

# Haslingfield Parish Council (“HPC”) Minutes

## Monday 9 September 2024

**Attendees:** Parish Cllrs Ruth Hatfield (RH) – Chairman; Clive Blower (CB) – Vice Chairman; Andrew Gillies (AG); Liz Hales (LH); Ann O’Brien (AO’B); Diana Offord (DO); James Roberts (JR); Victoria Ward (VW); Lise Jackson – Parish Clerk (LJ); 2 members of the public attended.

**Members:** 8

**Quorum:** 4

**Meeting commenced 7.30pm**

- 24-1. To receive apologies for absence** – Cllr Jones, Cllr Mavely and Cllr Revell
- 24-2. To receive declarations of interest from any Councillor with regard to items on the agenda** – None
- 24-3. Public Forum** – None
- 24-4. To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings of 12/08/2024** – Proposed (CB) Seconded (LH) All supported
- 24-5. To receive the County Councillor’s report** – Report received prior to the meeting, available on the website. Foxton level crossing will be closed from Christmas Day until New Year’s Day. There will be a drop in session concerning the closure on 19 September in Foxton.

*It was resolved to delay item 6 until District Cllr Redrup arrived. Proposed (RH) Seconded (CB) All supported.*

### **24-7. Planning Applications and Decisions:**

- a. Notification of the outcome of Planning Decisions by GCP: None
- b. Notification of new Planning Applications:
  - 24/02833/HFUL - 8 Trinity Close, Haslingfield - Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of outbuilding/home gym to rear – It was agreed to request more information, including dimensions and how the outbuilding would look from the footpath/PC land with the slope of the garden taken into account.
  - 24/0897/TTPO - 4 Orchard Road Haslingfield - T1 Walnut tree: fell. Reason: the tree has deteriorated rapidly over the space of a year. It has dropped branches and it is a matter of time before the tree dies – No comment

### **24-8. Updates from working groups**

- a. **Eco Group** –No update
  - b. **Consultations** – It was agreed that RH would complete the bus franchise and NPPF consultations.
  - c. **Wellhouse Meadow** – No update
  - d. **EWR** – The draft letter to Rachel Reeves was discussed. It was agreed DR, JR and SJ would review the draft, to be presented again at the October meeting.
  - e. **Neighbourhood Plan** – SJ and VW have stepped back from the Steering Group. DO agreed to assist. The reports from the survey and Big Conversation event should be available in October. The Steering Group has applied for the Locality Grant, to cover help from ACRE. Tea parties will be held in October and November in the Community Room in Wisbey’s Yard.
- 24-6. To receive the District Councillor’s report** – Report received prior to the meeting, available on the website.

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- 24-9. To receive an update on tree management** – The tree work at the allotments has been completed. A quote has already been agreed for work on the aspen in the Wellhouse Meadow, and a quote received for work on the poplars in the meadow is under the £300 threshold so has been approved by LH. LH asked the PC to consider a budget for replacing and improving trees and a specialist to plant any new trees, and to consider suitable trees and locations. This will further discussed in October.
- 24-10. To discuss the maintenance of the Recreation Ground** – It was resolved to fund overseeding, weedkilling and verti draining the Rec for the 2025 season as the PC’s contribution towards the fourth year of the Colts’ FA grant. Proposed (CB) Seconded (RH) All supported.
- 24-11. To receive an update on hedge trimming** – CB and AG met with Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance regarding hedges; they will provide a quote. The hedges were not cut in March, due to the closure of the previous contractor.
- 24-12. To consider memorials on PC owned land** – It was agreed there is no more room for benches on PC land but living memorials would be considered. DO to draft a policy.
- 24-13. To consider applying for Asset of Community Value Status for the village shop** – DO was unable to contact the owner. It was resolved to apply for ACV status on the shop. Proposed (DO) Seconded (RH) All supported.
- 24-14. To consider a meeting with Melbourn & District Warden Scheme** – It was agreed to invite the Melbourn and District Warden Scheme contact to the October meeting. It was agreed to contact the church and the luncheon club as well. It was agreed to speak with Haslingfield United Charities about the funds left by the Warden Scheme.
- 24-15. To consider supporting wellness interventions for adults over 65 from Fitness Rush Community** – It was agreed that the fitness interventions could take place, but car parking spaces could not be guaranteed.
- 24-16. To discuss Cambridge 2050** – This issue is to be discussed at the Cabinet / Parish Council Liaison meeting on 10 September. AO’B to attend.
- 24-17. To discuss the Joint Parish Forum** – DO will attend the meeting on 19 September.
- 24-18. To receive an update on the youth survey** – The deadline for the youth survey will be extended until 31 October. The Connections Bus buses will be unavailable from October through December. They offered a youth club in the Methodist Church. It was resolved to run the youth club for a trial period from the beginning of October until half-term. Should fewer than five children attend two or more of the sessions, the PC would cancel the service until the new buses are available in January. Proposed (RH) Seconded (DO) All supported.
- 24-19. To receive an update on the water testing** – RH will be meeting other interested parties tomorrow to discuss testing the water in the river.
- 24-20. To consider a request to contact Planning regarding traffic on Barton Road** – It was resolved to contact planning to determine if the condition from 2018 for lorries from the Barrington development not to drive through Haslingfield remains applicable for the duration of further development of the site. Proposed (RH) Seconded (VW) All supported
- 24-21. To receive an update on the Gigaclear box** – Gigaclear are waiting for UKPN to approve the cabinet removal, then the cabinet and the base will be removed and the ground made good. It was agreed to investigate if the space could be registered as

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an Open Space.

- 24-22. To receive an update on River Lane** – According to Anglian Water, River Lane has been repaired. However, the surface is unsuitable for bicycles and prams. It was agreed to continue to press Anglian Water for a complete repair.
- 24-23. To consider a temporary e-waste bin** – E-waste bins from SCDC are available on a temporary basis for the disposal of cables. It was resolved that, should the e-waste bin differ from the pink bin, one would be requested from SCDC. Proposed (RH) Seconded (AO'B) All supported
- 24-24. To discuss the Parish Council paying for the use of the village hall** – It was resolved that the PC pays for the hire of the hall. Proposed (CB) Seconded (DO) All supported
- 24-25. To receive the Clerk’s Report** – Report received in advance of the meeting.
- 24-26. Finance**

To resolve to pay outstanding accounts

• HMRC	Tax and NI	£377.28
• Staff	Salaries	£2,336.06
• Staff	Home expenses	£52.00
• Lise Jackson	Car parking	£2.20
• Lise Jackson	Mileage	£56.52
• Community Heartbeat	Defibrillator pads	£81.54 (inc VAT)
• Dor-2-Dor	Newsletter delivery	£120.00 (inc VAT)
• HAGA	Grant	£400.00
• Haslingfield Methodist Church	Hire of venue	£30.00
• Herts & Cambs	Grass cutting	£180.00 (inc VAT)
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• Hilary Cox Condron	Imaginarium for NP event	£250.00
• Jason Kirby	Painting of village hall	£4,551.00 (inc VAT)
• Red Graphic	Design and print of newsletter	£621.60 (inc VAT)
• Shire Trees	Tree work	£1,800.00 (inc VAT)

Proposed (RH) Seconded (DO) All supported

Meeting ended 9:29 pm

Date of next meeting: **Monday 14 October 2024** at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Issued by the Parish Clerk: Lise Jackson  
12 September 2024