

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllrs A Sheppard (Chair), A Gheissari, C Pickett, E Spencer, A Oughton (Clerk) and 8 members of the public.

19/161 Public Discussion and Public Questions

Residents of Back Way addressed the meeting to raise concerns related to the deterioration of Back Way. Back Way was dangerous to drive and walk along, although classified by the County Council as a footpath it provided vehicle access to residential properties located along it and also to the play area, the allotments and Millennium Wood. It was used by waste collection vehicles, delivery vehicles and often as a cut through to other areas of the village.

The residents requested the Parish Council's support to work with them to remedy the situation and to consider what financial support they could give from contributions received via the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) related to new residential dwellings that had been developed on Back Way. The Parish Council was a main stakeholder owning the allotments, play area and Millennium Wood.

The Chair reported an article had been placed in The Haseleys asking residents for their ideas on the infrastructure projects on which they would like CIL funds spent but no responses were received. The Parish Council planned to hold a public consultation in the Village Hall on 21 March to present possible projects on which CIL may be spent. This could include a proposal on work for Back Way such as traffic calming, restoration and drainage work.

The Chair had met with representatives from the County Council who had confirmed Back Way is classified as a footpath and as such they considered its condition as adequate. The Parish Council understood the issues raised and sympathised with the residents. It was suggested the Residents of Back Way form a group and appoint a spokesperson. The group should seek professional advice from a structural / civil engineer and present a proposal with costings to the Parish Council.

Cllr Sheppard thanked everyone for attending the meeting and putting forward their views and looked forward to receiving further information in due course.

19/162 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Lindsay (Personal), McGuirk (Business) and Woodrow (Personal).

19/163 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr Spencer declared an interest in item 19/166 – Back Way and left the meeting during discussion of this item.

Cllr Pickett declared an interest in item 19/172 – School Garden and left the meeting during discussion of this item.

19/164 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2020 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19/165 Matters Arising

The Chair reported an amendment to the planning applications for the proposed gas peaking plant at Lobb Farm was expected any day. The Chair had spoken to District Councillor Newton as a similar proposal for a generating plant at Wheatley was due to be considered by the District Planning Committee on 12 February 2020. District Officers were recommending approval, Wheatley Parish Council had objected to the application.

Cllrs Pickett and Spencer attended the public meeting organised by the group 'A Better South Oxfordshire' on Saturday 25 January 2020. It had been a long meeting and there was little to report that was not already known.

The Chair reported Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) were to consider, at their meeting tomorrow, whether they will take over the South Oxfordshire Local Plan if the Secretary of State provided them with the opportunity to do so. The best outcome for Great Haseley would be for the Local Plan to proceed through Examination and be adopted.

19/166 Back Way

Discussion took place following correspondence received and information exchanged during the public participation item at the beginning of the meeting.

It was felt before the Parish Council could make any decision on what support it could give, be it financial or in another form, the Residents need to put forward a costed proposal. The feeling of those present was that Back Way should remain a footpath and be accessible for walkers, cyclists, users of wheelchairs and mobility scooters, prams and the vehicles of residents whose properties are accessed from Back Way.

If, following the village consultation the consensus of residents supported the proposal and the spend of CIL funds generated by the new developments on Back Way. The Parish Council will consult the District Officer responsible for CIL to ensure the project can be funded from CIL and will then consider it at a future Parish Council meeting.

Consideration was given to the request that all funding and expenditure for the project go through the Parish Council Accounts. This would be explored, however, it may be more practical for the Residents Group to set up a community bank account for the project and ongoing funding for future repairs.

The Clerk will draft a letter to the Residents of Back Way to be agreed at the additional Parish Council meeting on 24 February 2020.

19/167 Planning Applications

P19/S2503/O – Haseley End, Rectory Road Amendment No. 3 dated 13 January 2020

Demolition of existing building and garages. Construction of 4 new residential attached dwellings, car parking and new vehicle crossover with access, appearance, layout and scale to be determined at this stage. (As amended by plan 103 Rev A (Landscaping) and plans received 24 October 2019 reducing the number of units from 4 to 3. Reduction in number of parking spaces, alteration to design and materials of dwellings and by Heritage Statement dated December 2019).

Resolved that the Amendment did not alter the Parish Council's original reasons for objection.

The following applications were noted:

P20/S0168/LDE – The Bungalow, 2 North Weston

Certificate of Lawful Use for the existing use of the property as a residential dwelling.

P20/S0038/AG – The White House, Moreton Road, Moreton - Agricultural steel framed barn this application had been withdrawn prior to determination.

P19/S4439/FUL - Barn at North Weston Farm, Shabbington Road, North Weston -

Change of use of part of building to self-storage (B8) with external alterations via recladding and doors. The District Planning Authority had granted permission for this application.

19/168 Payments

The following cheques were written as notified on the agenda: £552.00 Donation towards grass cutting at St Peter's Church, Colourplus £353.11, Thame Roofing £1104.00 (Village Hall), SODC £138.14 (Dog bin emptying 1 Jul to 31 December 2019), £35.08 (Postage & Labels – The Haseleys).

The following cheques were written at the meeting: £327.11 Colourplus.

The following direct debit payment was agreed: HMRC £191.16 (Qtr 3 VAT payment).

19/169 Financial Report

The balance on the Current Account was £15,794.22 and the Business Reserve Account £22,910.14. The income for the month of £365.87 had been received from advertisements placed in The Haseleys.

19/170 Grant Award Policy

It was agreed that as no funding had been set aside in the 2020-21 Budget for grant funding the Grant Award Policy would not be pursued at this time.

19/171 Website

Cllr Lindsey had attended a website accessibility training to gain a better understanding as to what work needed to be done to the Parish Council website in order for it to be accessibility complaint by the September deadline. The Clerk will circulate Cllr Lindsay's written update following the meeting.

19/172 School Garden

OCC had written to the Parish Council asking if they would like to renew the lease on the old School Garden. To proceed OCC needed to know exactly what the land would be used for and the rental figure the Parish Council was prepared to pay. The site would be offered on a 5year lease with no reviews and a break option for both parties after 3years. OCC confirmed they would be seeking the same information from all interested parties and would make an assessment of the offers once all were received.

After a short discussion it was agreed the Parish Council would write to OCC to say they were no longer interested in renewing the lease on the old School Garden.

19/173 Emergency Plan

OCC had written to all Parishes asking for a copy of their Community Emergency Plans even if these were at a draft stage. It was agreed Cllr McGuirk would forward Great Haseley's Emergency Plan to the Emergency Planning Officer at OCC.

19/174 Tidy Day

The 7 or 14 March were put forward as dates for the annual Tidy Day. The Clerk will email Councillors to ask their availability. The Clerk will also check the Village Hall is available. Mrs Simcox has volunteered to prepare lunch for all those volunteering on the day. The Parish Council expressed their thanks to Mrs Simcox.

Possible jobs for the day include; clearing the footpath along Mill Lane and spreading wood chippings. Cleaning road signs including those at the top of the Thame Road, clearing the footpath between Rectory Road and Horse Close Cottages.

19/175 Reports from Committees

Footpaths

Cllr Gheissari had been in contact with the District Council re the location of the new dog waste bins. A new stile was in place on the footpath between Peggs Farm and Latchford Lane. Cllr Gheissari reported a local resident had offered wood chippings for use in areas around the village.

Village Hall – Nothing to report.

Playing Fields – Nothing to report.

Miss Cross Field - Nothing to report.

Millennium Wood

Cllr Spencer will obtain quotations for grass cutting for this season in Millennium Wood, Miss Cross Field and the Playing Fields.

Allotments

Cllr Pickett reported two further enquiries for allotment space had been received.

Communications – Nothing to report.

Environment

Cllr Gheissari reported a number of residents in Horse Close Cottages had experienced waste coming up from the drains in their gardens. Thames Water were informed and are undertaking line cleansing. Thames Water will write to local residents providing guidance as to what can and cannot be put into the household drainage system.

19/176 Reports from District and County Councillors

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

19/177 Correspondence

The correspondence bag was circulated.

19/178 Information Exchange

It was noted that the Minerals & Waste Consultation included a site behind the Ford garage on Rycote Lane within Thame Parish. The Chair had asked Mr Simcox to review the consultation documents. It was agreed if there were any issues that affected the Parish the Chair will respond to the consultation.

The Clerk reported Thame Town Council were due to meet with officers from Oxfordshire County Council to discuss the sites on Moorend Lane and Rycote Lane. Thame Town Council's response to the Minerals and Waste Consultation will be discussed at the next Planning & Environment Committee meeting.

Cllr Lindsay reminded everyone to delete unwanted email messages to free up capacity on the system.

The plans for how to collect views on each of the projects at the CIL public consultation on 21 March 2020 will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting in March.

19/179 Next meetings

It was agreed that an additional meeting will be held on Monday 24 February 2020, commencing at 8pm in the Village Hall. The following meeting will take place on 9 March 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council Meeting in April needed to be changed as the second Monday in April was Easter Bank Holiday. The Clerk will email Councillors seeking their availability on either 14 or 20 April 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm

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Chairman
9 March 2020