were used, reverting back to the original Council position. There was a huge agenda with only 3 minutes to talk.

**8 Planning applications and decisions: S/1419/16/DC ó Lesanna Farm, Cantelupe Rd:** Discharge of Condition 3 (boundary treatment) and Condition 4 (Materials) of Planning ref: S/3184/15/FL. **For information only.**

**Appeal Decisions: Appeals made by Redrow Homes South Midlands** against the decision of SCDC on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015. **Former Bayer Crop Science Site: Appeal A**

**Ref: APP/W0530/W/16/3141984** Appeal allowed and reserved matters approved, namely the layout, scale, appearance and landscaping in respect of part of Phase 3.

**Appeal B Ref: APP/W0530/W/16/3142753** Appeal was dismissed and approval of the reserved matters was refused.

**9 Traffic Calming** – Lucian Hatfield said it would be a good idea to organise a public consultation, also recording the positive reactions to the proposed traffic calming scheme on Barton Road. Many people were in favour of the chicanes, but only negative comments were reported. It was decided to let it lie during the summer and hold a public meeting, with Skanska present, in the autumn. Bob Branch is to chase up Karen Lunn at CCC to get the remainder of the traffic calming equipment installed and road markings done. **Action RB**

The details of a survey asking what road alterations people want to slow the traffic down would need to be reported to Karen Lunn. A questionnaire is to be drawn up and distributed over the summer. **Action LH**

**Additional Matters for Discussion** ó The Clerk gave a quote from Haydens for £1469.50 + VAT for having a full Tree Survey done of all trees on PC land around the village. Other quotes had been sought. All agreed that this should go ahead as a matter of urgency. Proposed TA, seconded JJ. **Action FL**

It was also agreed to accept the quote from Eastern Tree Surgery to remove the hawthorn and maple trees outside 1 The Elms. This will cost £750 + VAT, and to grind out the stumps, £325.00 + VAT. Proposed TA, seconded JJ. **Action FL**

A quote has been sought from CGM to have the village footpaths added to the contract and mown once a month, as twice a year by CCC is insufficient.

CGM now has a new Manager, who started in June. Unfortunately, he was not given the correct information by the last Manager and the Wellhouse Meadow has been overlooked. This will be rectified as soon as possible. The clerk will seek reimbursement for the work left undone. **Action FL**

**10 Committee and Working Party Reports:**

**a) Environment –**

**b) Tennis Courts** ó A meeting was held between Bob Branch, Paul Bonnington and Lawrence Hopkins on 29<sup>th</sup> June. The Tennis Club would prefer not to have a fence around the shed. The purpose of having the fence is to improve security and would delineate land that has been leased. The PC decided that a fence should be installed, in accordance with the original planning permission. All agreed.

It was decided to ask CGM to prune the tree branches, at £56 + VAT, overhanging the northern end of the tennis courts. Proposed LH, seconded JJ. **Action FL**

It was proposed to replace a bench with a new solid timber bench. The existing bench needs wood preservative in the autumn. It was requested to have one backless bench in between the courts and football pitch so both games can be seen. Proposed RB, seconded TA. All in favour. **Action RB** to tell the tennis club.

**c) Village Hall** - report sent by Ron van der Hoorn

-The trip to the kitchen ring mains has now been blamed on the circuit being fused

by a 20 Amp fuse. The 2x 3kWatt kettles are too much for this and we have asked users (for the time being) to use the kettles on the other worktop. Fuse will be replaced by 32Amp soon.

We are about to receive 3 quotes for the front door replacement and hope to get this done in next 3 months (before HLT November performance.) Light in away changing room to have microwave sensor replaced as this is faulty. There will be an electrical test of all portable equipment arranged in the next 4 weeks

Tony Adcock presented plans, after consultation with User Groups, for expanding the Village Hall. It will cost £170,000 to do it. It was agreed that space should be kept in the Committee Room and the meeting rooms are to be 6 meters by 4 meters. TA will circulate copies of the plans and obtain a list of funding avenues from the County and District Councils. **Action TA**

Clive Blower has kindly offered to maintain the flower beds around the VH.

- d) **Allotments** – There are currently no vacant plots but some plot holders have advised us they will not renew in October. Bank balance is £1,352.31.
  - e) **Trumpington Meadows** ó There has been no meeting, so nothing to report.
  - f) **Connections Bus** – report sent by Christine Kipping ó We have almost reached the end of term for the Connections Bus. A termly report will be sent out by Alan, but there has been a good attendance and good discussions. The year 6 children are allowed to go on the bus in the last weeks of the summer term
  - g) **Play Areas** ó Julie Coxall reported that the hedges around the skatepark are obscuring visibility. The clerk will ask contractor to flail the hedgerow. **Action FL**
  - h) **C&V and Website** – Nothing to report.
  - i) **Cycle Path** – Lucian Hatfield is going to start discussions again with Richard Pemberton. **Action LH**
  - j) **Haslingfield School** – Lucian Hatfield will be organising a Working Party to address the parking issues in the autumn. **Action LH**
- 11 Correspondence** – An email was received by the clerk from Neville Cole, regarding lack of replies to an invitation on the website. It was agreed the website will remain as it is, as it is too time consuming and costly to answer every comment. The email will be forwarded to Neil Poole at the Little Rose. **Action FL**
- An email was received from Phil Farmer about the neglected land on the Elms. The clerk will contact the council, reporting it as an environmental health issue, to get the land cut. **Action FL**
- A letter was received from the Mitigation Department, Environmental Services at the Innovation Group, asking the Parish Council to remove all the hawthorns outside 1 The Elms, with a minimum clearance of 4.5 meters. The PC has agreed with the occupier to resume responsibility for the land, whilst accepting no liability for the subsidence. It was agreed that Bovis Homes were responsible for planting unsuitable trees too near to the house, and any subsequent insurance claim should be referred to the original developer. The PC has agreed for Eastern Tree Surgery to remove the hawthorns and maples and have the stumps ground. CGM is to prune the remaining shrubs, at a cost of £56 + VAT. Tony Adcock is to investigate appropriate wording for a letter, should the need arise. **Action TA**

- 12 Finance** – Another letter to Barclays to close down the deposit account was signed by the clerk, Tony Adcock and Jenny Jullien. **Action FL**  
A third signatory, Lucian Hatfield, is to be arranged for both bank accounts and the Bank of Cyprus, in place of RB. Proposed TA, seconded JJ. **Action FL/LH**  
The clerk is to undertake further CILCA training for the new exam. Proposed LH, seconded JC. All agreed.

**Salaries – Clerk, Roy Brown, Alan Stevens** – Payments proposed TA, seconded JJ. Approved.

**Invoices Paid on 11/07/2016**

CGM (to be held until work completed)	820.08
Clerk's Fees	780.21
Roy Brown	182.40
HMR&C	117.44
Clerk's expenses	159.66
Alan Stevens (Dec-May)	172.00
Stationery cupboard (brochures)	425.00
FIT membership fee	50.00
Sylvia Armit (new trees)	66.60
LCPAS	15.00
Charlie Vince (tree stump removal on Lilac Close)	420.00

**Note:** The clerk will be on Annual Leave from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016, returning on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

**Date of the next meeting: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**