

**MINUTES OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 11 JULY 2022 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: C Groves, D Lindsay, R Sheehan, T Suter, J Webster, P Woodrow, A Oughton (Clerk) and two members of the public.

22/43 Public Discussion and Public Questions

A parishioner reported she was continuing to push for the new bus service to Le Manoir to be extended to Great Haseley. The parishioner also reported her disappointment that the village shows little visible sign of support for Ukraine e.g. displaying the Ukraine flag.

22/44 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

22/45 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of Interest or Dispensations.

22/46 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

22/47 Matters Arising

Cllr Lindsay reported the Haseley Updates had run out of credits, the last bulletin being circulated on Friday. The editor has forwarded the mailing list to Cllr Lindsay who replied to thank him for all he had done. No volunteers have come forward to continue the Haseley Updates following articles in the Haseley Updates and The Haseleys magazine.

It was agreed to set up and trial a WhatsApp group to circulate information in place of the Haseley Updates. The WhatsApp group will be set up so only the group administrators can post items and will not allow members to comment on posts.

The Clerk reported South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) is consulting on revised draft proposals agreed by the Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee at the meeting held on 25 May 2022. The consultation runs from Thursday 30 June to midday on Friday 29 July 2022.

In respect of the requested boundary change between Great Haseley and Thame parishes the proposal is to make no change. It is important that the Parish Council responds to the formal consultation. It was agreed to reiterate the points made previously. The Clerk will draft a response and circulate to Councillors.

Cllr Lindsay confirmed, that the clerk had looked through the financial records / minutes and the parish Council had not given money towards the purchase of a strimmer for use on the allotments.

It was noted that Cllr Sheehan had responded, on behalf of the Council, to the latest consultation on SODC's Local Plan.

Cllr Sheehan and the Clerk attended the Oxfordshire Association of Local Council's AGM on 4 July where there had been some informative presentations on Electrical Vehicle Charging and Oxfordshire Treescapes.

22/48 Planning Applications

P22/S2220/FUL – Dodwells Solar Farm, Land north of the A40 near Cuddesdon

Underground cable route to connect Dodwells solar farm to Cowley substation

Resolved to Object with the following comments:

- Unacceptable impact on traffic flow on local roads
- The cable should be routed so as to cause minimal disruption, along larger roads or across open farmland.
- If possible, the cable should use the same hook up to the grid as other solar farms in the local area.

The following application was noted:

P22/S2292/DIS – 20 Horse Close Cottages, Great Haseley

Discharge of condition 4 (Plan of Car Parking Provision (unspecified number of spaces) on Planning application P22/S1317/FUL (Change use of existing garage from storage to 'Dog Grooming' room.) Prior to the first use of the building as a dog grooming room, a detailed plan showing provision of car parking spaces to be provided within the site in accordance with the District Council's adopted car parking standards shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and the parking spaces shall be laid out, surfaced, drained and completed to be compliant with sustainable drainage (SuDS) principles in strict accordance with the approved details prior to the first occupation of the development hereby permitted. Thereafter the car parking spaces shall be retained unobstructed except for the parking of vehicles associated with the development at all times.

It was noted the District Planning Authority has granted permission for the following applications:

P22/S1199/HH - 4 London Road, Milton Common

Erection of rear extension (as amended by drawing numbers 22-A105 Rev A and 22- A106 Rev A received on 16/06/2022).

P22/S0978/HH – 21 Little Haseley

New vehicular access.

P22/S1566/FUL - Lobb Farm near Milton Common

New Grain store and related hard surfacing

22/49 Financial Report

Copies of bank statements to 30 June 2022 had been circulated. The balances were noted as follows: Current Account - £23,666.39 and Business Reserve Account - £40,646.75.

Income on the Current Account was made up of allotment rents. Expenditure was as approved at the previous meeting.

Resolved to put £265.00, the total of allotment rents received for 2022-23, in an Ear Marked Reserve. Allotment holders will put forward suggestions on how they would like the money spent.

22/50 Payments

The following payments were approved: £210.00 Oxford Training Services, £101.45 D Lindsay (Rackspace), £52.00 Shield Maintenance, £35.00 Wild Oxfordshire, £35.00 Community First Oxfordshire, £834.00 Ridgeway Rural Services, £589.82 Parish Administration, £147.40 HMRC.

The following payments, received after publication of the agenda were approved: £421.10 Heritage Fruit Company, £1,374.00 Future Nature. These payments will be reimbursed to the Parish Council through a six-monthly claim to the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE) following a successful bid for funding earlier in the year.

22/51 Dog Waste Bin

It was agreed to locate an additional dog waste bin at Millennium Wood, on the track to the windmill. Once installed the Clerk will inform the contractor who empties the dog waste bins.

22/52 Projects

Public Art – An initial meeting of the working group has taken place, a further meeting is planned next week to formulate governance for the group, next steps and collective discussions with Thame Town Council and the developer. Cllr Lindsay will contact SODC's Public Art Officer to clarify some points. Proposals for spending s106 funding will be shared with the village for feedback before final submission.

Neighbourhood Priority Statement – SODC are running a series of virtual workshops. Cllr Suter had attended the most recent one and three more are planned in the following weeks covering community engagement, gathering and assessing evidence and developing proposals. Each parish involved in the pilot project is to be assigned an SODC Officer.

Miss Cross Field (play equipment) – Cllr Groves has four quotations to replace a piece of play equipment. These will be circulated to Councillors for discussion at the next meeting. A consultation will be held to gauge the views of adults and children in the village.

Cllr Woodrow entered the meeting

22/53 Oxfordshire Treescapes

Oxfordshire Treescapes has produced an 'Opportunity Report' for the Parish. It is a comprehensive report giving a broad indication of the natural capital benefits that treescapes can bring and the opportunities to increase them. The report can be used as a basis for creating a land or neighbourhood management plan to help develop policies and access funding opportunities. Treescapes is the term used for trees in all forms, be that woodland, grassland, hedgerow, street trees, community orchards or agroforestry.

Cllr Sheehan will report back to the next meeting with recommendations to take this forward.

22/54 Great Haseley War Memorial

The Clerk reported the contractor originally engaged to refurbish the names on the war memorial is no longer able to do so due to personal circumstances.

The resident leading the project has contacted a stone carver who suggests the lettering seems to be in a very passable condition and that it is simply discolouration caused by biological growth on the lowest stones which makes the letters unreadable. The recommendation is to have the memorial steam cleaned.

Natural Stone Craft has been approached and a site visit undertaken. It is expected the cost will be around £2,000. The nearest water supply and level of traffic management required during the works are being investigated.

22/55 Casual Vacancy

SODC has confirmed the Parish Council can move forward with Co-Option to fill the recent councillor vacancy. It was agreed to use the advertisement, as circulated. The Clerk will forward the advertisement to the editors for publication in next edition of The Haseleys.

22/56 Reports from Committees / County and District Councillors

County Councillor Freddie van Mierlo had sent his apologies and circulated his report. District Councillor Newton had given her apologies.

Reports from Committees:

Village Hall – Cllr Woodrow reported a ‘pop up pub’ was held at the recreation ground but was not so well attended, probably due to the weather.

Allotments – Cllr Sheehan reported all allotments rents and signed tenancy agreements had been received. A few allotments were not being used at present. Cllr Sheehan will leave it until September to see if things improve.

Environment – Cllr Sheehan reported he had written an article in The Haseleys on electrical vehicle charging. The nearest rapid charging points are located in the car park behind the Co-Op in Thame. Cllr Sheehan will complete Oxfordshire County Council’s (OCC) survey on possible sites for electrical vehicle charging points. Cllr Sheehan will forward a guide to sustainable utility companies to the village hall and recreation ground committees.

Millennium Wood – Woodland Management Course took place on 24 June. Cllr Sheehan circulated the Future Nature report. It validated everything already planned with a few minor tweaks, together with a plan to follow for the next 10 years. Cllr Sheehan will contact Nicholsons to book dates to carry out planned work in the coming months and organise volunteer days to coincide.

Footpaths – Cllr Webster reported she had worked through the list of problems on various footpaths. Two local farmers had been very helpful. The paths are now looking very good.

Playing Fields – Cllr Groves reported lots of cricket is being played, there is a cup match this weekend. Tiddington Cricket Club has donated some secondhand tables and chairs. Grass cutting is going well. Some concern has been raised regarding the amount of rabbit activity; this will be monitored.

Miss Cross Field – nothing further to report.

Communication – Cllr Suter reported a presentation by Airband had taken place in the village hall last Monday. The network covers quite a lot of the village.

Cllr Suter has received a communication from Openreach confirming receipt of the agreement and that their billing department will be in touch about the first payment, as captured in the contract. Cllr Suter sought clarification from the digital team at OCC who confirmed a body such as the parish council is required to enter into a contract with Openreach and that the first payment will be covered by the voucher scheme.

Openreach will be in touch in the coming weeks to provide an update on the initial stages of the process and again before entering into the build phase of the project. Survey requirements for delivery will be initiated shortly. Delivery of the new fibre infrastructure will be scheduled to be live around 12 months from date of receipt of the signed contract. Cllr Suter will investigate further before the Parish Council agrees to sign the contract. However, it is good news that full fibre will

be available in the village, and for those areas not covered by Airband, that Openreach will provide coverage at a later date.

22/57 Correspondence

Items of correspondence and local parish magazines were circulated in the Correspondence Bag for July.

22/58 Information Exchange

No items to report.

22/59 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting will be held on 12 September 2022, commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9pm

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Chairman
12 September 2022