

**MINUTES OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 11 OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllrs C Groves, D Lindsay, C Pickett, J Webster, P Woodrow, A Oughton (Clerk) and three members of the public.

21/74 Public Discussion and Public Questions

Concern was raised regarding water running down Thame Road. It had been reported to Thames Water. Cllr Lindsay urged people to report matters such as this via Fix My Street, the more times a fault was reported it seemed to raise the urgency to have it repaired. Agreed to include Fix My Street link in Haseley Update.

The Parish Council agreed to purchase a small Union flag to place on the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

21/75 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs McQuirk (Personal) and Suter (Personal). Cllr Lindsay chaired the meeting.

21/76 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

21/77 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21/78 Matters Arising

Further to discussion earlier in the year it was agreed to set up a subcommittee to look at the formation of an Allotment Association.

21/79 Planning Applications

P21/S3859/HH – 34 Thame Road

New detached open-fronted car port outbuilding

Resolved to support the application

P21/S3915/FUL – Dodwells Solar Farm, Land north of the A40 near Milton Common

Installation and operation of a Solar Farm together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure.

Resolved to object to the application

- Overdevelopment due to the cumulative effect of proposed solar farms in the area
- Scale of proposed solar farm
- Adverse impact on the character of the area
- Adverse impact on the countryside
- Close proximity to neighbouring properties

The following applications were noted.

P20/S3905/FUL - Manana Latchford Lane

Amendment No 2

Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new chalet style house and garage (removal of garage, amendment to design, arboricultural impact assessment, preliminary bat roost

assessment, energy statement, and water efficiency calculator received 18/05/2021 and bat survey received 31/08/2021).

P21/S1525/DIS - Land North of Rycote Lane near Thame

Amendments No 4, 5 & 6

Additional drainage information and soft landscaping plan 344A received 18 August 202. Single Phase Masterplan received 1 October 2022

P21/S1632/RM - Land North of Rycote Lane Thame

Amendment No. 4

Single Phase Masterplan received 1 October 2022

It was noted that the District Planning Authority had granted permission for the following applications:

P21/S2372/HH - 40 Thame Road

Convert the existing garage (thatcher's room) to a dining room by changing the existing bi fold timber doors. Replace the existing rear single storey tin chicken shed with a new single storey 'garden room' including a study and gym. Include a West facing dormer window on rear roof slope. (As Amended by plans received 2021-08-23 altering the height, location and design and outbuilding.)

P21/S3289/DIS - Haseley End Rectory Road

Discharge of conditions 9 (Surface water drainage works) & 10 (Foul drainage works) in application P21/S0638/FUL. Demolition of existing bungalow and outbuildings. New 3 bed detached cottage and one pair of 2 bed semi-detached cottages. Landscaping and car parking with existing crossover retained and widened.

21/80 Public Consultations

It was agreed to hold an open event for residents to express what is important to them related to the village. Information gathered will help form responses to future public consultations. This could take place at the same time as the 'sign up' event for faster broadband.

21/81 Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Mr Sheehan addressed the meeting regarding his proposal to extend the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Following recommendations set out in the 2019 'Glover' Landscapes Review, the Chilterns AONB is one of the areas being considered for boundary expansion. This opens an opportunity for some areas surrounding the current AONB to benefit from greater environmental protections and to safeguard important landscapes.

The proposal has been sent to the Chilterns Conservation Board (CCB) to be considered for inclusion within the bounds of the Chilterns AONB as detailed on the map sent to the parish council. The CCB are supportive of the idea but want to wait until the government response to the Glover Review is announced before deciding on their future course.

Mr Sheehan's view is that the proposal would not only conserve the setting of the Chilterns escarpment but would also preserve an iconic landscape enjoyed by thousands as they travel through the Chiltern gap and beyond. It would also serve as a valuable corridor linking two protected areas - the Chilterns AONB and the Oxford Green Belt - with associated benefits to wildlife.

An AONB does not prevent development but frame future development and the Landscape Character Assessment could form part of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed the Parish Council will formally write a letter of support to Mr Sheehan.

21/82 Financial Report

Copies of bank statements to 30 September 2021 had been circulated. The balances at 30 September were noted as follows: Current Account - £19,206.12 and Business Reserve Account - £39,091.07. The Clerk reported income as follows: Current Account – £8,150.00 – 2nd half of the Precept and £15 – sale of Book of Walks.

The Clerk reported the Notice of Conclusion of Annual Audit had been posted on 22 September 2021. The External Auditor's Report for 2020/21 concluded 'the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with the Proper Practices and no other matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met'.

21/83 Payments

The following cheques were approved: £240 Moore, £36 Pet Waste Solutions, £24 Shield, £406.65 Parish Administration, £101.80 HMRC.

21/84 Miss Cross Field & Playing Fields

The annual RoSPA inspection reports had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Lindsay reported there were no high risk items that required immediate attention. A length of wood on the multiplay roof had dropped and needed repairing, Cllr Woodrow agreed to do this. The report highlighted evidence of bird fouling on pieces of equipment, particularly the swings. It was agreed Cllr Woodrow would fix a deterrent along the top bar of the swings which would deter birds from landing but not harm them.

Small maintenance items highlighted in the report will be done during the annual village tidy day.

Cllr Woodrow reported he had arranged for FreshAir Fitness to service and repair the adult gym equipment.

21/85 Miss Cross Field

Cllr Lindsay reported he had received one quotation from Creative Play to replace the Money Climber and will obtain a further two quotations for presentation to a future council meeting.

21/86 20mph Zones and Parking

It was agreed the Clerk will register the Parish Council's interest with Oxfordshire County Council to be considered in the first round of implementation of 20mph speed limits.

21/87 Haseley Updates

Following the announcement that the Editor of the Haseleys will be giving up production of the the Haseley Updates at the end of the year, it was agreed to publish an article calling for a volunteer to set up and administer future updates via a WhatsApp group. The Chairman will write to the Editor thanking him for his hard work in publishing the Haseley Updates.

21/88 Councillor Representatives

Resolved that the Committees and Representatives be agreed as follows:

Planning – Cllr Lindsay
Footpaths – Cllr Webster
Allotments – Cllr Pickett
Millennium Wood – Cllr Webster

Miss Cross Field – Cllr Groves
Playing Fields – Cllr Groves
Village Hall – Cllr Woodrow
Communication – Cllr McGuirk
Environment – Cllr Suter

21/89 Dog Waste Bins

The Clerk reported the agreement with Shield Maintenance Ltd to empty the dog bins had been signed and Shield had commenced collections.

21/90 Reports from Committees / County and District Councillors

County Councillor Freddie van Mierlo and District Councillor Newton had sent their apologies.

Reports from Committees:

Village Hall – Cllr Woodrow reported the pop pub continues to be well supported.

Millennium Wood – Cllr Webster invited Councillors to attend an information gathering meeting with Nicholsons on 15 October 2021, 1.30pm at Millennium Wood.

Playing Fields – Cllr Groves reported the cricket season had finished and the wicket top dressed for the winter. A wedding reception had taken place last weekend.

Allotments, Footpaths, Miss Cross Field, Communications, Environment – nothing to report

21/91 Correspondence

Items of correspondence and local parish magazines were circulated in the Correspondence Bag for October.

21/92 Information Exchange

Items for next agenda:
Allotments
Millennium Wood

21/93 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting will be held on 8 November 2021 and the following meeting on 13 December 2021, commencing at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Cllr Woodrow gave his apologies for the November meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm

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Chairman
8 November 2021