

Hatley Parish Council

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Hatley Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th August 2018

In attendance: Cllr M Eagle (Chair), Cllr A Pinney (Vice Chair), Cllr M Astor, Cllr N Jenkins, Cllr H Nickerson, District Councillor H Williams, County Councillor S Kindersley, Clerk to the Council K Wilde and 82 members of the public.

The Chair welcomed all to meeting and explained that the Parish Council meeting would formally open following the presentation by CamBedRailRoad (CBRR). The Chair introduced the representatives of the CBRR project who were then invited to proceed with their presentation. County Cllr Sebastian Kindersley introduced himself as the Chairman of CBRR and thanked the audience which included Councillors and residents from a wide area surrounding Hatley. The invitation had been extended to Croydon, Gamlingay, Great Gransden, Potton, Whaddon and Wrestlingworth Parish Councils. The key points of the presentation were:

- The East West Rail's 'central section' proposes a new rail line between Bedford and Cambridge via Sandy, with all routes passing near Hatley and surrounding parishes. This would result in the loss of agricultural land with no benefit to those rural communities.
- The East West Rail project does not take into account other infrastructure projects in the region, such as the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway or the A428 Caxton to A1 Black Cat improvement project.
- There is concern that the East West Rail project is focusing on the cheapest and fastest routes and is not considering where there is/will be demand for a train service - close to existing or new and future developments. There is expected to be a 33% population increase in the area to the north of East West Rail's proposed routes (more closely aligned with the A428) and therefore CBRR proposes this to be more appropriate.
- CBRR's aim is to make local people aware of intentions of the East West Rail project, including presentations to MP Heidi Allen and Mayor James Palmer, and to get the decision makers to consider alternative routes closer to the A428.
- It is expected that the decision on the preferred route will be taken in the last quarter of 2018 with a final announcement being made in quarter one 2019.

The public were invited to ask questions and encouraged to petition their local MPs to support the project and help influence other ministers to ensure this proposal can be considered. Being a new group, the CBRR has a shortage of resources and assistance was requested to help with administration, social media, press releases and funding. After the presentation there was a brief interval to allow members of the public to leave the meeting room before the Parish Council Meeting proceeded.

The Parish Council meeting formally opened.

In attendance:

Cllr M Eagle (Chair), Cllr A Pinney (Vice Chair), Cllr M Astor, Cllr N Jenkins, Cllr H Nickerson, District Councillor H Williams, Clerk to the Council K Wilde and 12 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence: None received.
2. Interests and dispensation applications: None received.
3. Presentation by the CamBedRailRoad project: This presentation preceded the meeting, as noted above.

4. To receive an update on Community Access Defibrillators

Cllr Astor gave a summary of his research with the exception of funding options which was to be undertaken by M Lack. A number of factors were to be considered, including the speed of use (ideally within five minutes of a cardiac arrest occurring), equipment features, temperature control for pads (which require a temperature controlled secure cabinet) and the importance of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) knowledge. Running costs were estimated to be £10-£30 per annum for electricity usage, £25-£35 per annum for replacement pads. Insurance costs will need to be confirmed. The cost of installation and wiring the equipment into its location also needs to be established. It was noted that one neighbouring Parish Council has refused to support a community defibrillator for fear of liability issues. Good governance is essential, including keeping records, monitoring equipment and reporting findings, ideally on a weekly basis.

Cllr Astor identified 4 models that he deemed preferable, all of which were in a similar price range of £1155-1455 plus VAT (defibrillator and weatherproof cabinet). The East of England Ambulance Service favours the Cardiac C5 which is a mid-range defibrillator. CPR training is important and costs to provide this need to be considered. Defibrillator training is useful but not critical as the automated external defibrillator (AEDs) are easy to use and will measure the amount of shock that needs to be given to the casualty. It is crucial that people know where the equipment is located and the access code. This can be achieved by registering details with the ambulance service. Cllr Astor proposed that, if the project proceeds, there should be just one defibrillator in the parish because resources are limited. M Lack confirmed that the only funding identified to date was from the British Heart Foundation (BHF) where a £600 contribution is required from the beneficiary and only one application can be made within the parish. Cllr Astor raised the concern that the iPad technology provided by the BHF scheme has been known to have issues in low temperatures.

DCllr Williams advised that the Mordens has a First Responders (CPR) scheme which, although it does not cover the Hatley area, may be able to help with talks or demonstrations for our community.

Cllr Astor stated that funding remains an issue and questioned whether there are liability risks if there was no provision for such equipment. The BHF, NHS England, NHS Scotland and Microsoft solutions provider New Signature are developing a network of defibrillators across the UK which will allow ambulance services to direct bystanders of a cardiac arrest to the nearest defibrillator. The network should be launched next spring. The British Heart Foundation is due to publish a map illustrating where defibrillators are located. Dr Drake commented that the work undertaken by the Parish Council is good. He thought that the chance of a defibrillator being used in Hatley is very low but said that it is easy to use and would not shock a person who did not have a shockable heart rhythm. It was noted by a resident that a presentation by a local paramedic in Gamlingay had been poorly attended. CPR training would be crucial and could be offered to the wider community. First Responders themselves cannot undertake training but can give a demonstration to encourage residents to gain confidence with CPR and with using the equipment. It was suggested that St John Ambulance or the British Red Cross could be approached for formal training, if required and affordable.

It was confirmed that 16 residents had been prepared to assist with the funding of the equipment when it involved a £600 contribution to the BHF scheme, which did not include a cabinet. It was agreed that costings would be finalised by Cllr Astor in time for the meeting on 16th October. The Clerk will issue a survey to the residents to gauge support for the equipment and to seek preferences for financing the project. **Clerk to action.**

Survey results will be shared at the meeting on the 16th October where a decision will be made on whether the project will proceed and how it may be financed.

5. Planning: i) Application S/1083/18/VC – Variation of Condition 4 (Aerotows) 5 (Flying activities) 6 (Self launching sail planes) 7 (Hours of Operation) 8 (Aerotowing Equipment) of Planning permission S/0607/90/F Use as Gliding Club and ancillary purposes. The Parish Council considered the changes that have been proposed in comparison with the previous application S/1083/18/VC which was recently withdrawn by Cambridge Gliding Club (CGC). The new application includes a request for an increase to 60 flights a day, now to include self-launching sailplanes SLSs, and 14 days of unlimited flights between April and September inclusive. The Parish Council maintained its previous objections and reaffirmed that any increase in activity cannot be supported because of the resulting increase in noise disturbance and nuisance in the area. The new proposed hours of operation were noted as being 8 am to 7 pm. Once again the Parish Council maintained its previous objections that these additional hours would impact residents wanting to enjoy some quiet time outside working hours. The current operational hours are considered to be sufficient and any extension of these brings no positive benefit to neighbouring parishes of CGC. Concerns were raised regarding the proposal for 14 days of unlimited activity, which could result in an unreasonable level of disturbance and impact on the local amenities at weekends, especially on days when the weather is favourable and residents will want to enjoy their outdoor space. The Parish Council reasserted that there is a significant amount of air traffic in the area, which CGC members may be unaware of as they do not reside in this area. Any increase in aircraft activity and subsequent noise pollution cannot be supported. The noise limits proposed are possibly higher than required by current aircraft and as such the Parish Council cannot support these proposals, as the noise level of current aircraft is considered to be great enough. Therefore the introduction of SLSs is also not supported. Such operational issues that impact the local amenities and residents should be included in the planning considerations of the District Council. Whilst recognising that some concessions have been made by CGC, the Parish Council **resolved to recommend refusal** of the application. All the reasons for objection which were submitted in April 2018 still remain unresolved and the proposed changes would bring no benefit to the local area, only an increase in noise pollution and noise nuisance across many parishes.

5 members of the public left the meeting.

- ii) The Parish Clerk confirmed that an appeal, APP/20530/18/3208246 has been submitted in relation to Moat Farm planning application S/4601/17/FL and has been published on the SCDC website. DCllr Williams confirmed that she is yet to be notified of this appeal. DCllr Williams advised that the Planning Team proposes to organise a meeting with Parish Councils, possibly in October, to provide an update on system changes. This will include information and assistance on specific areas of planning interest by Parish Councils.
6. The **Parish Council resolved** to approve the following payments for approval:
- i. *South Cambridgeshire District Council* – contested election fees 2018 - £813.44
 - ii. *E-on* – final direct debit payment 25.07.18 - £15.33
7. The meeting was opened to members of the public to allow questions to be addressed to the Parish Council. A resident advised that notices had been provided to East Hatley residents regarding the forthcoming harvest work and farm traffic. The resident asked if others may help to ensure that the road is kept clear of parked traffic where possible and that neighbours are encouraged to co-operate by sharing parking spaces on their driveways if required. In answer to a question about the sensor lights at the front of the village hall, the Clerk confirmed that the electrician had visited the hall on 10th August and has hopefully resolved all issues. The electrician was asked to look at the bar light which was

reported as being faulty. DCllr Williams reported that the SCDC Community Energy Grant for new external doors for the village hall will be approved on the condition that a new 10 year lease is provided by the landlord. DCllr Williams has made a plea to the District Council on behalf of small Parish Councils regarding their eligibility for future Community Chest grants.

8. The time and date of the next meeting was agreed as 7.30 pm on Tuesday 16th October 2018.
9. The meeting was closed at 9.35 pm.