

Hatley Parish Council

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Hatley Parish Council held on Tuesday 25th February 2020

In attendance: Cllr A Pinney (Chair), Cllr M Astor (Vice Chair), Cllr M Eagle, Cllr N Jenkins, Cllr H Nickerson, Clerk to the Council K Wilde, District Cllr H Williams and 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence: County Cllr S Kindersley.
2. Interests and dispensation applications: None.
3. The **Parish Council resolved** to approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21st January 2020 and they were signed by the Chairman.
4. The defibrillator light has been replaced. The muck heap at Barn Farm has been moved.
5. There were no questions from the public.
6. Planning:
 - i. The Clerk advised that South Cambridgeshire District Council granted planning permission for application **S/3309/18/FL** for the erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling at Barn Farm, East Hatley. Formal notice was not given to the Parish Council by the District Council. District Cllr Williams also received no notification of the decision and explained this was a result of system changes at SCDC, which are being addressed. Concerns were raised as to whether evidence of the financial viability had been proven. Cllr Williams reminded the room that this information is not available to the public and the application had met the current planning criteria. Cllr Williams advised that an enforcement officer has visited the site in relation to the removal of a number of trees. No tree preservation orders are applicable to the site and this work had been carried out because of recent improvement in the weather and was not related to the future development. Planning conditions must be met before the building work can proceed. The Parish Council was informed that a number of the trees removed were located on the neighbouring plot of land and no notice had been given or permission sought for their removal. This issue is being resolved by both neighbouring parties. There is a further dispute between the two parties relating to an agricultural right of way which will be impacted by a garage to be built on the new development. The Parish Council agreed that there were no further comments to be made on the decision by SCDC.
 - ii. There were no other local planning issues or updates to note.
7. Grant funding for village enhancement projects:
 - i. An update was provided on the funding needs and progress for the Village Hall toilet project. Two further quotations have been received since the last Parish Council meeting but clarification is required regarding items included. The quotations will be shared with the Parish Council for a decision at the next meeting. At present there is £10k banked from the Awards For All Grant, leaving a shortfall of approximately £15k. The recent application to the Mick George grant was unsuccessful due to the high number of applicants. Opportunities for new applications include Amey, Cemex or the Big Lottery Fund.
 - ii. An update was provided on the funding needs and progress for the Play Area project. The discontinuation of the preferred HAGS play tower had set the project back but the selection of a smaller tower had reduced the grant needs lower than the minimum amount specified by the Amey Community Grant. It was agreed that

this would be a good opportunity to include a second item of play equipment, with the seesaw being listed next in the project. The Clerk awaits quotations for the seesaw but estimated a cost of £1,000 plus delivery and installation.

- iii. The Parish Council considered the suitable grant funding providers for the two projects, both of which face very limited options and the same pool of providers. It was agreed that applications would be submitted to Cemex and the Big Lottery Fund for the toilet project, and the Amey Community Fund would be approached for the next phase of the play area project, to include the play tower and seesaw.
8. It was confirmed that a Guest Speaker has been arranged for the Annual Parish Meeting due to take place on Tuesday 28th April. Refreshments will be organised by the Clerk and all local groups will be invited to give reports. Fliers and posters will be organised and distributed by early April.
9. The **Parish Council resolved** to approve the following payments:
 - *K Wilde* – Correction of reimbursement payment (21.01.20) – £31.80
 - *R Dow* – Supply and installation of East Hatley notice board – £344.00
 - *P Pinney* – Reimbursement for 2x speed sign batteries – £122.00The Parish Council acknowledged the professional work undertaken by Mr Dow and gave thanks for his contribution to the local community.
 - *Abacus Oil Experts Ltd* – Village Hall annual boiler service – £174.00
10. The time and date of the next meeting was agreed as **7.30 pm on Tuesday 17th March 2020.**
11. Time of meeting closure: 8.34 pm.