

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: D Simcox (Chairman); J Andrews; D Mann; K Sentance; A Sheppard; E Spencer J Simcox, Clerk and 11 members of the public.

16/111 Public Discussion

Neighbourhood Plan – This had been talked about over a number of months at Parish Council meetings and as a result it was felt that a note should be put out to the parish asking their views. Eleven people attended and the Chairman outlined to those present what a Neighbourhood Development Plan is and how it differed from the Community Plan undertaken in 2014. After much discussion it was felt that this should be put on the back burner until SODC's Local Plan had been finalised as it would dilute the efforts to fight off the developments at both Chalgrove airfield and Harrington. It was reported that under their 'Duty to cooperate' with Wycombe District Council, SODC might have to find land for yet more housing. It was agreed that once this was in place, a meeting would be called to get a group together to for the plan.

C Pickett then presented the Parish Council a cheque for £8,500 from the Pumpkin Show towards new children's play equipment at the Cross Field. This was in memory of her father, David Pickett and she was thanked for this donation. It was agreed that a small group from the Parish Council would now look at what could be purchased and whether other pieces of the current equipment could be repaired. They would then report back to the Parish Council with their findings.

16/112 Apologies for absence were received from H Harvey; S Harrod.

16/113 There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

16/114 The minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2016 were confirmed and signed.

16/115 Matters arising

The Chairman reported that both defibrillators were now in place and operational. They have been registered with South Central Ambulance. It was agreed that a note should go into *The Haseleys* on what to do should they need to be used. Although it is very easy to use, it was agreed that the clerk would try to get someone from South Central Ambulance Service to have a training session for whoever is interested. It was also necessary to have a small group of people who will check the cabinet on a weekly basis to ensure that all is well.

The clerk had now completed the catalogue of the contents of the Parish Chest and the Parish Council formally passed over for safe keeping the contents to the Haseley Archive Group. A letter of thanks had been received from the Oxfordshire Association for the Blind for the donation recently sent to them. A letter had been received from St Peter's regarding the problem of rabbit holes in the churchyard. The clerk had suggested they talk to the adjoining landowners to see what could be done.

The clerk had received an estimate for the concrete base for the seat on the Playing Fields of £185, this had been accepted and the base laid. Unfortunately someone had allowed

their dog to walk in the concrete before it was set so there is a hole in it. The clerk had met with Sylvatrees regarding the additional work to be undertaken in Backway and a quotation of £320.00 to work on 2 willows and cut back the hedge to widen the lane. She also asked for a quotation for raising the crown of the large tree on the Cross Field and this was £80.00. The Parish Council agreed to accept these quotations and the clerk would instruct Sylvatrees accordingly.

The Chairman reported that OCC had been in the village sorting out some of the drains but there was still a problem in Latchford Lane. J Freeman reported that it was sad to see the water pouring down the hill and breaking up the road surface that had only been repaired a short time ago. It was agreed to try to put pressure on OCC to get these drains cleaned out to stop this happening.

16/116 Planning

SODC had granted permission to Highway House, Rectory Road (Construction of bay window under pitched roof) and also the Old Nursery School. The affordable housing application had been given permission although it was awaiting the final legal arrangements with SOHA.

16/117 Responsible Financial Officer's report

The current account currently stands at £8,951.04 and the Business Reserve account stands at £15,386.12 The following cheques were written: Stamps for The Haseleys £26.40; Heating £6.00; Smith of Derby (Church Clock) £608.40; Colourplus £313.34; Glasdon UK Ltd (New dog bin) £103.82; Citizens Advice Bureau £25; South & Vale Carers £30. Cheques written at the November meeting and not on the agenda, these will appear on the December agenda: M40 CEG £50. No other cheques were written. The clerk had received the following income during the month: £59.40 (Advertising in The Haseleys), £70.00 Donations for the Defibrillators and £740 from SODC which is half of the amount of the grant for the purchase of the defibrillators.

16/118 Draft budget 2017-18

The clerk and the Chairman had prepared a draft budget based on the same Precept as previous years. However, it did leave the Parish Council with insufficient funds ie it is recommended that reserves should be approximately equal to the annual precept. The clerk said although she had put in the same amount for advertising in The Haseleys, it was becoming increasingly difficult to get advertising as a number of regular people had said they were no longer wishing to advertise locally. It was hoped that the amount of income would be reached but it could not be relied on. An item had been put into the budget for the Village Plan but as this had been put on the back burner, it was decided to take this item out. After much discussion it was agreed to increase the precept by £1,000 taking it to £12,000. The budget would be ratified at the December meeting.

16/119 Update on the SODC Local Plan

A Sheppard and D Mann had attended a number of meetings on behalf of the Parish Council and proceeded to update them on what had happened. They had attended a transport related workshop where it was stated that 70% of the residents of the possible development at Chalgrove airfield would travel by bus. This was seen by everyone locally as 'pie in the sky'. It was also revealed that the 'guided bus route' that had been promised was in fact just a bus that would take people to the outskirts of Cowley.

16/120 Future of the bus service in the parish

Notification had been received that the bus service (103) would cease on 2 December. J Andrews and D Mann had attended a number of meetings locally to see what could be done to have some form of service in order not to isolate various people in the parish. To run a service similar to the current 103 would cost the five parishes (Great and Little Milton, Great and Little Haseley and Wheatley) an annual figure of approximately £97,000 if run by Stagecoach. As Parish Councils are not able to support commercial bus services (only community run services), there appeared to be little chance of keeping this going. D Mann had been talking with local taxi firms etc and was trying to set up a service to get people to Thame but this would be very much ad hoc. A meeting is trying to be arranged with Horspath Parish Council and if so, the Chairman and the Transport Rep will attend to see what can be done.

16/121 Tenancy agreement for allotment holders for 2016/17

K Sentance had provided the Parish Council with an amended allotment agreement which would see the yearly rent rise to £25.00 for a full allotment or £15.00 for half. After much discussion on a slight change of wording on various pieces of the tenancy agreement, it was confirmed that the Parish Council agreed with the increase in rent. K Sentance agreed to make the necessary changes and contact the allotment holders to see whether they wish to continue. The clerk would provide her with the rent book.

16/122 Response to BT consultation regarding the removal of the telephone box

A letter had been received stating the BT was wishing to remove the telephone box from the village. The Chairman proposed that a response should be put in stating that the defibrillator had been placed at the Village Hall as it was near the telephone box and also that mobile phone coverage throughout the village was at best poor. It was agreed to send this reply but felt that its removal was probably inevitable.

16/123 Reports from Committees

Footpaths – There had been report of a broken stile on the foot path between Great and Little Haseley. A Sheppard agreed to talk to the landowner about the problem.

Village Hall – D Mann reported that the ball would be taking place at the weekend and hoped it would be a success.

Playing Fields – E Spencer thanked the Cricket Club for clearing up the mess around the Pavillion. The post had now been replaced that had been broken when the items were stolen from the Playing Fields.

Allotments – This was dealt with under 16/121.

Report from the District and County Councillor

As S Harrod was not present nothing was discussed although his reported had been circulated to the Parish Council in advance of the meeting.

16/125 Correspondence

The clerk had received a letter from SODC regarding a Big Clean Up. It was agreed to ask them to clear the edges of the road in Rectory Road of all the weeds. Notification had been received that the Units at North Weston would be called Unit 1, 2 etc North Weston

Business Park. The clerk had received a quotation from Nicholsons for pruning the Millennium Wood, the older part. It was agreed that she should get another estimate and would ask Sylvatrees if they would quote.

A letter had been received from Scottish and Southern asking if there was anyone in the parish who would have a real problem if there was a power outage during the winter months. The clerk agreed to put a note in The Haseleys and she would get some leaflets to put out to various people.

The usual bag of correspondence was given to the Parish Councillors.

16/126 Any other business

There was no other business.

16/127 It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 12 December and the following one on 9 January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

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