

**MINUTES OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9  
MARCH 2015 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** D Simcox (Chairman); J Andrews; T Coles; E Spencer; D Mann; N Nixey; K Sentance; J Simcox, Clerk; S Harrod, District and County Councillor and one member of the public.

**14/144 Public Discussion**

There was no public discussion.

14/145 There were no apologies for absence.

14/146 T Coles declared a personal interest in item 14/149 and left the room during discussion.

14/147 The minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2015 were confirmed and signed.

**14/148 Matters arising**

The Chairman outlined the plans for the tree planting for Victor Story and the plaque was shown to the Councillors. It was agreed that those that could make the event would meet just before 12 noon in the churchyard. The Chairman confirmed the date of the annual spring clean as 11 April and asked who would be able to help. The clerk had visited the Cross Field and the bark chippings around the children's multiplay area need to be topped up and she had enquired with Mobbs how much this would be. A one tonne bag was £84 and it was agreed that the clerk should arrange for this to be delivered. J Andrews reported that he had still not received any reply from the bus companies.

**14/149 Planning**

**P15/S0264/HH Stanton, Latchford Lane, Great Haseley**

Erection of a single storey front and rear extension

The Parish Council has no strong views on this application.

**P15/S0229/FUL Land adjacent The Orchard, Back Way, Great Haseley**

Variation of condition 2 on application ref: P14/S3112/FUL to create a below ground basement

The Parish Council has no strong views on this application.

**14/150 Responsible Financial Officer's report**

The current account currently stands at £14,812.27 and the Business Reserve account stands at £15,373.26. The following cheques were written: Colourplus £374.76; Stamps for The Haseleys £25.44; Heating for meeting £6.00; plaque for tree £35.00. A cheque was written for CPRE for £36.00, this will appear on the April agenda. No other cheques were written. The clerk received £785.93 in income from *The Haseleys* and £6.00 for Book of Walks during the month of February.

**14/151 Grass cutting contract**

The clerk had sent out a grass cutting specification to three contractors, Scion, BGG and Rainbow. Rainbow had not bothered to respond even when a follow up email was sent. The difference between Scion and BGG was minimal and so it was agreed that the

contract would stay with Scion for the time being. The clerk would inform the two contractors of the outcome.

#### **14/152 Safeguarding children paper**

A paper had been received from the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board which was discussed in detail but it was felt that this was not the responsibility of the Parish Council and that the document did not inform Parish Councils what they were expected to do.

#### **14/153 South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031 Refined Options**

The Chairman explained that he had attended a meeting prior to the document being printed and went on to say that there were 20 questions that required answers although it was not possible for some of them to be answered as the Parish Council did not have the knowledge on the subject. The main issues agreed were that any new housing should be built to Code 5 standard which would ensure that they are as “green” as possible and also that they should be built to lifetime houses standard. They also felt that the proposal for a new settlement at Junction 7 of the M40 to accommodate Oxford City Council’s unmet housing need would not be viable as the transport routes to the City or the Science Vale were not good and it would put extra traffic onto the already very busy Green Road roundabout. It would also attract people wanting to move from London and therefore would not alleviate the local housing shortage. It was also suggested that public transport and traffic assessment links with OCC should be discussed. It was agreed that the Chairman would formulate a reply on behalf of the Parish Council. It was also suggested that members of the Parish Council should encourage as many people as possible to reply. It was not necessary for people to reply to all 20 questions, just the ones they felt competent to answer.

#### **14/154 Reports from Committees**

**Footpaths** – N Nixey had been in touch with J Hayward regarding the footpaths. The Chairman pointed out that the bridleway through the farmyard was blocked.

**Village Hall** – D Mann reported that there had been a quiz night in the Village Hall.

**Playing Fields** – E Spencer said that the Pavilion had been painted and was ready for the new season.

**Allotments** – As the meeting had been ongoing for a long period, it was decided that possible changes to the allotment tenancy agreements would be dealt with by email in order that K Sentance could get them out shortly.

**Transport** – J Andrews reported that he had been unable to attend the Transport Reps meeting but had received the minutes. The main problem with public transport was going to be possible cuts in bus services.

#### **14/155 Tenancy agreement for allotment holders**

This was postponed from the meeting and would be dealt with by email.

#### **14/156 Report from the District and County Councillor**

S Harrod had sent the OCC news to the Parish Council and this was being circulated.

**14/157 Correspondence**

The usual correspondence was distributed to the Parish Councillors. A letter had been received from J Alexander regarding the windmill asking if the Parish Council could give a donation towards the completion of the work. It was agreed that a sum of £500 would be donated and this would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**14/158 Any other business**

The clerk reported that as a result of the fire at SODC, she was looking into a way of automatically backing up the Parish Council/The Haseleys information off site. She had spoken with M Newdick who had proposed various ways of doing this and that it would cost a small amount of money to do so. The Parish Council agreed that she should go ahead and set it up.

14/159 It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 13 April and the following one on 14 May 2015 at 7.30pm. There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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