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East West Rail – What the Parish Council is doing and what you can do

As you would expect, Haslingfield Parish Council is extremely concerned about the potential impact of the part of East West Rail's 'Option E' route from Cambourne to Cambridge which would run through our parish. As many of you know the Parish Council is supporting Cambridge Approaches, a campaign group vigorously campaigning against Option E. We are fortunate that Parish Councillor David Revell is a founder member of Cambridge Approaches and is deeply involved in discussions with the many of the public and private organisations involved in the project as well as other Parish Councils impacted by Option E.

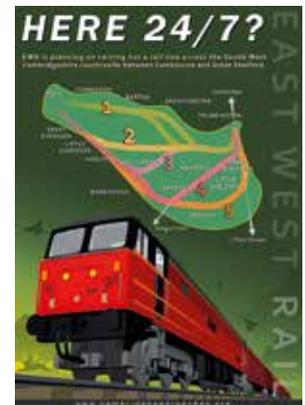
Cambridge Approaches is campaigning for Option E to be rejected as it has unacceptable impacts on the local communities and the environment. They support a route passing through a station to the north of Cambourne (rather than to the south in Option E) which would allow either a northerly or southerly approach into Cambridge. This is supported by our local MP, the Mayor of the Combined Authority and the members of the Local District Council. We believe that EWR should consult on the variety of options that it could take through Cambourne North, especially as this is a new location not previously considered or discussed.

More fundamentally however, Cambridge Approaches remain to be convinced about the whole case for the East West Railway so the consultation also needs to cover all the unresolved issues. For example, the business case is poor and not clearly justified; there is no alignment with the local plan from SCDC and other local authorities; it may affect our food security; it causes unnecessary environmental damage and planning blight dividing communities in the process.

Time is running out to influence East West Rail in the preparation of its plans, likely to be submitted for a public consultation in January 2021. EWR have said that this will involve consultation on a few options between Cambourne (north and south) and Cambridge South stations. After this time, it would become much more difficult to get them to reconsider their proposals, especially one into Cambridge North. Therefore, the Parish Council encourages all residents to urgently provide feedback on your views to your MP, County and District Councillors as well as East West Rail via their community hub.

Please see Cambridge Approaches' website (<https://cambridgeapproaches.org/>) for more information and contact names and addresses of individuals to submit your views. You can also contact Councillor David Revell by email david.revell@haslingfieldparish.co.uk. The Parish Council intends to do a joint webinar with Cambridge Approaches soon so that you will have to opportunity to ask questions. Please look out on the Haslingfield Village website for the timing.

The Parish Council cannot stress enough the need for residents to submit their views. Once built, the railway will be there for generations and its impact will be far reaching. It is up to all of us to ensure that our views are heard. Contact details for people to write to and some suggested topics can be found on <https://cambridgeapproaches.org/>



Support Team Update - We are still here for you!

**CORONAVIRUS
COVID-19** 

In light of the rising number of Covid-19 cases the Parish Council have re-connected the Support Phone. If you are having to self-isolate and need help with an errand such as getting medication or picking up small items of shopping you can ring 07545159828 for some assistance, Haslingfield Support Team.

Faster Fibre Broadband in the Village



County
Broadband

Get #futureready

As you may know in order to make this project possible and for building work to commence, County Broadband

need the help of our community to reach a threshold of pre-orders from Haslingfield residents, to grant project approval. If we do not reach this threshold our village will miss out on this opportunity.

Recently, County Broadband took part in a local virtual Q&A session on Tuesday 13 October, where Haslingfield residents were invited to ask a number of questions to the County Broadband team, about the upcoming plans to build and provide their service to our village:

The top three questions to County Broadband were:

Q. Your network is about to go live, but I am still in my current contract with a different internet provider. Would I be able to use County Broadband services whilst my other contract expires?

A. Once our network goes live, you will be able to use our service with no charge until your current contract expires (up to a maximum of 12 months). All you need to do is provide us with the details of the completion date from your contract with your existing provider.

Q. What are the surrounding parishes that are already active to the network?

A. We have several Cambridgeshire parishes that are starting to enter the build phase (Thriplow, Fowlmere and Newton) and our closest active villages are in the Essex area.

Q. When do you estimate we will be up and running?

A. As per our current plan, and as long as we achieve the right number of pre-orders in the village, we estimate the service in your area to be up and running between July-August 2021. WE will continue to keep you up to date at every step of the way through our build process.

If you would like to sign-up to pre-order a service, please don't delay and sign up by visiting:

www.countybroadband.co.uk and enter your postcode now. If you would like to sign up but have further questions about the benefits of this service, please contact the Parish Council or the dedicated County Broadband Territory Executive on the contact details supplied below.

Ben Mavely - Haslingfield Parish Council
07732 076 830
ben.mavely@haslingfieldparish.co.uk

Craig Larter - Territory Executive, County Broadband
07538 399 746
craig.larter@countybroadband.co.uk



Haslingfield Food Hub



Haslingfield Food Hub took over from the Food Cupboard at the beginning of September. In collaboration with Harston Food Hub and thanks to willing volunteers we are preparing food 'parcels' for some local households. If you are going through a tough time and it would help to receive a food parcel for a few weeks, please contact myself or Councillor Diana Offord. This offer is for anyone, of any age or household.

The food parcel contains essentials such as rice, pasta, tinned tomatoes/veg/fruit, pasta sauce, tinned meat e.g. ham/tuna/stew/curry/pies, milk, fruit juice, fruit squash, baked beans/spaghetti, cereal (always popular with families), toiletries and other household items. If we have them we like to include 'treats' such as biscuits (because a household on a budget will prioritise other items).

We still need four or five volunteers each week, please contact us for more details.

Alison Walker 01223 872862 or alison.walker@methodist.org.uk
Cllr Diana Offord diana.offord@haslingfieldparish.co.uk

Trees in Haslingfield

We recently went out to tender for the second stage of implementing the recommendation made by Ian Lorman of Argenta Ltd. Eighteen individual trees have been highlighted that need to have work done on them and this includes; reducing the crown, re-pollarding, severing ivy, removing dead wood and cutting back branch ends from overhead wires. These trees are located in the following areas; The Elms, Wellhouse Meadow in both the Picnic and the Dog Area, Badcock Road and the Recreation Ground.

Three groups of trees in the Recreation Ground also need attention, the work required on these groups includes; sever ivy and remove dead wood.

There is also a mass of brambles in the Wellhouse Dog Area and Trinity Close that need to be cut back.

The plan is to get all of this work completed between December 2020 and February 2021 when birds will not be nesting. Further, not so urgent work, was also identified in the report and we hope to carry out this work between December 2021 and February 2021.

This is the first time in many years that major work on the trees in the village has been requisitioned and our plan is to replace all the trees that have been felled and to add to the number of trees that Haslingfield Parish Council own. We currently own and have to maintain 117 individual trees and 14 groups of trees dotted throughout the village.

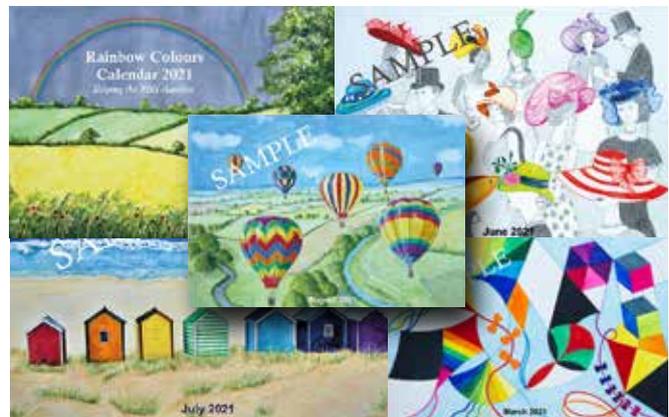
Evidence shows that 80% of new trees planted die within the first two years due to lack of support. For our new trees to thrive they need to be looked after for at least two years, with regular watering, clearing weed from the trunk, and ensuring the area around the tree is protected. It is preferable if the tree is looked after by residents living near it, and we are looking for volunteers to carry out this maintenance. Please get in touch with Jenny or Diana if you are interested in helping out.

Cllr Jenny Jullien - chairman@haslingfieldparish.co.uk Cllr Diana Offord - diana.offord@haslingfieldparish.co.uk

Rainbow Colours Calendar 2021 raises funds for NHS Charities

Local Haslingfield artist Prue van der Hoorn has designed and illustrated a Calendar to help raise funds for the COVID Appeal for NHS charities. Excluding printing expenses, website and postage, £2 per calendar will go to the charity. Prue hopes to raise £2000 for the appeal by the end of the year so your support is much appreciated.

The Rainbow Colours Calendar for 2021 is available to view and purchase online for £8 from the Rainbow funding website www.rainbowfunding.co.uk. or direct from Prue via email: prue@vdhoorn.co.uk or phone: **01223 872362**. It is also available at The Moringa Tree café and the Country Kitchen shop in the village.



Scarecrow Side Effects!

The vehicle activated sign was located on the High Street during the scarecrow festival and produced some interesting results.

- On Scarecrow Saturday the number of vehicles passing through were 975 compared with a typical Saturday when 715 vehicles can pass through.
- On Scarecrow Sunday the number of vehicles was 720 compared with a typical Sunday with 510 vehicles passing through.
- On Saturday, only 2 vehicles broke the speed limit compared to a typical Saturday with 30 vehicles speeding!
- On Sunday, only 8 vehicles broke the speed limit compared with 24 on a typical Sunday.

In conclusion - there were more people travelling through the village and much less speeding! If you would be interested to see more of the MVAS statistics generally recorded you are welcome to contact Councillor Clive Blower - clive.blower@haslingfieldparish.co.uk



Christmas Tree for the Village

This December the Parish Council will be putting up a Christmas Tree on the Village Green to say thank you to all the key workers and front line staff living in the village with a special thank you to all the wonderful volunteers and village organisations who have given so much to our residents during these difficult times.

The tree will be called our **Village Christmas Rainbow Tree** and it will be fitted with coloured lights and we are looking for sponsors to help us purchase these lights.

If you are interested in sponsoring the lights please get in touch with Jacqui Cressey – Parish Clerk on clerk@haslingfieldparish.co.uk or **01223 870269** by 15 November 2020.



VACANCIES

HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – INTERNAL AUDITOR

Haslingfield Parish Council are looking for someone to take over the role of Internal Auditor for the parish council from March 2021 to assist with the preparation of the annual parish accounts and the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the appointed external auditors.

There is no requirement for a person providing the Internal Audit role to be professionally qualified, but they should be competent in the following:

- Basic book-keeping and accounting processes
- Understand the role of internal audit in reviewing systems rather than undertaking detailed checks that are the responsibility of the clerk and responsible finance officer
- Awareness of relevant risk management issues
- Understanding proper practices in relation to governance and accounting requirements within the legal framework and powers of smaller authorities.

Further details of the role are available from Jacqui Cressey, Clerk and RFO on clerk@haslingfieldparish.co.uk or Cllr Tony Adcock Treasurer and Vice Chairman on tony@tonyadcock.co.uk

HASLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – ASSISTANT TO PARISH CLERK

We are looking for someone to assist the Parish Clerk for approximately 4 hours a week to provide support in the execution of her duties. The ideal candidate would have a good working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel, be a good administrator and have sound communication skills. You will be required to work an average of four hours per week, mostly working from home and be available to attend occasional evening meetings to take the minutes. Full training will be given. The rate of pay will be based on the LCI Salary Scale 7-12 £10.44 to £11.53 per hour dependant on experience.

If you are interested in applying or would like to know more details about the role please contact the Parish Clerk & RFO Jacqui Cressey at clerk@haslingfieldparish.co.uk or by phone **01223 870269**

Your Current Parish Councillors are:

Jenny Jullien – Chairman, Tony Adcock – Vice Chairman, Helen Brown, Clive Blower, Simon Duke, Andrew Gillies, Lucian Hatfield, Ron van der Hoorn, Ben Mavely, Diana Offord, David Revell

Haslingfield Parish Council welcomes communication from all its residents.

If you have any comments/questions on this Newsletter or any other local issue, please contact Haslingfield Parish Clerk (Jacqui Cressey) in the first instance by emailing clerk@haslingfieldparish.co.uk or calling **01223 870269**