

**MINUTES OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr J Brown, Cllr C Groves, Cllr D Lindsay (Chairman), Cllr R Sheehan, Cllr T Suter, Cllr J Webster, Cllr P Woodrow, A Oughton (Clerk) and five members of the public.

22/89 Public Discussion and Public Questions

A resident thanked the Parish Council for placing the Union Flags on the War Memorial for the Service of Remembrance.

The agent for planning application P22/S3618/FUL stated it was unusual for a mobile home to be sited in open land. The plan is for the resident to live in the mobile home whilst a self-build plot is developed on the furthest plot going out of the village. Timing is an issue in that the mobile home is already on site but not connected to utilities or be inhabited until planning permission is approved.

22/90 Acceptance of Office

Cllr Jake Brown duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Brown to his first meeting.

22/91 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

22/92 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of Interest or Dispensations.

22/93 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

22/94 Matters Arising

Community Governance and Electoral Review – Cllr Suter attended the Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee meeting on 10 October 2022 and put forward the Parish Council's case that the parish boundary between Great Haseley and Thame Parishes should not be altered as per Thame Town Council's request. No representatives from Thame Town Council attended the meeting but the Town Council had submitted written representations.

When put to the vote the District Council's Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee voted with the District Officer's recommendation and resolved that the boundary between Great Haseley and Thame Parish will not change.

Foodbank - The Parochial Church Council has agreed to support a monthly food bank at the church with donations being given to Thame Food Bank for distribution. It was agreed the Parish Council will support this by publicising the monthly collections. The first collection will be held over this weekend.

20mph speed initiative – The Chairman has made County Councillor van Mierlo aware of the disruption caused by the County Council Highways team who managed to close both ends of the village simultaneously when line marking the roads.

22/95 Planning Applications

P22/S3618/FUL – Part of Winsey View Farm, Rectory Road, Great Haseley, OX44 7JT

Temporary provision of mobile home to facilitate self-build house construction.

Resolved to Support the application with the following comment:

- The time period for temporary provision of a mobile home on site should align with the period of build out on the western plot.

The following applications were noted:

P22/S3663/T28 – Unit 8, Field Farm, North Weston

Intention to install 1 x 12m wooden light pole.

P22/S2411/HH – Windersey, 4 Rectory Road, Great Haseley, OX44 7JS

Amendment No. 2 - Amended Plan & Additional Information received 20 October 2022

P22/S1894/DIS – Land north of Rycote Lane, Thame

Amendment No. 2 - As per updated travel plan received 13 October 2022

P21/S1511/FUL – Land North of Rycote Lane, nr Thame, OX9 2BY

Amendment No. 1 – As amended by plans and information received 25 October 2022

Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) for off-site highway works incorporating alterations to Rycote Lane in application P17/S4441/O. (As amended by plans received 30 August 2022 & amended and amplified by plans and information received 25 October 2022). 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.

P22/S3679/DIS – Latchford House, Latchford Lane, Great Haseley

Discharge of conditions 3 (Joinery Details) & 4 (Schedule of Materials) on planning application P22/S0253/HH Demolition of existing outbuilding & detached garage & erection of single storey side & rear extensions. Front single storey bay window & erection of single storey detached garage & garden store. Alterations to existing dwelling to include the replacement of existing windows, removal of internal partitions, removal of existing stair & new internal stair.

P22/S3680/DIS – Latchford House, Latchford Lane, Great Haseley

Discharge of conditions 3 (Joinery Details) & 4 (Materials) on application P22/S0254/LB. (Demolition of existing outbuilding & detached garage & erection of single storey side & rear extensions. Front single storey bay window & erection of single storey detached garage & garden store. Alterations to existing dwelling to include the replacement of existing windows, removal of internal partitions, removal of existing stair & new internal stair).

P22/S2542/FUL – Haseley Court, Little Haseley

As amplified by additional plan received 14 October 2022

P22/S3739/DIS – Land off Rycote Lane, Christmas Hill, Rycote Lane, Thame

Discharge of condition 22 (Licence 2) on application P17/S4415/FUL. 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.

It was further noted that the District Planning Authority has granted permission for the following application:

P22/S3065/HH - Stoneleigh Cottage, Back Way, Great Haseley, OX44 7JP

Erection of single storey rear extension. Insert new window in side elevation.

22/96 Harrington

It is important to state that the proposal for Harrington and its associated publicity and 'public consultations' are still completely speculative and are not in any way part of South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) and the Vale of White Horse District Council's Joint Local Plan for additional housing.

District Councillor Caroline Newton provided a report on the new concept proposals to build a new town of 6,500 homes at Harrington, off the M40 at Junction 7 between Tetsworth, the Haseleys and Milton Common.

A series of roadshow events have been held and a Community Planning Weekend over 11-15 November. The concept development will be divided into three settlements and include a country park, residential and commercial development and schools. Summix is promising improved biodiversity, sustainability with dwellings being built to a high sustainable standard. There will be sustainable transport hubs and mention of a railway, however, there are no railways near the site and no indication from Network Rail that any are planned.

Access to the site could be adjacent to the M40 slip road or along the A40 at Tetsworth with a tunnel under the motorway, or both. Beyond the location and scale, Summix have provided little detail. Their ambitious timescale is to start on site 2027-2028. They have not thought about the impact on local roads and there is no suggestion of connecting the development with Chalgrove.

It is suspected that the timing of this public consultation is purely a way for the plans to be considered for inclusion in the new Joint Local Plan. It is District Councillor Newton's belief that there is not a need for this many additional homes in the District and unlikely that the forthcoming Housing Needs Assessment planned for summer 2023 will support an additional 6,500 homes across the District.

District Councillor Newton will continue to work with local stakeholders, including local parishes, Haseley Brook Action Group (HBAG) and residents to oppose development on this site.

22/97 Financial Report

Copies of bank statements to 31 October 2022 had been circulated. The balances for October were noted as follows: Current Account - £27,482.18 and Business Reserve Account - £40,674.27.

No income was recorded in the Current Account for the month of October.

Discussion took place on setting up online banking with National Westminster Bank plc. The Clerk will set up robust procedures around the approval process for payments which will only differ slightly to current procedures. Alongside setting up online access the Clerk will explore other charity accounts which provide second signatory payment authority.

Resolved to set up online banking with National Westminster Bank plc. The banking forms were duly signed by Cllrs Lindsay, Suter and Woodrow

22/98 Payments

Resolved to approve the following cheques: £52.00 Shield Maintenance Ltd, £307.80 Bunkers Hill Plant Nursery, £50 Tayler Blackall (refund of grant).

22/99 Draft Budget & Precept 2023-24

The first draft budget was circulated for discussion. It was agreed the budget line for the village hall be increased to £1,250 and the annual waste charge shown as a separate item. Cllr Groves reported that the current grass cutting contractor will not be continuing next year. Quotes will be obtained but it was highly likely that the cost of grass cutting may increase significantly.

All agreed it was important that the parish portion of the council tax did not increase for 2023-24 even if this resulted in the Parish Council agreeing a deficit budget. The Clerk will make minor amendments ready for further discussion and approval in January.

22/100 Council Policies / Procedures

Resolved to approve the new Dignity at Work Policy and Grievance and Disciplinary Procedure.

22/101 Civility and Respect Pledge

Agreed the Clerk will find out more about the last statement regarding the 'support of continued lobbying for change in legislation to support the Civility and Respect Pledge, including sanctions for elected members where appropriate' and bring the Pledge back for further discussion at a future meeting.

22/102 Parish Action Plan

Cllr Sheehan ran through each of the Objectives and Proposals in Phase 2 of the Parish Council's Climate Action Plan. Various amendments, deletions and additions were verbally agreed. Cllr Sheehan will bring back the amended plan for approval at a future meeting.

22/103 Projects

Public Art – s106 funding

Cllr Suter chaired a meeting of the steering group which completed a draft plan and submitted it to the Public Art Officer at SODC for comment with a view to submitting the final plan to the developer by the end of November. Cllr Suter chased the Officer this morning who apologised for the slow response but she was establishing through the s106 legal agreement whether the public art had to be located close to the development site.

Neighbourhood Priority Statement

Cllr Suter reported the next step is to assemble a team. He will put an update in The Haseleys calling for volunteers with an aim to hold the first meeting before Christmas.

Miss Cross Field

The three quotations for a new piece of play equipment had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Groves reported he is meeting with a member of the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association (OPFA) on 29 November who will advise on existing and proposed facilities within Miss Cross Field and the Recreation Ground.

Resolved to accept the quotation from Creative Play

22/104 National Salary Award

Resolved to increase the Clerk's salary in line with the national pay award, SPC6 and that the increase is backdated to 1 April 2022.

22/105 The Haseleys

The Chairman reported that a team of volunteers had come forward to run The Haseleys on the same basis as the current editorial team with any surplus being distributed to local charities. The new team will take over from January 2023.

The Parish Council expressed its sincere thanks to the Editorial Team who had produced The Haseley magazine for the last five years and to the new volunteers for taking the magazine forward.

22/106 Reports from Committees / County & District Councillors

County Cllr van Mierlo had sent his apologies and circulated his report for November.

District Cllr Newton reported there had been a problem sending out her monthly report but said it would be resent.

Reports from Committees:

Village Hall – Cllr Woodrow reported another successful ‘pop up’ pub in October including live music by local bands. Quotations are being gathered for the installation of audio-visual equipment including a hearing loop. The carol service will take place, as last year, outside the village hall with refreshments inside the hall.

Allotments – Cllr Sheehan reported plans to bring the two recently formed allotment plots (closest to Millennium Wood) back into the main allotment site. Quotations for deer fencing will be sought for agreement at a future meeting.

Environment – Cllr Sheehan reported good engagement with treescapes and waterways work. Tree planting for the Queen’s Green Canopy will take place at the recreation ground this weekend. The Haseleys editorial team expressed a wish to make a financial donation towards the planting.

Cllr Sheehan will explore the offer from the District Waste Team to give a presentation on minimising waste. A walk around the churchyard and recreation ground with an ecologist is planned. Following the meeting Cllr Sheehan will draw up a plan for discussion.

Playing Fields – Cllr Groves reported a new Chairman had been appointed to the Playing Fields Committee, however, the group were still looking for a treasurer. Members of the tennis club have cleared leaves from the court. The Tayler Blackall Trust have donated funds to enable the cricket club to purchase a leaf blower which can also be used at village tidy days.

Communication – newly formed WhatsApp group going well, Toby has been added to the administration team. Faster Broadband - Openreach has given assurance that the network will be built by the end of the financial year.

Footpaths – Cllr Webster had received a complaint about people cycling along the permissive path which crosses Haseley Court.

Millennium Wood – Cllr Sheehan reported that crown raising, dead hedging and coppicing of the larger hazel trees is due to take place later this week.

22/107 Correspondence

Nothing to add to correspondence previously circulated via email.

22/108 Information Exchange

Nothing to report.

22/109 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting will be held on 9 January 2023 commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.55pm

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Chairman
9 January 2022