

Hatley Parish Council

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Hatley Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th December 2020

In attendance remotely via Zoom video/telephone conference call technology: Cllr M Eagle (Chair), Cllr M Astor (Vice Chair), Cllr N Jenkins, Cllr H Nickerson, Cllr A Pinney, District Cllr H Williams, Clerk to the Council K Wilde and 4 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr S Kindersley.
2. Interests:
 - i. Declarations of interest: Cllr M Eagle declared an interest in agenda item 6.1. The Council agreed that they were happy for Cllr Eagle to remain in the meeting while the application was being considered.
 - ii. Dispensation applications: None.
3. The **Parish Council resolved** to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th October 2020, with the incorporation of minor edits as agreed at this meeting. The minutes will be signed by the Chair at the next opportunity.
4. Matters arising: None.
5. Questions from the public:

A member of the public provided photos and information by email, in advance of the meeting, relating to a bridle path near Buff Wood where there are access and potential litter issues. It was confirmed that the access issue has been report to Cambridgeshire County Council. The potential litter issue will also be reported by the member of the public. The Parish Council agreed that if the outcome requires steps to be taken by the Parish Council this topic will be included on the January meeting agenda. However, it is expected that it will be resolved jointly by County Council and the landowner.

Another member of the public gave a brief update on the delivery of the handrails for the Village Hall improvements project. The installation of the hand rails has begun and will continue next week.
6. Planning:
 - i. The Parish Council considered planning application **20/04377/FUL** for the division of an existing dwelling into two dwellings and the creation of separate entrances at The Manor House, 72 East Hatley, SG19 3JA. The applicant was present but the Chair, Cllr Eagle, temporarily removed herself from the meeting. The applicant was invited to speak by Cllr Astor, who temporarily chaired the meeting in Cllr Eagle's absence. A brief explanation was provided by the applicant regarding his intention to privately let the second half of his dwelling, should planning permission be granted. The applicant also explained that the two entrances already exist, so there would be no physical change to access from the highway, with the new dwelling seeking right of way across the existing drive. There is no intention to alter the existing fencing or hedges along the boundary. The front garden will be divided by a straight line and a number of doors inside the dwelling will be bricked up to divide the property into two dwellings along the same line. Cllr Jenkins raised questions regarding ownership of and access to the heating system but the Parish Council agreed this was not business for its consideration. The **Parish Council resolved** to support the application. **Clerk to action.** Cllr Eagle returned to the meeting and resumed the role of Chair.

- ii. The Parish Council considered planning applications **20/04598/FUL** and **20/04599/LBC** by Rachel Morley on behalf of the Friends of Friendless Churches for the reinstatement of three leaded light windows to the chancel north and south elevations, and localised masonry repairs to window surrounds in St Denis' church, East Hatley, SG19 3JA. The **Parish Council resolved** to support both applications, agreeing that it was a comprehensive application and that it was a shame that the closing date for comments was so far ahead, as time could be tight to complete the renovations by 31 March 2021, the deadline set by the grant-paying body. District Cllr Williams offered to contact the Planning Officer to make her aware of the implications of a late decision on the availability of the grant payment. **Clerk to action.**
- iii. The Clerk confirmed that no decision has been taken by SCDC for the variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) and 7 (materials) for the approved application **S/3309/18/FL** for the erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling at Barn Farm, East Hatley, SG9 3JA.
- iv. The Clerk advised that details of a new, large development proposal by the Thakeham Group has been shared by email during the afternoon along with SCDC's assurances that the proposal currently has no planning status and the location is yet to be determined as suitable for any development. District Cllr Williams provided some further information regarding the Local Plan and reminded the Parish Council that this proposal will need to be treated in the same way as any other application, with today's news being just the press release.
7. The Parish Council discussed possible locations for six trees, as well as types of trees, to be provided by Cambridgeshire County Council to replace three diseased trees that are due to be removed from the verge in East Hatley. It was questioned whether the placement could be delayed or whether the trees could be gifted to another parish, as possible locations in Hatley are limited. The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that it has already agreed to locating two apple trees on the County Council's verge between the Old School House and Parkers Farm. St Denis' churchyard was suggested as a possible location for replacement trees, but the Parochial Church Council would need to be consulted and this could be a lengthy process. The wide verge close to Newlands Barn in Hatley St George was another possibility. As there are a large number of fruit trees across the parish already, it was suggested to opt for non-fruiting replacement trees such as elm or field maple. The **Parish Council resolved** to delegate the decisions to Cllr Astor, as the Parish Council's tree warden and expert. **Clerk to provide** Cllr Astor with the County Council contact details for the replacement of the three diseased trees and send a reminder of the supplier details for the 'Three Free Trees' voucher which was granted by SCDC. **Cllr Astor to action.**
8. The Parish Council considered a letter from The CAM Academy Trust about the possible closure of the public gym at Gamlingay Village Primary. Cllr Pinney gave a summary of the benefits the gym offers Hatley residents, with some users being GP referrals. The **Parish Council resolved** to raise an objection to the proposed closure and delegated Cllr Pinney to draft a letter that will be submitted to the Trust by the Chair of the Parish Council. **Cllrs Pinney and Eagle to action.**
9. The **Parish Council resolved that, under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960**, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the press and public should be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw from the meeting while matters pertaining to agenda item 10 were discussed.

10. The Parish Council considered the available quotations for improvement work at Hatley Village Hall. The **Parish Council resolved** to accept the quotation provided by DB Sharp & Sons Ltd and also resolved to make up the shortfall from the Hatley Village Association funds for the disabled toilets project, which is expected to be £1907.00.
11. One member of the public rejoined the Zoom meeting and the above decision was communicated. A meeting will be arranged to include the contractor and the Landlord. It was noted that the cost for the toilet pan will be lower than the price included in the quotation as that model is superior to requirement.
12. The Clerk invited the Council to give comments on the first draft of the budget and precept calculations for 2021-22, details having been shared by email in advance of the meeting. It was suggested that the Clerk seeks alternative printer ink supplies to keep costs down. It was agreed that it is too soon to include the speed limit project in the precept, as the submission of a Local Highways Improvement application in the autumn would affect the 2022-23 precept. Cllr Eagle agreed to investigate whether the benefits of Community Speedwatch programmes have changed, especially relating to the warnings that were issued by South Cambs Police to drivers caught speeding by Speedwatch teams. The Parish Council made no requests to alter the first draft of the budget and precept calculations. A final decision will be taken at the meeting in January.
13. Time and date of next meeting: 7.30 pm on Tuesday 19th January 2021.
14. The meeting was closed at 9.06 pm.