

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY 10 APRIL 2017 AT 7.56 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: D Simcox (Chairman); A Sheppard; J Andrews; D Mann; K Sentance; E Spencer
J Simcox, Clerk and no members of the public.

17/1 Public Discussion

There was no public discussion.

17/2 Apologies for absence – H Harvey

17/3 There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

17/4 The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2017 were confirmed and signed.

17/5 Matters arising

The pumpkin show had agreed to pay up to £250 towards the popup gazebo as discussed at the March meeting. The clerk had been in touch with N Nixey to see whether he wished to continue to be the point of contact for the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAGs) as he had not attended the last two meetings. However, he replied stating that he would like to continue as he had some problems with intruders on his land. A Sheppard volunteered that if he was unable to attend a meeting to let her know and she would go on behalf of the Parish Council.

The question of the Parish Council paying for the coin meters was discussed. It was agreed once the Village Hall Committee had met and decided what they were going to do regarding the meters, the Parish Council would pay half towards the cost.

17/6 Planning

P17/S1041/HH 1 Wincey View, Great Haseley

Two storey extension to side

The Parish Council felt that this application should be refused as the new side extension would mean there would be no parking for vehicles off the highway or Back Way.

Two other applications, Abbey Farm, North Weston (1.5 extension) and Sands Farm, Great Haseley (Grain Store building) were awaiting allocation to an officer. These were looked at and it was decided that the Parish Council had no strong views on either application.

17/7 Responsible Financial Officer's report

The current account currently stands at £11,674.13 and the Business Reserve account stands at £15,386.88 The following cheques were written: Clerk's salary (January, February & March) £323.36; HMRC Tax on salary £80.80; Stamps for The Haseleys £110.00; Community First £35.00; Heating £6.00; Colourplus £330.33; SODC Dog Bins £62.80; Windmill Landscapes £84.00. Included in the cheque for the clerk was £33.69 for expenses for the spring clean. This had been omitted from the agenda but would be put on the May one. No other cheques were written. The clerk had received the following income during the month: £359.47 (Advertising in The Haseleys).

17/8 Contribution towards a pop-up gazebo

This had been discussed at the March meeting and the Pumpkin Show had agreed to pay up to £250. It was therefore agreed that the Parish Council would pay up to the same amount. L Woodrow would be informed of this decision.

17/9 New sign for the Cross Field and a date for the opening of the field

The Chairman produced a mock up of a possible sign. It was agreed that this was basically right but the “Welcome to” at the top should be larger and the image of “no dogs” slightly smaller. The Chairman said he would go ahead and get it made. A possible date of 27 May was agreed for the grand opening and J Andrews would contact the Cross family and invite them to the event. The clerk suggested that perhaps P Collier the solicitor was invited. A note would be put in The Haseleys informing everyone of the event.

17/10 Update on the SODC Local Plan

The Second Preferred Options consultation of the Local Plan had now been published and comments could be made until the 17 May. The document was very large and impossible for the Parish Council to print in its entirety. Copies were available for viewing online, at libraries and SODC offices. The new plan had increased the total number of houses needed by 3,000. A public meeting will be held on 3 May in the Village Hall where people will be encouraged to respond to the consultation.

17/11 Reports from Committees

Footpaths – Nothing had been reported as being a problem.

Village Hall – M Bennett continued to look after the window boxes and was thanked.

Playing Fields – Two posts had been replaced and the first cut would be shortly.

Cross Field – The new swings and play equipment are expected shortly and the Chairman will take down the old swings prior to the contractors arriving.

Millennium Wood – The paths will be cut through shortly.

Allotments – K Sentance gave the clerk all the documentation on the allotments including the rent. There was a possible switching of two tenants on the allotments and when this takes place, she will send me an updated map of the site. She had turned on the water as people were starting to plant. M Coles had rotovated two allotments and it had been asked whether the paths on the allotments could be cut three times per year. K Sentance was thanked for her efforts over the years on the allotments.

17/12 Report from the District and County Councillor

S Harrod was not present at the meeting.

17/13 Correspondence

The usual bag of correspondence was given to the Parish Councillors.

17/14 Any other business

The clerk had received a request from C Pickett to have a bee hive on the School Garden. This was discussed at length and as the Parish Council only had the lease until beginning of July 2018, it was felt that a) this was too short a time and b) the lease specifically states that the area is to be used for “educational purposes only”. The clerk would therefore write to her to inform her of the Parish Council’s decision.

17/15 It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 8 May which will also be the AGM and the following one on 12 June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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