

Hatley Parish Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Hatley Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th July 2016

In attendance: Cllr A Pinney (Vice Chairman), Cllr M Astor, Cllr H Nickerson, Cllr N Jenkins, District Cllr B Smith, invited speakers Clare Gibbons, Development Officer, SCDC and Sarah Marsh (Connecting Cambridgeshire) and 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Cllr M Eagle, Clerk to the Council K Wilde, County and District Cllr S Kindersley. Cllr A Pinney took the Chair.
2. None.
3. Cllr Nickerson supplied this duly completed.
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5. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17/5/16 were approved and signed.
6. Matters Arising: Some trees had been trimmed on the corner from East Hatley. The trees along the footpath between the Old School and Parkers Farm have been trimmed.
7. BT Broadband report from Sarah Marsh of Connecting Cambridgeshire: she confirmed that fibre optic broadband would be available to every dwelling. 9 dwellings had been missed from East Hatley, but this was being rectified. There is a chance it might be completed by December 2016, three months earlier than anticipated. Only BT will be able to provide broadband over the fibre, although Ofcom is trying to change this. Up to 300mbs (superfast) will be available.
8. Community Led Plan presentation from Clare Gibbons, SCDC's Development Officer (full transcript available from scams.gov.uk, search for 'community led plans'). The same as a Parish Plan, but *not* a Neighbourhood Plan. Allows SCDC to better understand needs of parishes. Introduced in 2000. 40 completed and many are on SCDC'S website.- Would take about 18 months and require considerable effort – evidenced based assertions required – mapped audit of existing services – demography, etc. PC should be involved at an early stage, if not the instigator. But a small parish might not need one. Croydon has a good one. No funding available from SCDC. Cllr Smith said a plan could help with funding requests (play equipment, speed measuring equipment, Village Hall or Church needs), although not having one should not prejudice funding possibilities. It could help control speculative planning applications. No decision was taken by the PC as to whether it should have one. It will be discussed at the October meeting.
9. Cllr Smith's report covered the proposed Devolution, whereby one layer of local government would be removed and replaced by an elected mayor, under which would be a Combined Authority panel, composed of District and City Councillors from both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Together they would have greater control over infrastructure, transport and building, replacing the role of central Government. It was pointed out that the mayor would have considerable power, which could be open to abuse. The alternative is retaining the status quo. See scams.gov.uk search 'devolution' to learn more and participate in a survey, to express your views, before 23rd August

2016. The South Cambs Magazine is now being posted. SCDC is promoting 'self build' and looking for land to acquire for this. Consultation on the City Deal is taking place, which could have discriminatory effects on out-of-towners accessing Cambridge. Search for 'city deal' on SCDC's website to explore. SCDC's housing benefits bill is decreasing, due to fewer pensioners claiming. There is still a great pressure on SCDC's housing requirements. 'Starter Homes' are being considered, whereby those under 40 can buy a starter home (value must be less than £250k) for 80% of market value. Not known who funds the 20% deficit. Then able to sell after 5 years. Local priority being given to identifying and ameliorating loneliness and isolation in the community. SCDC's GP services are in crisis. SCDC's Planning Service is going into 'special measures' due to its organisational problems. Cllr Kindersley was detained at other Parish meetings and so unable to report.

10. **i)** No further news on St Denis's church takeover by FoFC; tidy-up morning needed soon; **ii)** Hatley St George: Rev Steve Rothwell was holding his last service this Sunday before moving on the Cambridge. A leaving card was being circulated for him from the Hatleys. Philippa Pearson was retiring after organising yet another successful Hatley fête this summer, for which gratitude was expressed by the PC. Cllr Pinney suggested that the HVA might be involved in running next year's.
11. **i)** Speed equipment funding application to local Highways has been approved. **ii)** Mervyn Lack was still happy to go ahead and lead the Speedwatch group. The next training session was at 10.00 am on Saturday 30th July at Cambourne Police Station (all Speedwatch operators need to have been trained). **iii)** Despite a request for 3 dog litter bins, only 2 have been ordered – delivery date unspecified. They were to be placed the end of East Hatley, near the Old School House and on the edge of the Playing Field. **iv)** Cllr Jenkins to do more work on whether we need a defibrillator. **v)** The footpath linking the Hatleys has been sprayed off just along its western end, disappointingly. Cllr Smith suggested extra precept was considered next time around to cover the cost of taking over the management of that path in-house. **vi)** SCDC's plans for reserved grass verge cutting seems sensible re wild flowers. It seems the early cutting of New Road was a mistake.
12. **i)** **PC agreed to hold by its letter of 10.4.16 as a response to Barn Farm's appeal for non-determination** (Planning application S/0308/14/FL, Appeal reference APP/W0530/W/16/3150794). Cllr Pinney to email this to the Inspectorate by tomorrow. It was noted that Simon Keith had sent the PC a copy of his email objecting to the application. **ii)** Old Church Cottage, 55 East Hatley – application (S/0826/16/PA) approved. **iii)** No comment on SCDC's monthly Planning update.
13. No report tabled by the HVA.
14. Village Hall – 5 volunteers attending tomorrow to give it a clean. Improvements to WC facilities are still being considered.
15. Play Area: **Cllr Astor proposed, Cllr Pinney seconded that the order should be placed for the junior swings.** Cllrs Nickerson and Pinney have removed 14 re-usable rubber mats from the old swing area. The play tower would be given consideration once the new swings were in place.
16. Website: Cllr Jenkins reported that the results of the survey would be analysed and used in the funding application. Mervyn Lack and Claire Klaus had offered their help.
17. Clerk had the information on the local Council Award Scheme, which would be addressed at the next meeting.
18. Covered under 9.
19. Bus Hub unlikely in the Hatleys, but should be supported in Gamlingay.

20. Correspondence: **i)** Anglia Water looking for sites to build pumping stations. **ii)** Level crossing removal – not relevant. **iii)** Summer at the Cambridge Museums 2016 – noted. **iv)** Children’s Hospice donation not given, as not appropriate for PC. **v)** Rights of Way Improvement Plan - defer to next meeting. **vi)** **Gamlingay and Hatley Business Hub questionnaire – Cllr Jenkins to find out whether they have leafleted the Hatleys.** **vii)** Vodafone – not relevant as it requires a better broadband service than presently available at the Hatleys.
21. **i)** All approved bar g) & h) which are to be considered at the next meeting. **ii)** Reconciliation confirmed.
22. No questions from the public.
23. Date of Next Meeting is **Tuesday 18th October, 2016 at 7.30 pm.**
24. The meeting was closed at 9.03 pm.