

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 10 DECEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllrs A Sheppard (Chair), J Andrews, H Harvey, D Lindsay, D Mann, D Simcox (Vice Chair), E Spencer, A Oughton (Clerk) and one member of the public.

18/137 Public Discussion and Public Questions

A member of the editorial team for The Haseleys magazine addressed the meeting and requested the Parish Council consider widening the scope of email communications to the Parish.

It was suggested that the editors of The Haseleys send out a regular email communication to the village. This would be in addition to the printed monthly magazine and could contain information received since publication of the printed magazine e.g. updates, reminders of forthcoming events, call for volunteers, links to planning applications, consultations and updates / links on the Local Plan, Expressway and the Growth Board.

The Editors will ensure all legal requirements related to General Data Protection are satisfied. It was also suggested that the Haseley Alert is incorporated and the Editors, together with the Parish Clerk, would be responsible for sending out Alerts when necessary.

If agreed the new email communication will be launched in the New Year.

18/138 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

18/139 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest.

18/140 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18/141 Matters Arising

The Clerk had contacted the District Waste Team to confirm requirements for the Deep Clean due to take place in January.

The Chair had written to Mr & Mrs Newell regarding the village handbells and collected the handbells and music. Mrs Newell was very keen that the handbells are used and willing to conduct a lesson next year.

Regarding the quotations for weedkilling, Cllr Simcox had passed a copy of the map to the Clerk. It was agreed to obtain a couple more quotations before making a decision.

Emergency Action Plan – Cllr Simcox tabled a draft risk assessment which he and Jane Simcox had compiled. This was the first part of an Emergency Action Plan for the village. The Council warmly praised the document and a copy was placed in the correspondence bag for Members to comment. The Emergency Action Plan will be put on the January agenda for discussion on next steps.

The Chair will write to RAF Benson to thank them for the Fly Past and also to Toby Garfitt for conducting the Remembrance Service.

18/142 Haseley Alerts

Further to the discussion during Public Participation it was agreed the proposal for a new email communication to the village was long overdue and should be supported.

Some discussion took place on the software needed and the cost. It was agreed the Editors of The Haseleys would use the same software as currently used for HBAG communications but would investigate the cost of using 'the cloud'.

18/143 Planning Applications

P18/S3655/HH – 18 Horse Close Cottages

Single storey extension at the rear and a two storey extension at the side.

After discussion it was agreed to Fully Support the application.

P18/S3817/HH & P18/S3818/LB – Rosa Cottage, Little Haseley

Demolition of existing WC and utility area. New rear extension and enlarge existing side lean to.

The Parish Council is sympathetic to the applicant's personal circumstances and the need to alter the cottage and are not opposed in principle to an extension. However, after due consideration it was agreed to Object on the following grounds:

- The proposed extensions are out of scale and not in keeping with the dwelling and would be materially harmful to the Listed Building (ref SODC Policy CON2).
- Rosa Cottage is one of the most picturesque dwellings in the village, it is indeed a typical 'Chocolate Box' cottage. It is felt the proposals would be detrimental to both the character and fabric of the Listed Building and did not respect its special character (ref SODC Policy CON3).
- There would be an adverse impact on the setting, character and appearance of the area as part of the extension would be visible from the road (ref SODC Policy CON5).

The amendments to the following planning applications were noted:

P18/S3171/FUL – Field Farm Rycote Lane, North Weston

Change of use of part of barn to a mixed use of class B1 and B8, together with associated external alterations and parking (amplified by Land Contamination Questionnaire received 21st November 2018).

P18/S2995/FUL - Lobb Farm Cottage Access Road To Lobb Farm, Tetsworth & P18/S2996/FUL – Lobb Farm, Tetsworth

The proposed development is for a Gas Fired Electricity Generating Facility with the ability to generate up to 49.99 MW of electricity. A low carbon flexible generating facility using gas reciprocating engines. The facility will generate electricity principally for the regional distribution network in times of generation shortfall and/or high demand (As amended by drawings accompanying Agents email dated 14 November 2018 and clarified by additional information about trees received 16 November 2018 and ecology received 19 November 2018).

18/144 Payments

The following cheques were written as notified on the agenda: Carmella Media £85.00, Stamps for The Haseleys (December issue) £22.88, Clerk's expenses (Sep-Nov) £84.96.

The following cheques were written at the meeting: George Stevens £150.00 (removal of fallen tree), Smith & Derby £715.20 (repair work on church clock as agreed), ColourpluS £548.45.

18/145 Financial Report

The balance on the Current Account was £12,053.13 and the Business Reserve Account £15,399.81. The income for the month of £278.15 had been received made up from advertisements in The Haseleys.

18/146 SODC Local Plan

The District Local Plan was due to be discussed by the Scrutiny Committee on Thursday. Cllr Sheppard intended to go to the meeting. The Local Plan will then be discussed by the District Council at the meeting on 20 December 2018.

An email had been sent to Town and Parish Councils inviting them to send a representative to a Briefing Meeting on the Local Plan on 3 January 2019. Cllr Sheppard had registered to attend.

Provided the District Council approve the draft Local Plan on 20 December 2018, the public consultation will open on 8 January 2019 and run for 6 weeks, closing on 19 February 2019. The Parish Council encouraged as many people as possible to respond to the consultation and also support the proposed sites around Oxford City.

18/147 Expressway Action Group Meeting

Cllr Sheppard had attended the open day, there were a number of information boards set up around the room and Highways England were interested to hear people's views and made notes of the comments received.

18/148 Oxfordshire Growth Board

The Oxfordshire Growth Board has published a list of forward funded infrastructure projects which relate to the proposed housing in the Growth Deal.

18/149 Oxfordshire Plan 2050

The current consultation on who should be consulted on the Oxfordshire Plan 2050, formally known as the Oxfordshire Joint Statutory Spatial Plan, was noted.

18/150 Reports from Committees

Footpaths

Cllr Lindsay reported it had been very quiet with nothing to report. Cllr Spencer reported the stile on the footpath towards Little Haseley needed to be repaired. Cllr Simcox reported that following the erection of a closeboard fence at No. 4 Horse Close the chain link fence was hanging off the posts. Soha to be made aware of this.

Village Hall

Cllr Mann reported there had been two very successful events held at the Village Hall; the Dad's Disco and the Christmas Market.

Playing Fields - Cllr Spencer – nothing to report.

Cross Field - Cllr Andrews – nothing to report.

Millennium Wood - Cllr Spencer – nothing to report.

Allotments

Cllr Andrews reported an article would appear in The Haseleys encouraging residents to apply for an allotment and that fees were payable in March. The Clerk will update the contact details in the Allotment Rules and Conditions and the Tenancy Agreements and let Cllr Andrews have the updated documents.

18/151 Reports from District and County Councillors

District Councillor Caroline Newton had sent her apologies.

County Councillor Steve Harrod had circulated a copy of the monthly report and asked if there were any questions. Some discussion of the draft District Local Plan ensued. Cllr Harrod said it was too early for the County Council to have an official view.

Cllr Simcox raised the problem regarding the lighting not working at the junction of the M40. Cllr Harrod said he raised this issue at County meetings at every opportunity. Cllr Sheppard raised the current planning applications for the Gas Fired Generating Facility at Lobb Farm. Cllr Harrod reported that the County Council had raised some strong objections to the applications.

Cllr Harrod wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

18/152 Correspondence

Cllr Sheppard had received an email from a resident in Little Haseley regarding two road accidents on one day and concerns about speeding vehicles through the village. It was agreed an item would be put on the January agenda to discuss what could be done to encourage motorists to slow down.

The Clerk reported an email had been received and circulated to Members re the Fire & Rescue Service – Community Risk Management Action Plan.

The County Council had emailed to report progress on the School Garden lease had been held up due to Title issues.

The planning application for the relocation of Thame Cattle Market to a site along Rycote Lane is due to be discussed by the District Planning Committee on 19 December 2018. The Planning Officer is recommending approval.

The Planning Officer responsible for the application to extend St Peter's churchyard had advised that the consultation period would be extended to allow the Environmental Agency, a statutory consultee, to respond.

18/153 Information Exchange

Cllr Lindsay reported the recent planning training he had attended had been very informative.

Cllr Simcox had reported via Fix My Street that the previously, poorly repaired pavement outside the Baldwins (42 Thame Road) was breaking up and required repairing again.

Cllr Harvey had received a report of Japanese Knot Weed growing in the garden at 1 Mill Lane and suggested a letter is sent to the resident.

Cllr Mann noted there was no contact telephone number included with the 'Live Well Oxfordshire' information recently circulated.

18/154 Next meetings

It was agreed there will be an additional meeting on Monday 17 December 2018 (time to be confirmed) to discuss any planning applications received. The following meeting will be held on 14 January 2019 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm

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Chairman
14 January 2019