

**MINUTES OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 13 DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

21/113 Public Discussion and Public Questions

There was no public discussion or public questions.

21/114 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr McGuirk (Business).

21/115 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

21/116 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21/117 Matters Arising

The Clerk reported Great Haseley Parish has registered an interest in Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC) 20mph limit initiative. Evidence of community support as well as reports of road traffic collisions / issues, damage to property, danger or injury to pedestrians or anything else relevant to support the application is needed to support the application.

Cllr Suter agreed to write a piece for The Haseleys requesting residents to show their support for the scheme and provide any evidence they may have.

Cllr Webster had made enquiries about a half day first aid course, to include instruction on use of a defibrillator. It was agreed, in the first instance that Cllr Webster will write a piece for The Haseleys to gather interest.

21/118 Planning Applications

P21/S4827/HH – Foxgloves, Latchford Lane

Proposed pitched roof over existing flat roof extension. Proposed front facing dormer roof. Proposed front porch extension. Proposed replacement outbuilding (utilising the same footprint). Proposed material and fenestration alterations to the existing dwelling.

Resolved to support the application with the following comment: that if granted permission a requirement is made upon contractors to make good any damage caused to footpaths or the highway during construction.

P21/S4801/LB – The Crown House, Thame Road

Enlarging a window opening and replace one window and one door including frame.

Resolved to support the application

P21/S4685/FUL – Land to the North West of Stoke Talmage

Installation of an underground high voltage (132 kV) electrical cable and associated works (the 'Proposed Development'). The electrical cable is essential to connect the Cornwell Solar Farm Project (recently granted under LPA ref. P20/S3244/FUL) to the distribution network operator ('DNO') pylon tower approximately 280 metres ('m') to the north-west. The Proposed Development

will allow the electricity generated by the future Cornwell Solar Farm to be exported to the National Grid.

Resolved to support the application with the following comment: the connection site is very close to the junction of three footpaths. If planning permission is granted a condition is made that any damage to footpaths as a result of development is repaired.

P21/S4811/AG – Field Farm on A329 between Thame & Milton Common

Agricultural building for storage of straw.

It was noted this application has been granted permission.

P21/S2841/LB – Court Farmhouse, Little Haseley

Amendment No, 1

Conversion of outbuilding currently being used for general storage to a building suitable for working from home. (As amended by plans Received 2021-12-01).

Resolved to support the application

The Notice of Tree Preservation Order 21S19, served on 1 December 2021 on seven trees on and south of Rycote Lane was duly noted with no further comment.

The registration address of an existing property known as The Old Rectory, Rectory Road, Great Haseley was duly noted.

The following applications were noted:

P21/S4877/DIS - Haseley Court Little Haseley

Discharge of conditions 3.3 (Method statement for wallpaper/painted decoration conservation) & 3.4 (Method statement for conservation of historic floor finishes (hallway) on planning application P21/S2595/LB. (Extensive refurbishment of the main house, chapel wing and existing staff flat.)

**P21/S1511/FUL – For development work at Land North of Rycote Lane near Thame
Amendment Nos. 1 & 2**

**P21/S1525/DIS – For development work at Land North of Rycote Lane near Thame
Amendment Nos. 7, 8, 9 & 10**

**P21/S1632/RM – For development work at Land North of Rycote Lane near Thame
Amendment No2. 5 & 6**

**P21/S0343/FUL - Belmond Le Manoir Aux Quat Saisons Church Road Great Milton
Amendment No.2**

Full planning permission for the erection of a new Wellness Spa, Bistro, Raymond Blanc Academy, Garden Villas, Garden Rooms, Pavilions and Storage Barns, minor extensions and alterations to the existing Grade II* Manor House, former Stables building and Staff Facilities building, new highway access, internal road and car parking areas, limited demolition and associated works.(Amended Plans and information received 14 September 2021). (Archaeological Evaluation Report (October 2021) received 3 November 2021).

It was further noted that the following application has been withdrawn:

P21/S2009/HH – 21 Little Haseley

New vehicular access to residential property (Additional information requested by Highways received 13-07-21 and further clarified with documents received 16-08-21 and 18-08-21 and Visibility Splays and Turning plan 15-10-21 and 20-10-21)

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

P21/S4143/HH - 34 Thame Road

Demolition of existing single storey side extension and replacement with new single storey side extension.

P20/S3905/FUL – Manana, Latchford Lane

Demolition of existing bungalow and garage and erection of new chalet style house (As amended by revised plans amended plans, arboricultural impact assessment, preliminary bat roost assessment, energy statement, and water efficiency calculator received 17/05/2021 and bat survey received 31/08/2021).

21/119 Planning Enforcement

It was noted that South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) has adopted a new planning enforcement policy in order to deal with a backlog of cases. Reports of possible breaches will now be 'triaged' and only the most serious investigated. There was some concern about the changes and SODC has agreed to review the policy after six months.

Cllr Lindsey reported he had written to planning enforcement at SODC regarding work at Haseley End. Now that construction is well underway, the impact of the development is causing unfair disruption to residents both within the vicinity of the site and the wider village. SODC had responded to say no rules had been broken and that any highway related issues should be reported to OCC.

It was noted with regret that SODC has approved the application for development at Manana and feared similar issues to those being experienced at Haseley End would be inevitable once construction commences.

21/120 Thame Neighbourhood Plan

It was noted that the Housing Needs Survey being undertaken by Thame Town Council, as part of the review of the Thame Neighbourhood Plan, had been circulated to nearby villages. Thame Town Council will record and analyse details of any housing needs Great Haseley residents submit and will return the anonymised findings to the Parish Council. It was agreed this information will help inform any future Neighbourhood Plan for the village.

21/121 War Memorial

Discussion of this item was deferred to the next meeting when costings for the work to improve the clarity of the names on the war memorial is available.

21/122 Earthshot

Mr Richard Sheehan provided an update on an initiative to form a local Earthshot Action Group (EAG). The group currently has three members, the intention is to launch EAG via The Haseleys inviting residents to join. There is a similar group in Watlington set up two years ago in partnership with the Parish Council. Groups can access funding for projects, organise volunteers and help with community engagement. The idea is to help the global climate problem in a local way.

The Parish Council agreed it to lend its support to the initiative.

21/123 Financial Report

Copies of bank statements to 30 November 2021 had been circulated. The balances were noted as follows: Current Account - £17,137.55 and Business Reserve Account - £39,411.63.

21/124 Payments

The following cheques were approved: £20 Wheatley Park School, £52.00 Shield Management Ltd, £322.51 Fresh-air Fitness, £35.34 Clerk's Expenses.

A further payment, not listed on the agenda of £75.31 for email credits for the Haseley Updates was approved.

21/125 Draft Budget & Precept 2022-23

Copies of the draft budget had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The Clerk reported a small increase had been applied to most lines. Discussion took place on projects or events that may require funding.

It was agreed the Clerk will make the suggested changes and circulate a revised budget to Councillors. The final budget and precept for 2022-23 will be discussed and approved in January.

21/126 Millennium Wood

Cllr Webster reported she had obtained three quotations for a Tree Condition Survey to be undertaken. A proposed management plan for the wood had been drawn up. It is hoped most work within the plan can be carried out by volunteers, grant funding will also be sought. The Ash trees show signs of dieback and may have to be felled further advice will be taken.

Following discussion, it was **Resolved** to commission Nicholsons to undertake the Tree Condition Survey. It was further **Resolved** that in principle Mr Sheehan proceed with the Trust for Oxfordshire Environment (TOE) funding application.

21/127 Allotments

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council retain the management of the allotments. However, this would be reviewed should there be sufficient interest in forming an allotment society in the future.

21/128 Casual Vacancy

The Chairman reported one application and had been circulated. The Chairman invited the candidate to address the Council after which he answered questions. The Chairman thanked the candidate for putting himself forward and his commitment to the village. On being put to the vote it was **Resolved** to Co-opt Mr Richard Sheehan onto the Council.

21/129 Community Governance Review

The Clerk reported SODC will be undertaking a Community Governance Review during 2022 with any agreed changes implemented for the 2023 elections. Some examples of issues that the review will cover are: altering the existing boundary of a parish, creating, merging or abolishing parishes, changing the name of existing parishes, electoral arrangements for parishes. Parishes can make requests for matters to be considered with supporting evidence by 21 January 2022.

It was agreed to discuss whether the Parish makes any such request at the next meeting.

21/130 Reports from Committees / County and District Councillors

District Councillor Newton had sent her apologies and her report had been circulated.

County Councillor Freddie van Mierlo had sent his apologies and his report had been circulated.

Reports from Committees:

Village Hall – Cllr Woodrow reported a pop-up pub was planned for 23 December, however, as an alternative mulled wine may be served from the doorway if Covid restrictions are tightened.

Playing Fields - Cllr Groves reported an 18th Birthday Party was booked for this month. Cllr Groves is reviewing the grass cutting contracts with a view to obtaining quotations for the new season.

Allotments, Miss Cross Field, Communications, Environment, Footpaths, Millennium Wood – nothing to report.

21/131 Correspondence

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

The Clerk had received an email from a resident in Little Milton who often walks the footpaths through Great Haseley. He requested the Parish Council consider installing more benches for walkers. It was felt there were adequate benches in the village located in Millennium Wood, the Recreation ground and the churchyard.

21/132 Information Exchange

Discussion took place on the number of parish council meetings held per year and a proposal not to hold a meeting in December unless planning applications required discussion. It was agreed this would be discussed again prior to the Annual Meeting in May.

Cllr Suter reported the Chairman of Little Milton Parish Council had contacted him regarding their campaign for an HGV weight restriction on the A329. It was agreed Great Haseley would benefit from a reduction in HGV traffic using the A329 and will lend its support to the Little Milton campaign.

Items for next agenda:

Allocation of Councillor Responsibilities

21/133 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting will be held on 10 January 2022, commencing at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.31pm

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Chairman
10 January 2022