

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllrs A Sheppard (Chair), A Gheissari, C McGuirk, C Pickett, E Spencer, A Oughton (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

**19/126 Public Discussion and Public Questions**

There was no public participation.

There were no public questions put to the Parish Council.

**19/127 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Lindsay (Personal) and Woodrow (Personal).

**19/128 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Cllr Spencer declared an interest in item 19/129 and left the meeting during discussion of this item.

**19/129 Land at Winsey View Farm**

Mr Vanners of JPPC, Chartered Town Planners addressed the meeting regarding the development potential of land at Winsey View Farm.

South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) had granted permission for the change of use of the existing agricultural building to a dwelling. Once converted to residential, there would be a gap between the barn and the two new cottages along Rectory Road, which would have, potential for development.

Mr Vanners tabled a draft proposal for two small dwellings on the site, graduating in height. A two / three bedroom bungalow and a 1.5 storey three bedroom house. Mr Vanners reported SODC were broadly supportive of the idea and considered the gap as an infill plot. The Parish Council understood the principle of development on the site; the main considerations would be for it not to be over developed and in keeping with the area.

The Parish Council's views would be sought when more detailed plans were drawn up and presented for discussion at a future meeting.

**19/130 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**19/131 Matters Arising**

The Chair reported she had received an email from a residential who was alarmed to read the Parish Council had no objections to the removal of the public payphone opposite the Old School House. After due consideration the Parish Council agreed they would not oppose the recommendation by BT that the payphone be removed.

*[post meeting note: BT confirmed the payphone had not been used in the last 12 months].*

Regarding the public footpath between Rectory Road and Back Way, Cllrs Sheppard, Pickett and Spencer had obtained 33 signatories from residents confirming their use of the

footpath over a number of years. The evidence had been submitted to the County Council in support of the footpath being listed on the Definitive Map.

Cllr McGuirk reported there had been a poor response to the appeal in The Haseleys magazine and weekly update for volunteers and / or equipment to be included in the draft Emergency Plan. It was decided Cllr McGuirk will update the draft Emergency Plan with the information already gathered with the aim of bringing the Plan to next meeting for approval.

### **19/132 Adult Exercise Equipment**

Cllr Pickett reported she had obtained information and three quotations from different companies to provide adult exercise equipment for installation on the Playing Fields. All the quotes were of similar value. The Cricket Club and Tennis Club had been consulted on the proposals and location of the equipment and were happy with the plans.

A site visit had taken place with '*FreshairFitness*' and Cllr Pickett tabled information on the three pieces of equipment discussed; a double cross-country skier, a combination SCP/PDC and an air skier. The cost of the equipment and installation would be met wholly through grant funding. Funds had already been secured from the Pumpkin Show Committee, the County Councillor fund, the Recreation Ground Committee and an application will be submitted to the District Councillor Fund (see item 19/140).

### **19/133 Planning Applications**

**P19/S2685/FUL & P19/S2686/FUL - Lobb Farm Access Road to Lobb Farm, Tetsworth  
Amendment No. 3 – Tree Information received 30 October 2019 and  
Amendment No. 4 – Email received from Agent 19 November 2019  
Amendment No. 5 - Additional Construction Traffic Management Plan 21 November  
2019**

The three amendments were noted.

### **19/134 Payments**

The following cheques were written as notified on the agenda: Colourplus £466.32, Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils £60.00, Carmella Media £85.00, Postage (The Haseleys) £29.28, Parish Administration £62.66.

The following cheque was written at the meeting: £56.00 E Spencer (purchase of bark for play equipment in Miss Cross Field).

### **19/135 Financial Report**

The balance on the Current Account was £16,592.12 and the Business Reserve Account £22,902.23. Income for the month of £783.98 had been received from advertisements in The Haseleys.

The half yearly income and expenditure against the 2019-20 budget was noted.

### **19/136 Draft Budget & Precept 2020-21**

The Clerk presented the first draft budget for 2020-21 and asked for comments and any future projects that might need funding. A small number of amendments were suggested and it was agreed an updated Budget and Precept proposal will be circulated to Members for discussion and approval at the January meeting.

There was concern that proposed budget as it stood, would still mean that expenditure would exceed revenue, requiring spending of reserves, which would be unsustainable in the long term, even with an increase in the precept.

## **19/137 Parish Council Website**

Cllr McGuirk reported she had looked at a number of local Parish Council websites as part of the review of the Great Haseley Parish Council website. The Parish council needed to consider its requirements for the website. Should it provide more village information in addition to information the Parish Council is legally required to publish?

The Clerk reported Hugo Fox was working on an update for all Parish Council websites they provide to meet the accessibility requirements which become mandatory from September 2020. Cllr Lindsey is attending a website accessibility training in January.

## **19/138 Village Hall**

Consideration of the request from the Village Hall Committee for a donation towards the repairs to the dormer window at the Village Hall was deferred to the next meeting, as the Councillor representative for the Village Hall was not present.

## **19/139 Reports from Committees**

### **Footpaths**

Cllr Gheissari reported the bridleway sign near Peggs Farm had been repaired. Cllr Sheppard reported the County Council had, as promised, put a pedestrian warning sign on the opposite side of the slippery road warning sign in Little Haseley.

Cllr Gheissari had received an email from a resident to request the Parish Council consider installing extra dog bins in the village. The Clerk reported it had previously been agreed to replace the dog bin by the Grove with a larger bin and relocate the existing dog bin to Little Haseley. Following discussion, it was agreed to purchase a second larger bin to replace the one at the Playing Fields and relocate the original bin to Latchford Lane, by the Peggs Farm fork at the end of the footpath from Little Haseley. The Clerk will apply to the District Councillor's grant for funding to purchase the two new dog bins.

**Village Hall** – nothing to report.

**Playing Fields** – nothing to report.

**Miss Cross Field** – it was noted bark had been purchased to top up the safety area under the Monkey Climber as per the recommendation in the RoSPA Safety Report.

**Millennium Wood** – nothing to report.

**Allotments** – nothing to report.

**Communications** – nothing to report.

### **Environment**

The rubbish that had been fly-tipped by the bus stop had not been collected. Cllr Gheissari will continue to monitor, report again to the County Council and put an article in The Haseleys.

## **19/140 Reports from District and County Councillors**

County Councillor Harrod had given his apologies.

District Councillor Newton reported that the District Local Plan 2034 was on hold until after the general election. Regarding the Expressway proposal, which was being reviewed by the Government, nothing would be announced until after the election but there was hope that it could be cancelled. SODC, Oxfordshire County Council and Oxford City Council have all declared their opposition to the Expressway. However, there is support for the section further along the route in Aylesbury, Bedfordshire and Cambridge.

Each District Councillor has a total grant pot of £5,000 to be distributed in their local area. Cllr Newton encouraged the Parish Council to apply for funds. The closing date for applications is 6 January 2020.

## **19/141 Correspondence**

The Correspondence Bag was circulated.

The Clerk had received a formal notice from the District Council that Tree Preservation Order No. 19S27 had been made to a tree at Haseley End, Rectory Road. The District Council considered the tree worthy of the Order so as to ensure its continued retention and protection against the threat of removal or damage. The Order took effect, on a provisional basis, on 3 December 2019. It will continue to be in force on this basis for a further six months or until the decision as to whether the Order can be confirmed is taken by the District Council, whichever is earlier.

## **19/142 Information Exchange**

Cllr Pickett noted the hedge outside the new houses on Rectory Road had been removed. The Chair confirmed the District Council had agreed to the removal of the hedge and the installation of a new stone wall, a post and rail fence and new hedging. A gap will be left for the footway on the verge.

Cllr Spencer said farmers were increasingly frustrated by dog walkers not keeping to the footpaths. It was agreed Cllr Gheissari will put an article in The Haseleys raising awareness of the problem.

Cllr Gheissari suggested a working party is formed to clear the footpath from Rectory Road to Back Way via Mill Lane. It was agreed to wait until confirmation the footpath has been formally adopted. The area will be added to the list for the annual tidy day.

Cllr Sheppard had circulated information and photographs of the different types of entrance signs available and asked for comment. Further information and costings will be gathered ahead of the Annual Parish Meeting at which the various proposed projects on which the Community Infrastructure Levy may be spent will be discussed.

## **19/143 Next meetings**

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on 13 January 2020 and the following meeting on 10 February 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45pm

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Chairman  
13 January 2020