

**MINUTES OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 9 MAY 2022 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: D Lindsay, R Sheehan, T Suter, J Webster, P Woodrow, A Oughton (Clerk) and four members of the public.

22/01 Election of the Chairman

Cllr Suter called for nominations for the position of Chairman. It was proposed and duly seconded that Cllr Lindsay be elected Chairman. On being put to the vote it was agreed unanimously.

Cllr Lindsay thanked Cllr Suter for the service he had given to the Council as Chairman during the last year. Cllr Suter had done a great job, handling some big items during his tenure.

Cllr Lindsay signed the Declaration of Office of Chairman.

22/02 Election of the Vice Chairman

Cllr Lindsay called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman. It was proposed and duly seconded that Cllr Sheehan be elected Vice Chairman. On being put to the vote it was agreed unanimously.

Cllr Sheehan signed the Declaration of Office of Vice Chairman.

22/03 Councillor Representatives

As the areas covered by Councillor Representatives had been reviewed in January it was **resolved** that responsibilities would remain unchanged with the exception of Planning for which Cllr Suter will take responsibility.

22/04 Public Discussion and Public Questions

A resident raised a number of points related to; improved disabled access to the Village Hall, the Village Hall being used as a venue during an emergency, pedestrian access to the playing fields via a proposed new gate on the far side of the churchyard, the bench opposite the Old Rectory which needs attention / cleaning.

The resident informed the Council the Litter Blitz had begun in 1975 as part of the 'Clean for the Queen' jubilee celebrations and had been running for 45 years. For future reference the resident will pass a list of volunteers who take part in the Little Blitz to the Clerk. The resident expressed annoyance at not to being consulted on plans to remove the easter egg decorations from the tree on Thame Road during the Tidy Day as she had already made arrangements with volunteers to do this on the Sunday.

Concern was raised about on street charging of electrical vehicles and cables running across the footpath which could be a potential hazard. Cllr Sheehan agreed to look into current legislation and what can be done.

Another resident asked whether CIL funding could be used to purchase more bulbs to plant around the village. Cllr Lindsay explained the first tranche of CIL funding had been allocated following a village consultation, including funds towards purchasing bulbs which had been spent and the bulbs planted. It may be possible to allocate future CIL funding, received since the consultation was carried out to purchase more bulbs but any decisions on CIL spending will be taken in consultation with the village.

Another resident raised concern that villagers were no longer welcome to pop in and have a drink in the pub. Councillors responded that the owners were very supportive of the village and there

is more of a presence of villagers popping in for drink. It was agreed to approach the owners to ask if they are willing to put a piece in the Haseley Updates that people are welcome to pop in for a drink.

22/05 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Groves (Personal) and McGuirk (Business).

22/06 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of Interest or Dispensations.

22/07 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 11 April 2022 were noted.

22/08 Matters Arising

It was noted that the Parish Council will be given the opportunity to speak at the next meeting of the Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee on 25 May 2022 regarding its submission to the Review opposing Thame Town Council's application to extend its parish boundary into Great Haseley. Cllr Suter will address the Committee.

At this meeting the committee will consider feedback from the initial engagement process and agree draft proposals for further consultation.

22/09 Planning Applications

P22/S1317/FUL – 20 Horse Close Cottages, Great Haseley

Change use of existing garage from storage to 'Dog Grooming' room.

Resolved to submit a recommendation of No Objection

The following amendment was noted:

P21/S0343/FUL - Belmond Le Manoir Aux Quat Saisons, Church Road, Great Milton Amendment No. 3

Full planning permission for the erection of a new Wellness Spa, Bistro, Raymond Blanc Academy, Garden Villas, Garden Rooms, Pavilions and Storage Barns, minor extensions and alterations to the existing Grade II* Manor House, former Stables building and Staff Facilities building, new highway access, internal road and car parking areas, limited demolition and associated works.(Amended Plans and information received 14 September 2021, Archaeological Evaluation Report (October 2021) received 3 November 2021 and Amended plans and additional information received 12 April 2022).

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

P22/S0453/HH & P22/S0461/LB The Old Shop, 24 Rectory Road, Great Haseley

To construct 2m x .8m timber porch with reclaimed clay tile roof, windows to match existing but with heritage double glazed units. Remove existing modern door which does not seal in old frame.

It was further noted that **Tree Preservation Order NO. 21S19** has been confirmed without modification. The Order relates to seven oak trees located on land to the south of Rycote Lane, nr Thame.

It was noted that the following application has been withdrawn prior to determination:

P21/S5349/FUL - Willow Corner, Moreton Road, Moreton

New innovatively designed 4-bedroom eco-friendly house and garage with matching local materials (As amplified and amended by additional 3D images and amended energy statement received 23rd February 2022).

22/10 Financial Report

Copies of bank statements to 29 April 2022 had been circulated. The balances were noted as follows: Current Account - £25,011.23 and Business Reserve Account - £40,639.85

Income for the month on the Current Account included: 1st half of the Precept, Allotment Rents, Community Infrastructure Levy and HMRC Vat Reclaim.

The acceptance form for the SODC Councillor grant 2021-22 towards the cost of the First Response course for residents was signed by two Councillors.

22/11 Payments

The following cheques were approved: £453.59 BHIB Insurance, £52.00 Shield Maintenance, £94.25 SODC (Waste collections – Village Hall), £80.00 SLCC Membership, £768 Ridgeway Rural Services.

A further cheque not listed on the agenda was approved: £36.50 L Woodrow (Tidy Day expenses).

22/12 Standing Orders & Financial Regulations

The Clerk requested this item be deferred to the next meeting in order for her to assess and propose changes related to financial controls and procurement following the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) recent proposed changes to bring them in line with the procurement position post-Brexit. This was agreed.

22/13 External Audit

The Clerk reported that the income and expenditure for 2021-22 was under the £25,000 threshold which allowed the Parish Council to Certify itself as exempt from a limited assurance review.

After discussion it was **Resolved** that the Parish Council certify itself as exempt from a limited assurance review and completes Part 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22.

22/14 Public Art – s106 Funding

It was agreed to form a Sub-Committee to progress a Public Art project for the village funded by s106 funds received from development in the parish. Following an article in the Haseley Update a number of residents have volunteered to be a part of the Committee.

Cllr Lindsay will contact the volunteers with a view to holding a meeting in the next couple of weeks.

22/15 Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Cllr Woodrow reported the road closure has been approved and plans to celebrate the Jubilee are progressing well. The Parish Council will fund the cost of the magician. The Committee is due to meet again next week. Cllr Woodrow will publish information about the beacon lighting and the Street Party in the Haseley Updates.

22/16 Reports from Committees / County and District Councillors

County Councillor van Mierlo had given his apologies and circulated his monthly report.

District Councillor Newton had circulated her annual report and stated she did not have anything further to add. There were no questions for Cllr Newton.

Reports from Committees:

Village Hall – Cllr Woodrow reported another successful ‘pop-up pub’ took place on Friday. The Village Hall thanked the volunteers who run ‘pop-up pubs’ and were not concerned about the need to find further volunteers for the next few months.

Allotments – Cllr Sheehan reported all tenancy agreements have been signed and returned bar one which he will chase together with the two outstanding allotment rents.

Environment – Cllr Sheehan reported the next Earth Shot meeting is scheduled for Saturday. Cllr Sheehan is investigating possible grant funding to cover the cost of a wildlife survey.

Millennium Wood – Cllr Sheehan reported he has signed and returned the acceptance letter for the TOE grant. He is due to meet with Nicholsons tomorrow to discuss an autumn workplan. Five people have volunteered to attend the Orchard Management Course on 24 June 2022. There are a maximum of nine places available.

Footpaths – Cllr Webster reported there were no issues and a lot of the footpaths had been cleared as part of the Tidy Day.

Broadband – Cllr Suter reported Airband has completed the build in the village, the first installs are expected in the next 4-6 weeks. Openreach have confirmed everything is on track, however, there is no further news since the last meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan - Local Placemaking Plan – Cllr Suter reported Great Haseley is one of six villages who have been selected to take part in the national pilot for a new, simpler approach to neighbourhood planning.

Communication, Playing Fields, Miss Cross Field - nothing to report.

22/17 Correspondence

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

22/18 Information Exchange

Cllr Suter has received an email from a resident upset that her boundary hedge had been cut, without consultation during the Tidy Day. Cllr Woodrow will go and offer his apologies for the error.

Items for next agenda:

Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations including number of parish meetings per year.

22/19 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting will be held on 13 June 2022, commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm

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Chairman
13 June 2022