

Hatley Parish Council

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Ordinary Meeting – 17th July 2012 at 7.30 pm

Minutes

In attendance:- M Astor (Chair), A Pinney, H Nickerson, N Jenkins, County and District Councillor S Kindersley, District Councillor B Smith (from item 11 ii), David Bevan - South Cambridgeshire District Council Conservation Officer, PCSO Carly Freed, Revd Steven Rothwell, Clerk L Bacon, and 8 members of the public.

1. Apologies – none.
2. Co-option of new councillor to fill vacancy. M Eagle has expressed interest and will be invited to attend next meeting.
3. Declarations of Interest: Advice on adoption of new Code of Conduct required from 1st July 2012 under the Localism Act 2011 and Councillors Declarations of Pecuniary Interest forms from SCDC. *Resolved* to defer adoption of new Code to next meeting as the Code has not yet been adopted by District Council nor a definitive version supplied to Parish Councils. Declarations of Pecuniary interest forms – Noted conflicting timescales for return. *Resolved* to defer completion as these refer to the new Code of Conduct which has not yet been adopted. Declarations of interest for this meeting were invited - M Astor for the Village Hall.
4. Minutes of the Meeting of Annual Parish and Annual General meeting 15th May 2012 to be agreed and signed. *Resolved*.
5. Police – to receive a report from PCSO Carly Freed. Outlined low level of reported crime in locality in last quarter. Next Neighbourhood Police Panel meeting is at Haslingfield on 19th July – an open meeting where priorities for locality will be decided. Urged residents to be aware of recent local catalytic converters thefts.
11. (This item was brought forward) Churches i) St Denis Church – to receive a report from D Bevan, SCDC Conservation Officer.
D Bevan outlined the history and ongoing management of St Denis Church. SCDC is currently looking at constraints and opportunities of the site, along with other heritage sites, with a view to reducing the District Council liability in the future. It is in discussion with various Trusts who may consider taking it over. Local input will be crucial to any future plans. No timescales have been set – the building is considered to be low risk as it is wind and water tight. A formal report will be produced. SCDC are keen to see implementation of the agreed management plan for the site.
. ii) Church at Hatley St George –Presentation by Revd. Steven Rothwell – to introduce idea of setting up a group to organise maintenance of the fabric and fundraising. Revd Rothwell explained that the Church is currently looked after by a core group of worshippers. He asked what level of commitment

there is in the parish to having an open Church and whether there was sufficient support for a group to be set up, separate to the PCC, to fundraise to maintain the fabric of the church. This could potentially be a collaborative effort to support all the community assets in the parish – i.e. in partnership with those fundraising for the village hall and St Dennis Church. The difficulties of fundraising in a small parish such as Hatley were acknowledged. Raising the precept, setting up a “draw club” and installing collection boxes were discussed. *Resolved* – to gauge support in the parish for keeping the Church open. Possibly a discussion group to be set up on the website.

5. Village enhancements a) Public rights of way. Noted second cut of rights of way has been delayed due to wet weather. Marker on footpath 9 still not replaced – Clerk to report.
6. Questions from the Public: P Mann asked PCSO Carly Freed to try and arrange more frequent speed checks to try and discourage speeding through the village. Reported visibility problem due to overgrown hedge on East Hatley road junction.
7. To receive a report from County Councillor & District Councillors. S Kindersley had circulated report. Encouraged the parish council to respond in detail to the Local Plan consultation and all parishioners to register interest in super fast broadband. B Smith – Outlined changes in the Sheltered Housing Service leading to a reduction in people receiving “care” in favour of “support”. Youth Club in Gamlingay (attended by Hatley youths) has been doing targeted work on young drivers and domestic violence. Detailed planning application for the Station Rd site will be submitted in August – provision for affordable housing is included in first phase. Pinch points, traffic calming measures and cycle paths will be included to address increased traffic problems.
C Freed and S Kindersley left the meeting.
8. Planning: i) Decision notice for S/0552/12 - Land to the west of junction with Old Wimpole Road, Ermine Way, Arrington – refusal for meteorological mast. Noted. ii) Renewal of dispensation for all councilors to comment on applications within the parish. *Resolved* to defer to next meeting as paperwork is not yet available. iii) Consultation on new Local Plan to 2031 – public exhibition dates and venues. Noted. Meeting to be arranged to consider parish council response.
9. Correspondence: to consider any received i) Issues for new Transport Strategy for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire. Noted.
9. Finance
 - a) To agree the following payments: *Resolved*.
 - i. Salary L Bacon
 - ii. SCDC uncontested election costs - £75.
 - b) Quotations for plaque for Jubilee Oak for consideration. *Resolved* to order slate plaque, wording to be circulated for approval.
 - c) CAPALC briefing note on cheque signatories. Noted that current legislation does not permit electronic banking but is overdue for review. *Resolved* to continue with current arrangements as approved by internal auditor and recorded in financial regulations. Change of signatories’ paperwork for completion by M Astor. *Resolved* to remove S Keith and add M Astor to Barclays account.

10. Village Hall – to consider any matters relating to the Village Hall. Report from Hatley Village Association (A Pinney) – thanks for donation of £50 from Hatley Children’s Association. Approximately £1000 raised so far. Future planned events include a History Society talk and a social event. Priorities for spending funds now being considered.
12. Playground i) to report any issues. Monthly checks have been completed – no issues to report.
13. Hatley Website Group – to consider any matters relating to the website. One member has left. Others encouraged to join.
14. To note the time of closure 9.30pm. Next meeting – 16th October 2012 7.30pm. Noted.