

# Hatley Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Hatley Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th March 2019

In attendance: Cllr M Eagle (Chair), Cllr M Astor, Cllr H Nickerson, Clerk to the Council K Wilde, District Cllr H Williams, County Cllr S Kindersley (late arrival) and 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr A Pinney and Cllr N Jenkins.
2. Interests and dispensation applications: None received.
3. There were no questions from members of the public.
4. The Clerk informed the Parish Council that Highways England has selected the 'Orange Route' and the 'Option C' roundabout for the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet improvement scheme.
5. East West Rail Company's public consultation on the East West Rail 'Bedford to Cambridge' route: The Clerk provided a summary of the key points raised by residents and councillors during the informal public meeting held on 26th February 2019, which included concerns over the impact on local wildlife and heritage, particularly at Wimpole, and the missed opportunity to use the line to transport freight between Felixstowe and the interior. The Chair provided a summary of the key points raised at the EW Rail presentation to local parish councils on 4th March 2019 in Gamlingay, which included the significance of new housing developments to provide an economic benefit from the project. The **Parish Council discussed the costs and benefits for all routes and resolved to object strongly to routes A, C and D** which appear to have the biggest detrimental impact on the environment and a very uncertain opportunity for new housing at Bassingbourn Barracks, and to express a preference for a train route closer to the A428 and entry into Cambridge from the north. The Parish Council confirmed its continued support for the CamBedRailRoad's (CBRR) proposal which offers the greatest economic and housing opportunities based on planned developments and existing developments seeking further expansion. The CBRR route would offer a multi-modal transport system in a more heavily populated area thereby maximising opportunities for commuters to switch from road to rail and optimising ticket sales. The CBRR route would have a greater impact on the reduction of pollution from road traffic and improved air quality, and a lesser impact on natural capital and the movement of wildlife when compared to other routes. It would link a number of new and proposed developments and allow for the night time westbound movement of freight from Felixstowe to the interior. It was agreed Councillors would submit individual responses and the Clerk would submit a feedback form with scores and a written supporting letter to EW Rail. The member of the public left the meeting and County Cllr Kindersley arrived at the meeting during the EW Rail discussion.
6. Planning:
  - i. Planning application S/0528/19/LD – Certificate of Lawful Development for the change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling (Class C3) at Holbeins Farm, East Hatley, SG19 3JB. The **Parish Council resolved** to raise no objections to the permitted development.
  - ii. There were no planning updates to note.
7. To agree the time and date of the next meeting: **7.30 pm on Tuesday 19th March 2019.**
8. To note the time of meeting closure: 9.03 pm.