

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
ON MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2018 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** D Simcox (Chairman); J Andrews; H Harvey; D Lindsay; D Mann; A Sheppard; E Spencer; C Newton – District Councillor; J Simcox, Clerk and no members of the public.

**17/139 Public Discussion**

As there were no public, there was nothing to discuss.

17/140 Apologies for absence – S Harrod, County Councillor.

17/141 There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

17/142 After changing Jill for Gill under Item 17/125, the minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2017 were confirmed and signed.

**17/ 143 Matters arising**

The clerk had received notification from OCC that they would be visiting the Old School Garden site and then assess what they would be doing with it. The clerk had sent out an email regarding an increase of £12 per year in the council tax to support Thames Valley Police. It was agreed that this should be acceptable to help protect operational policing in Thames Valley. The Chairman reported that one interview for the Clerk's post had taken place and a further one would take place later in the week.

**17/144 Planning**

**P17/S4415/FUL Land off Rycote Lane Christmas Hill Rycote Lane near Thame**  
Relocation of Thame Livestock Market with buildings to accommodate agricultural sales, lairage, administrative offices, welfare facilities, business units, and associated external works to include highway access, roadways, vehicle parking, vehicle washing and other ancillary works.

This application was discussed at length and the Parish Council recommended approval with a number of conditions which had been discussed at the meeting with the Thame Livestock Market applicants and had not been included in the final application. These were that cycle way/footpath be installed along the A329; a bus shuttle to Thame; solar panels be used and that there should be protection on the lairage that it cannot be used for future development.

**P17/S4387/FUL The Nursery School, Rectory Road, Great Haseley**

Conversion of the Old School building to dwelling and erection of a new detached dwelling within the grounds of The Old School, Great Haseley. The proposal includes for the demolition of the single storey flat roof extensions, lean-to conservatories and a prefabricated outbuilding (as amended by plans ref PS1010A, PE1010B, PP0010 B and PP1030B which alters the south facing dining room extension by reducing its length, increasing the amount of glazing and lowering the roof profile)

This application had been put in as the original application for the development of the site had been jointly for the two buildings. However, as they were now to be separated, it was necessary to separate the conditions. As there appeared to be nothing different, the Parish Council recommended approval.

### **P17/S4441/O Land north of Rycote Lane, Thame**

The erection of up to 180,000 square feet (up to 16,722 square metres) of B2/B8 with ancillary B1(a) and B1(c) together with parking, drainage, landscaping (structural and incidental) and highway works

The Parish Council had not formally received this application from SODC but felt that it should be looked at. This piece of land sits between Gregories and the proposed site for the Thame Livestock Market and it is proposed to have a large industrial site here.

Thame Town Council are keen to have it here as they are short of employment land in their Neighbourhood Plan.

Due to a number of complaints regarding the site at Haseley Brook Farm, Standhill Lane, the Chairman had walked down and found that a number of the conditions put on the land in the original application had been broken. There were lights on the building, the planting had been removed and new planting that was part of the planning application had not been undertaken. There was also a midden being built close to Haseley Brook with no obvious barrier to stop effluent entering the watercourse. The Chairman had contacted the Environment Agency about this and Enforcement should be contacted about the other problems.

The gunsmith who has put in the planning application had been in contact with most of the Parish Council asking why they were against his application. The clerk had written to him to say that having seen information that appeared to be missing from the package received from SODC, the Parish Council had not changed its view that this was an inappropriate place for development of this kind.

The Chairman had asked The District Councillor to call in to Committee the planning application for the Old Institute. However, after much thought, she felt that she could not support this as she had been advised that the Conservation officer supported the new plans and it was unlikely that they would win the case. The Chairman said he would perhaps try to talk to the builders regarding this to see if some of the issues could be solved.

The clerk had received correspondence from Cratus, who were wanting to discuss the land South of Grenoble Road which they wished to seek an allocation in South Oxfordshire's Local Plan. It was agreed to arrange a meeting and the clerk would set one up.

### **17/145 Responsible Financial Officer's report**

The current account currently stands at £15,495.42 and the Business Reserve account stands at £15,388.93. The following cheques were written: Clerk's salary for October – November 2017 £326.21; HMRC Tax £81.60; Stamps for The Haseleys £26.88; Nicholson Nurseries £60.00. A cheque was written for Colourplus £335.49 and will appear on the agenda for the February meeting. A cheque had been written between meeting for Carmella Media £70 and will also appear on the February agenda. No other cheques were written. The cheque for EAG (Donation to fighting fund for O2C Expressway) has not been submitted as they have not yet set up a bank account. Income during the month of December was advertising in The Haseleys was £599.35.

#### **17/146 Budget and Precept for 2018-19**

The budget had been tabled at the December meeting and this was ratified by all the Parish Council. The clerk would inform SODC of the precept.

#### **17/147 Update on the SODC Local Plan**

C Newton said that the Local Plan is likely to require public hearing sessions which will take place in spring or early summer.

#### **17/148 Response to an email from Thame Town Council regarding a possible boundary change**

The clerk had received an email from Thame suggesting a boundary change due to the proposed large scale industrial development at Rycote Lane. This was discussed at length and the Parish Council felt that they did not have a problem with Thame including the area in their Neighbourhood Plan but did not want a boundary change. It was agreed that a meeting should be set up to discuss the issue with Thame Town Council and the clerk would organise this.

#### **17/149 Reports from Committees**

**Footpaths** – D Lindsay had been in touch with The Ramblers to see if they had any footpaths in the parish which they felt needed work doing on them but as yet had not received any feedback. The clerk had once again, been in contact with OCC regarding the footpath maps.

**Village Hall** – D Mann reported that the woodburning stove is to be removed from the Village Hall. She also reported that there are to be a number of events during the year at the Village Hall that will be advertised in The Haseleys.

**Playing Fields** – Nothing to report

**Cross Field** –J Andrews, E Spencer and J Simcox had met with a representative of Sovereign and had asked for a quotation for the replacement of the tower slide equipment. To date this has not been received. The Chairman raised the issue of the pedestrian gate which comes up as a problem on the RoSPA report. The clerk agreed to contact a company that advertised in the NALC magazine and find out sizes and costs for the next meeting.

**Millennium Wood** – The clerk asked whether the Parish Council wished to continue with weed control around the new trees. It was agreed that this should take place. However H Harvey suggested that a group of say 4-5 people were made responsible for pruning and generally looking after the trees in the wood. This was thought to be a good idea and the clerk would put a note in The Haseleys to see if anyone came forward to undertake this work.

**Allotments** –The new tenancy agreement was now agreed and J Andrews said that he would put a note in the next Haseleys to see who wished to have an allotment in the new season. The clerk agreed to put the tenancy agreement on the website.

**Transport** – Nothing to report.

**17/150 Report from the District Councillor**

C Newton had sent a report which had been distributed to the Parish Councillors.

**17/151 Correspondence**

The Chairman had received a reply to the Parish Council letter to Lord Adonis regarding the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway. It did not however say very much and it was just a general reply. The usual bag of correspondence was given to the Parish Councillors.

**17/152 Any other business**

E Spencer asked if the Parish Council could contact Soha regarding the condition of the bungalows in Horse Close. The paint cladding was all peeling off and they look in a very poor state. The clerk to contact Soha about this.

H Harvey asked about all the bins that are left out in Back Way to the rear of Lewington Close. The Chairman said that SODC will not send their bin lorries up Lewington Close, so they collect the rubbish from Back Way. However, SODC state that bins should be kept on the property and only put out on the day of collection. The clerk agreed to talk to SODC about the problem. He also raised the issue of the state of Back Way due to building works. He said that the area nearest to Countax had now been dug up twice and he had been in touch with Feltham to ask to have it properly reinstated but had not got anywhere. He said that he would continue to pursue it as it would only get worse.

17/154 It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 12 February and the following one on 12 March 2018, both at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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