

## Haslingfield Parish Council (“HPC”) Minutes Monday 10 March 2025

**Attendees:** Parish Cllrs Ruth Hatfield (RH) – Chairman; Clive Blower (CB) – Vice Chairman, Liz Hales (LH); Steve Jones (SJ); Ben Mavely (BM); Ann O’Brien (AO’B); Diana Offord (DO); David Revell (DR); Andrew Tipler (AT); Lise Jackson – Parish Clerk (LJ); 2 member of the public attended.

**Members:** 9

**Quorum:** 4

**Meeting commenced 7.30pm**

**25-60 Apologies:** Cllrs Gillies and Roberts

**25-61 Declarations of interest:** None

**25-62 Public Forum:** A candidate for County Councillor introduced himself.

**25-63 Minutes:** It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meetings of 10/02/25 and 27/02/25. Proposed (RH) Seconded (LH) All supported

**25-64 External Reports:**

- a. The report was received in advance of the meeting and is available on the website.
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**25-65 Planning Applications and Decisions:**

- a. Notification of the outcome of Planning Decision by SCDC:  
24/04614/HFUL - 103A New Road, Haslingfield - Granted
- b. Notification of new Planning Applications:  
25/00597/HFUL – 11 Chestnut Close, Haslingfield - Demolition of existing porch and garage. Erection of 2 storey side extension and 1 storey front extension to main property. Erection of a 2 story annexe including garage and accommodation – Majority supported

**25-66 Consultations:** It as agreed RH would complete the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning’s Parish Meetings survey.

**25-67 EWR:**

- a. Mullard Radio Astronomy Observatory’s response states it does not support the EWR project because it interferes with their research. It suggests tunnels and bunds, as well as further surveys. The barbastelle bats issue is still ongoing, and EWR has no mitigation so far. Ground investigations are starting this week.
- b. There will be a meeting on 13 March with Pippa Heylings MP and local parish council representatives. The agenda includes discussing parish councils’ opinion of the project, the northern vs. the southern route and giving each parish time to go through their top two concerns. Eleven parish councils will be represented.
- c. It was **resolved** to meet with Bridget Smith and Pippa Heylings MP alternatively every three months, possibly more frequently if issues move more quickly. Proposed (RH) Seconded (LH) All supported. The PC will speak to Pippa Heylings MP at the upcoming meeting, and the Clerk will write to Bridget Smith.

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- 25-68 Neighbourhood Plan:** The two Scoping Workshops have taken place. The Locality funding will finish at the end of March. The draft Housing Needs Assessment and draft Design Guidance and Codes have been received. AO’B will be taking a step back from the NP. The PC thanked AO’B for her time and efforts. The Steering Group could continue and feed back to the PC.
- 25-69 Tree Management:** The current TPOs are not all correct, as some of the trees no longer exist. LH and CB will conduct a survey once the trees are in leaf. LH will discuss a tree survey of important/interesting trees in the village with MG. LH is researching the Network Rail tree grants.
- 25-70 Allotments:** The HAGA AGM minutes have been received. All plots are now allocated. There are issues with grass cutting on site. Highways have still not repainted the lines on Harston Road; Clerk to follow up.
- 25-71 Playground:** BM and Clerk to meet to discuss a plan for repairing the playground. It was agreed that efforts need to be on the playground rather than the second phase of the skatepark at the moment. Clerk gave an update on the insurance claim. Confirmation of the closure of the claim should happen at the end of March.
- 25-72 Haslingfield and Harlton Eco Group:** None received.
- 25-73 Big Lunch and VE-80 events:** The Methodist Church will be holding an event for the VE Day anniversary. An article will be put in Church and Village, asking for volunteers to organise further events.
- 25-74 Great British Spring Clean:** A resident will be organising the litter picking this year. It was **resolved** that the PC supports these efforts. Proposed (DO) Seconded (AO’B) All supported. The litter pick will not go beyond the village, and there is a lot of litter on the road to Harston. Clerk to contact the SCDC Street Operations team. If this is not successful, it was agreed to consider arranging an out of village litter pick.
- 25-75 Policies:** It was **resolved** to adopt the following policies:
- a. Training Statement of Intent
- Proposed (RH) Seconded (CB) All supported
- 25-76 Clerk’s Report:** The Clerk’s Report was received in advance of the meeting. It was agreed if there is no progress on the plinth before the April meeting, the PC would discuss anti-parking measures on the verge.
- 25-77 Finance:** It was **resolved** to pay outstanding accounts
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| • HMRC                          | Tax and NI                   | £287.11             |
| • Staff                         | Salaries and home expenses   | £2,347.19           |
| • Lise Jackson                  | Mileage                      | £38.52              |
| • Action for Swifts             | Swift boxes                  | £259.20 (inc VAT)   |
| • Badcock Trust                 | Venue hire                   | £90.00              |
| • Barr Ellison                  | Legal advice                 | £1,966.00 (inc VAT) |
| • Cambridgeshire ACRE           | NP support                   | £681.00 (inc VAT)   |
| • Dor-2-Dor                     | Newsletter delivery          | £120.00 (inc VAT)   |
| • Haslingfield Methodist Church | Venue hire – Connections Bus | £150.00             |
| • Red Graphic                   | Newsletter design and print  | £621.60 (inc VAT)   |
| • Red Shoes                     | Payroll services             | £218.40 (inc VAT)   |
| • The Connections Bus           | Youthwork Jan – Feb          | £1,160.00           |

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Proposed (AO'B) Seconded (CB) All supported

- 25-78 Admission to Meetings:** It was **resolved** that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting. Proposed (RH) Seconded (DO) All supported
- 25-79 Village amenity:** A village amenity was discussed.
- 25-80 Admission to Meetings:** With the confidential business having been concluded and there being no press and public wanting to be re-admitted, the Chairman closed the meeting.

Meeting ended 9:06 pm

Date of next meeting: **Monday 14 April 2025** at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Issued by the Parish Clerk: Lise Jackson  
11 March 2025