

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 14 October 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllrs A Gheissari, D Lindsay (Vice Chair), C Pickett, E Spencer, P Woodrow, A Oughton (Clerk) and two members of the public.

19/90 Public Discussion and Public Questions

Mrs Simcox advised that Mr Malcolm Prior will no longer be able to carry out the regular checks to the defibrillator located at the Village Hall, something he had done on behalf of the village. It was agreed that the Parish Council will send a letter of thanks to Mr Prior and will also consider who will take over the weekly checks.

Mr Simcox requested the Parish Council writes to the County Council asking Open Reach to speed up the necessary work to enable residents in the immediate area of Latchford Lane to access fibre Optic broadband.

Mr Simcox had read in The Haseleys of the Parish Council's intention to draw up a list of projects on which the Community Infrastructure Levy may be spent and asked that an Audio-Visual system for the Village Hall is added to the project list.

Mr Simcox reported he had now received his training as a Super User for Fix My Street and was able to mark up and report small and medium size pot holes within the designated 30mph limits of Great and Little Haseley villages.

He was also able to report minor drainage issues within the same 30mph restrictions. However, he had recently received a report from the County Council requesting that minor drainage issues are no longer reported as there was no funding left for repairs. This seems a false economy as the delay in repairing problems will lead to further work being required later. Mr Simcox asked that County Councillor Harrod is made aware of the situation.

Mrs Simcox raised concerns regarding the future of The Plough and asked if the Parish Council could write to the Pub Company. Whilst sympathising with the concerns raised the Parish Council felt this was a matter for the shareholders to raise with the Board of the Pub Company.

19/91 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs McGuirk (Business) and Sheppard (Personal).

19/92 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest.

19/93 Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on 9 September 2019 and 23 September 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19/94 Matters Arising

Cllr Lindsay reported he would follow on the action to document the village assets for inclusion on the Parish Asset Register.

Cllr Woodrow reported that the broken basketball hoop and net at the Playing Fields had been repaired.

Councillors all reported progress on pricing and information regarding possible projects to be funded by the Community Infrastructure Levy in readiness for a consultation to gather residents' opinions. Cllr Spencer reported the idea of installing a red phone box in village was too expensive to consider.

Cllr Spencer was in the process of obtaining quotations for a new piece of play equipment in Miss Cross Field to replace the Monkey Climber. Cllr Pickett had identified grant funding opportunities to help pay for the new equipment but until the cost was known nothing further could be done.

It was agreed to purchase six bags of bark at a cost of £60 for the swings in Miss Cross Field.

19/95 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to consider.

It was noted that the following planning applications had been granted permission by the District Council:

P19/S2483/FUL - Barn at North Weston Farm North Weston
Change of use of part of building to self-storage (B8)

P19/S2277/LB – Rosa Cottage, 6 Little Haseley
Remove existing non permitted concrete floor within original cottage and replace with new limecrete floor. New oak beam and angle cleat to support existing stairs. Remove non permitted plasterboard and skim finish internal finish in original cottage and replace with traditional lime plaster.

It was noted that planning applications P19/S1316/HH & P19/S1982/LB – 5 Rectory Road, Great Haseley for a proposed rear and side 2 level extension conversion of two-level garage. Connection of garage and new extension had been withdrawn.

The following appeals relating to land adjacent to London Road Tetsworth will be held at Tetsworth Memorial Hall on 31 October and 1 November 2019. **APP/Q3115/W/16/3156409** - Change of use from agricultural land to provide; Proposed traveller site with provision for twelve individual plots with individual parking, individual amenity, shared paddock / amenity space and bin storage areas and **APP/Q3115/W/18/3205628** – Change of use from agriculture to gypsy and traveller site providing 12 individual plots.

19/96 Payments

The following cheques were written as notified on the agenda: OALC £102.00, Oxford Direct Services £291.60, Colourplus £519.91, Stamps & address labels (Haseley Magazine) £39.85.

The following cheques were written at the meeting: Nicholson Nurseries £60.00, Parish Administration £529.28 and HMRC £132.40.

19/97 Financial Report

The balance on the Current Account was £10,158.27 and the Business Reserve Account £22,894.70. The income for the month of £8,175.00 had been received made up as follows: £7,500.00 second half of Parish Precept and £675.00 from advertisements in The Haseleys.

19/98 Great Haseley Emergency Plan

Cllr Lindsay asked members to think about residents in the village who had equipment or skills that may be used in an emergency and if known to them to approach the individuals to seek their consent for their details to be included in the Emergency Plan.

19/99 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Lewknor Parish Council who were also planning a village consultation on possible projects on which to spend CIL. Cllr Lindsay reminded members that the District Officer responsible for CIL will attend the next meeting.

19/100 SODC Local Plan 2034

Cllr Lindsay reported that prior to the District's Full Council meeting last Thursday, SODC had received a letter from Robert Jenrick MP, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to say he was considering whether to give a direction to SODC in relation to the Plan under section 21 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 ("the 2004 Act"). This prevented discussion of the future of the Local Plan by SODC at the meeting and from taking any steps in connection with the adoption of the Plan until the Minister has considered the matter further.

19/101 Reports from Committees

Footpaths

Cllr Gheissari reported the County Council had felled a tree near to the bus stop in order to save the remaining two trees. Cllr Gheissari had also reported the area near to the other disused bus stop required attention but had not heard anything further. There had been a noticeable increase in 'fly-tipping' near the bus stop. The Parish Council urged residents to be vigilant and to report any illegal 'fly-tipping' to Oxfordshire County Council via Fix My Street.

The broken bridleway sign by Peggs Farm had been reported.

Village Hall

Cllr Woodrow reported the garden party had been very successful and raised £5k to be split equally between the village hall and the church. A leak in the roof had been discovered and roofing contractors will carry out an inspection later this week. Scaffolding is likely to be in-situ for a few weeks while repairs are carried out.

Playing Fields

Cllr Spencer reported the final mow of the season will take place shortly. The water had been turned off and preparations for winter carried out. One of the horse chestnut trees has canker disease and is being monitored, it will eventually need to be felled but was safe at present.

Miss Cross Field

Nothing further to report.

Millennium Wood

Cllr Spencer reported the final mow of the season had taken place and the wood was in good shape.

Allotments

Cllr Pickett reported the allotments had been strimmed and the contractor had done a fantastic job. A half and a quarter allotment space were currently vacant. Cllr Pickett had issued the Allotment Plan to all allotment holders and also asked everyone to respect their individual allotment boundaries. Cllr Pickett had also circulated the Allotment Rules and asked for comments.

Communications

Nothing to report.

Environment

Nothing to report.

19/102 Reports from District and County Councillors

County Councillor Harrod and District Councillor Newton had sent their apologies and their reports circulated.

19/103 Correspondence

A number of pieces of correspondence had been received and were circulated. The Clerk drew particular attention to two letters of thanks, one from Wheatley Park School and the other from the Royal British Legion for donations from the Parish Council to the Prize Giving and Poppy Appeal respectively.

19/104 Information Exchange

Cllr Lindsay reminded everyone of the Remembrance Service on Sunday 10 November 2019. David Simcox will put the road closed signs out and Cllr Woodrow will collect them after the Service.

Concern was raised regarding the condition of the track to the playing fields. Cllr Spencer said it was privately owned and would speak to the owners to see if some of the larger holes could be filled.

19/105 Next meetings

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on 11 November 2019 and the following meeting on 9 December 2019 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm

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Chairman
11 November 2019