

**MINUTES OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13  
APRIL 2015 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** D Simcox (Chairman); J Andrews; T Coles; E Spencer; N Nixey; K Sentance; J Simcox, Clerk; and two members of the public.

**15/1 Public Discussion**

There was no public discussion.

15/2 Apologies for absence were received from D Mann. S Harrod tried to attend the meeting but did not arrive until after the meeting had closed.

15/3 There were no declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

15/4 The minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2015 were confirmed and signed.

**15/5 Matters arising**

The Chairman reported that there had been a successful village spring clean and litterblitz with the footpath alongside School House now being cleared. Whilst undertaking work on the footpath, a garden wall fell down. He also reported that although the clerk had ordered 1 tonne of bark for the Children's Play area on the Cross Field, once it had been spread, it was not nearly enough. As a result, the Chairman and a Councillor took the decision to get another 1 tonne load whilst the volunteers were available to spread it.

**15/6 Planning**

There were no new planning applications to discuss. The following applications had been granted permission by SODC: Quince Cottage, Back Way; Stanton, Latchford Lane and the barn at North Weston Farm.

**15/7 Responsible Financial Officer's report**

The current account currently stands at £14,716.14 and the Business Reserve account stands at £15,373.26. The following cheques were written: Colourplus £431.02; Stamps for The Haseleys £25.44; Heating for meeting £6.00; Clerk's salary for 3 months £313.16; HMRC tax £78.40; Water container £6.99; VAT £367.26; ORCC membership £30.00; OALC subscription £133.07; Nicholsons (2) (Tree and replacement planting on Millennium Wood -£184.38; SODC (Dog Bins) £75.35; Great Haseley Windmill Trust £500.00. Three cheques was written but not on the April agenda: A W Mobbs £209.10; Consumables for springclean £40.73, Woodrow Joinery (Safety gate for Village Hall) £162.28. No other cheques were written. The clerk received £376.07 income from *The Haseleys* and £5.00 for Book of Walks during the month of March.

The clerk reported that she had received notification that the name of the company who holds the grass cutting contract (Scion Estates) has now changed to Mears Estates.

The clerk reported that Peter Cawdron had agreed to undertake the internal audit for the Parish Council and the accounts were now awaiting his return to the village. It was also reported that under the Transparency Code, it would appear that the Parish Council would require a website separate from the current one used. The clerk would look into this and report to the Parish Council at its next meeting.

## 15/8 Reports from Committees

**Footpaths** – Most footpaths now appeared to have been sprayed to allow easy access through crops. N Nixey was informed that the stile on Footpath 6 was very wobbly and he would contact the landowner. It was noted with thanks that the gate was now open allowing access to the bridleway through Peggs Farm.

**Village Hall** – The Village Hall Committee were busy organizing the Village Fete and a child gate had been installed in the Village Hall..

**Playing Fields** – E Spencer said that the cricket fixtures were now known and the Playing Fields Committee were looking into allowing the model aircraft club to take more days for flying. This was only to be allowed as long as they did not fly over the village. The clerk was asked to put a note in The Haseleys asking if anyone had any events planned where they wished to use the Playing Fields in order to avoid a clash with the model aircraft days.

**Cross Field** – All the shackles on the swings had been greased, the bark under the multiplay area had been added to and some put under the slide equipment. The “climbing wall” had also been repaired and the whole area had received its first cut. P Woodrow had agreed to replace one of the planks on the picnic table.

**Allotments** – The clerk had received the allotment rents and thanks go to R Perkins for repairing the tap and switching on the water. K Sentance had taken into account the comments made on the Tenancy agreement for allotment holders and would send a copy of the final version to the Parish Councillors.

**Transport** – J Andrews reported that the group looking at the Little Milton Cycle track had hoped to receive some funding from the District Councillor but had been informed that there was no money available this year. He said he expected the group to contact Great Haseley Parish Council to see if they have any ideas about funding the scheme.

**Neighbourhood Action Group (NAGs)** – N Nixey had attended a meeting in Chalgrove and he reported that the police were struggling with finances having had to sell the police station to raise funds. He also reported that Garsington had purchased two speed awareness cameras at £2,800 per camera. He would be sent details of where these were purchased from for the Parish Council.

## 15/9 Report from the District and County Councillor

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

## 15/10 Correspondence

The usual correspondence was distributed to the Parish Councillors.

## 15/11 Any other business

N Nixey reported that once again there were problems with vans etc at the Three Pigeons garage. He had spoken with them and said things will be OK for a little while and then it will be as bad as before.

The Chairman reported that rubbish had been dumped at the bottom of Arns Hill again. The clerk had been in touch with SODC to get it removed but this was obviously becoming a hotspot for this activity. The clerk would contact the District Councillor to see if a sign could be put up.

As nine people had put themselves forward to stand on the Parish Council, there would be an election. This being the last meeting before the election, the Chairman thanked his fellow Parish Councillors for all their efforts over the last four years and wished them well.

15/12 It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 18 May which would also include the Annual Parish meeting, and the following one on 8 June 2015 at 7.30pm. There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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