

**MINUTES OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 9 JANUARY 2023 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllrs J Brown, D Lindsay (Chairman), R Sheehan, T Suter, J Webster, P Woodrow, A Oughton (Clerk) and six members of the public.

**22/110 Public Discussion and Public Questions**

A member of Great Haseley History Group reported they are organising an event later this year to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a USAF Flying Fortress crashing in a field near Latchford Lane. The History Group does not have a bank account and asked the parish council to consider any funding / expenditure raised for the memorial and event be run through the parish council's bank account. It was agreed to put an item on the next agenda but in principle there did not appear to be any reason why this could not be done.

A resident reported previous editions of The Haseleys had not been uploaded to the website. The Chairman replied that the files had been created but time constraints had prevented the files being uploaded. It was further reported that verges near to the industrial area were again being used by HGVs to park and turn into the estate. The Chairman report the parish council had spoken to businesses last year but there was little the parish council could do as the verges formed part of the highway. County Councillor van Mierlo offered to write to the businesses.

A further resident suggested two possible projects for the public art scheme. A village Christmas tree and improvements to the footpath through the churchyard. Cllr Suter replied projects associated with art funding had to be on parish council owned land.

Another resident raised the problem of pot holes on Back Way. The Chairman replied that a Back Way resident's group had organised repairs to be done a few years ago but the work was not completed due to a legal challenge and repairs to Back Way was not on the Parish Council's project list. It was suggested the resident looks to form a new Back Way resident's group to progress new repairs.

**22/111 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Cllr Groves (personal).

**22/112 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

There were no declarations of Interest or Dispensations.

**22/113 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**22/114 Matters Arising**

The Chairman reported the wonderful feedback received following the village Christmas Eve event outside the village hall and expressed his thanks on behalf of the parish council to everyone involved in making it possible.

Pest control at the recreation ground has been largely ineffective. Professional advice is being sought on alternative suggestions.

Trees have been planted on the recreation ground, funded by a generous donation from The Haseleys editorial team. Next step is to formalise the type of plaque and wording. The Chairman

will bring suggestions / pricing to the next meeting. Once the hedging has been planted, the trees and hedging will be logged on the Queen's Green Canopy website.

Congratulations were expressed to the new Haseleys editorial team on their first edition of the magazine published in January.

The Clerk reported a contractor Thame Town Council use to clean the town's war memorial has been approached to submit a quotation to clean Great Haseley war memorial including the cost of any traffic management required.

## **22/115 Planning Applications**

### **P22/S2220/FUL – Dodwells Solar Farm, Land north of the A40 near Cuddesdon Amendment No. 1 dated 21 December 2022**

Underground cable route to connect Dodwells solar farm to Cowley substation. (As amplified by additional information received 21 December 2022).

**Resolved to object in the strongest possible terms** with the follow comment:

- If approved, the work will create massive disruption along the route for 48 months and have an unacceptable impact on traffic flow on local rural roads. The cable will be routed for several miles through parishes almost exclusively along single-track roads. The prolonged road closures required for laying the cable along the narrow roads will cause considerable inconvenience.
- Two solar farms in the local area are connecting to the grid via a different route, why cannot the same connection be used for this proposal?

### **P21/S3915/FUL – Dodwells Solar Farm, Land north of the A40 near Milton Common Amendment No. 2 dated 21 December 2022**

Installation and operation of a Solar Farm together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure (as amended & amplified by information received 8 July 2022 and 21 December 2022).

**Resolved to object** The Council added that given two solar farms are already planned for the area, which combined will more than adequately generate identified energy requirements, a further solar farm is not required.

The following Discharge of Conditions applications, were noted:

P22/S4486/DIS - Olive Cottage, 3 Rectory Road, Great Haseley

P22/S4333/DIS – Haseley Court Little Haseley

P22/S1894/DIS – Land north of Rycote Lane, Thame

P22/S4028/DIS – Lobb Farm nr Milton Common

P22/S4071/DIS – Land off Rycote Lane, Christmas Hill, Rycote Lane nr Thame

P22/S3418/DIS – Land off Rycote Lane, Christmas Lane, Christmas Hill, Rycote Lane nr Thame

It was further noted that the District Planning Authority has granted permission for the following application:

### **P22/S2411/HH – Windersey, 4 Rectory Road, Great Haseley, OX44 7JS**

1.5 storey extension to side and rear

### **P22/S3618/FUL - Part of Winsey View Farm, Rectory Road, Great Haseley, OX44 7JT**

Temporary provision of mobile home to facilitate self-build house construction

The following applications had been withdrawn prior to determination:

### **P22/S2542/FUL - Haseley Court, Little Haseley, OX44 7LL**

Works to the existing park and gardens. Tree planting and removal within the park and garden, construction of a new drive and configuration of vehicle access. Reversion of arable farmland back to parkland estate. Construction of a new lake.

**P22/S2546/LB – Haseley Court, Little Haseley, OX44 7LL**

Works to the existing park and gardens. Including, but not limited to, works to Canal, Ha-Ha's and removing small section of stone wall

**22/116 Budget and Precept for 2023-24**

Following discussion in November some minor amendments were made to the draft budget. It was agreed to set a budget of £16,570.00 (£6 lower than the previous year).

**Resolved that the 2023-24 Budget of £16,570.00 be approved.**

After discussion it was agreed to keep the Precept at the same level, £16,400.00, which equates to £61.42 per year for a Band D dwelling, a small increase of 11p on the previous year.

**Resolved that £16,400.00 be raised for the Precept for 2023-24**

**22/117 Financial Report**

Bank statements to 30 November 2022 and 30 December 2022 had been circulated. The balances for December were noted as follows: Current Account - £25,016.79; Business Reserve Account - £40,724.43

Current Account income was as follows: 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter vat reclaim, sale of a Book of Walks, and a donation from The Haseley editorial team. The Clerk reported a payment for £60.00 had been received into the current account for an advertisement in The Haseleys. A cheque will be raised to The Haseleys. Expenditure was as approved.

The Clerk reported signatures on the parish council accounts had to be updated before an application for online banking could be submitted.

**Resolved to remove Cllrs McGuirk and Pickett from the Parish Council's bank accounts.**

**Resolved to add Cllrs Brown, Groves, Sheehan and Webster to the Parish Council's bank accounts.**

**22/118 Payments**

**Resolved** to approve the following payments: £104.00 Shield Maintenance (Nov & Dec), £20.00 Wheatley Park School, £234 Ridgeway Rural Services, £432.00 Bunkers Hill Plant Nursery, £1,350.00 Nicholsons Nurseries, £586.87 Parish Administration, £146.60 HMRC.

**Resolved** to approve a further payment not on the agenda: £60.00 The Haseleys.

**22/119 Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice (OSAV CA)**

A request for funding had been received from Citizens Advice. It was agreed the OSAV CA was a very worthwhile organisation to which a number of residents had sought and received advice.

**Resolved to donate £70.00 to Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice**

**22/120 Parish Action Plan**

Amendments to Phase 2 of the Action Plan will be brought back to a future meeting. Cllr Sheehan reported, as part of Phase 1 he is looking at hedgerow planting at the recreation ground. Grant funding from the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) will be sought next year.

Work continues in Millennium Wood. A review of energy supplies at the village hall and pavilion on the recreation ground will be done later this year.

## 22/121 Projects

### Public Art – s106 funding

The Clerk reported SODC officers have discovered conflicting information in the s106 Agreement and Planning Condition 34 for public art funding related to the employment site at Rycote Lane. At an ad hoc meeting the Clerk attended with developers for the site they asked the parish council and Thame Town Council to consider writing to the planning officer to ask that Condition 34 be removed in order to release funding to be spent in Great Haseley and any remaining funds in Thame.

**Resolved to write to SODC to request Planning Condition 34 is removed.**

### Neighbourhood Priority Statement

Cllr Suter reported a consultation will take place at the village hall on Friday. The survey needs to be completed fairly quickly. A catch up with the team at SODC to run through budgets and timescales will take place on 23 January 2023.

### Miss Cross Field

Deferred to February meeting.

## 22/122 Reports from Committees / County & District Councillors

County Cllr van Mierlo had circulated his report for December, he highlighted the reduction of bus fares to a £2 flat rate for single journeys on some bus routes until end of March. This has been possible via receipt of Government funding and is aimed at encouraging people back onto buses. Three quarters of street lamps in the County have been converted to LEDs.

Budget discussions continue and will be discussed at the Full Council meeting in February. Priority has been given to children's services, SEND and adult social care. Cllr van Mierlo encouraged everyone to report pot holes via Fix My Street.

District Cllr Newton reported the District Cabinet has agreed the timetable for development of the Joint Local Plan. The draft plan will be submitted in January 2025 and hopefully adopted in September 2025. Housing numbers and development locations will be known in spring this year with a public consultation August / September 2023.

### **Reports from Committees:**

**Village Hall** – Cllr Woodrow reported carols at the village hall on Christmas Eve raised £276.00 which together with a donation from the pop pub amounted to a total of £400 donated to Oxford Night Shelter. Broadband has been installed in the hall. A smart meter has also been installed.

**Allotments** – Cllr Sheehan has applied to the District Councillor Community grant to fund new allotment fencing.

**Environment** – Cllr Sheehan reported a good response from local landowners re the findings of the Treescapes report. 60m of hedge planting is planned for the recreation ground.

**Playing Fields** – Nothing to report.

**Communication** – Members of the village WhatsApp group continue to grow. Cllr Suter reported Openreach are claiming the faster broadband project in the village will be completed by end of March.

**Footpaths** – Cllr Lindsay will install the new dog bin on the track by the windmill.

**Millennium Wood** – Nicholson Nurseries carried out crown raising, dead hedging and coppicing of large hazel trees. A donation of mature trees was received before Christmas.

**22/123 Correspondence**

Nothing to add to correspondence previously circulated via email.

**22/124 Information Exchange**

Cllr Lindsay reported this would be his last meeting as Chairman. Election of a new Chairman will be the first item on the next agenda.

The Clerk reported that the planning officer was not able to grant an extension of time for application P22/S4565/FUL – Erection of a four bedroom detached family dwelling with integral garage and associated access and landscaping at land off Rectory Road. It was agreed to hold an additional meeting on 23 January 2023 to discuss this and any other planning applications received in time to be included on the agenda.

**22/125 Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed an additional meeting will be held on 23 January 2023, commencing at 7.30pm. The following meeting will be held on 13 February 2023 commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm

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Chairman  
13 February 2023