

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
ON MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** D Simcox (Chairman); J Andrews; H Harvey; D Mann; K Sentance; A Sheppard; J Simcox, Clerk and fifteen members of the public including three representatives from HCA.

**16/77 Public Discussion**

HCA (Homes and Community Agency), a government department that is looking at the planning of the proposed houses on Chalgrove airfield was invited to attend the Parish Council meeting with the intention of discovering how they propose to reduce the impact of developing Chalgrove airfield – should they get permission to do so – and to tell them where the Parish Council believes the problem areas are. The Chairman pointed out that this invitation should not be seen as supporting or endorsing the possible development of the airfield.

The Chairman then put forward the concerns on the parish which were all to do with traffic management including rat running through the area and the lack of public transport. The representatives put forward where in the process they were and what the programme of events would be going forward. A number of meetings and workshops are planned between now and Christmas. Various members of the public asked questions of the representatives and it was agreed that the list of concerns raised by the Chairman would be forwarded to HCA in order that they could take them into consideration when making decisions.

16/78 Apologies for absence were received from E Spencer.

16/79 There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

16/80 The minutes of the meeting held on 12 July and the extraordinary meeting held on 17 August 2016 were confirmed and signed.

**16/81 Matters arising**

The clerk had ordered the seats for the Playing Fields and hoped they would be delivered shortly. It was however necessary to have a concrete slab laid to fix one of the seats down and these were being sought. Further information regarding Footpaths 1 and 2 had been received which clarified various points and it was agreed that this should be signed off as acceptable.

**16/82 Planning**

No new planning applications had been received. SODC had granted permission for the advertising at the Farol site.

**16/83 Responsible Financial Officer's report**

The current account currently stands at £8,426.63 and the Business Reserve account stands at £15,384.84 The following cheques were written: Stamps for The Haseleys £26.40; Colourplus £278.98; Open Spaces Society £45.00; Playsafety Ltd £159.60; BDO (audit) £120.00. Cheques written at the August meeting and not on the agenda: A Sheppard (reimbursement for hire of radio mics for Public Meeting) - £20.00, Allan Janes

final payment for Cross Field £1106.00. No other cheques were written. The clerk received £123.74 income from *The Haseleys*, £10 for Book of Walks and £280 for defibrillators during the months of July and August.

#### **16/84 Approval of Annual Return for 2015-16**

The clerk had received the annual return back from BDO and there were no matters which came to their attention which required the issuing of a separate additional issues arising report. The Parish Council therefore accepted the Annual return and the notice of conclusion of the audit would be posted on the village notice board. P Cawdron and the clerk were thanked for their efforts on this.

#### **16/85 Rules for the use of the Great Haseley Email Alert**

The Chairman reported that there are now currently 47 people signed up for the Email alert and suggested that possible guidelines for the use of this alert should be put in place. These were agreed as follows: major road works and road closures, fire, flood crime, major planning issues (not for minor building works etc) and lost children. It should not be used for events in the parish ie Village Hall and church events, Pumpkin Show, Horticultural Show etc as they have their own ways of advertising. It should also not be used for personal requests. It was agreed that the rules should be printed from time to time in *The Haseleys*.

#### **16/86 Future of Cross Field**

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had now received confirmation from the solicitor that the Cross Field now belonged to the parish after a 25 year lease. It was felt that this should be celebrated in the Spring time and the family of Miss Ivy Cross invited to attend. However, some of the play equipment was now in a poor state and needed to be replaced. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Stadhampton to find out who their play equipment came from as it seemed to be in excellent order after a number of years service. The members of the Cross Field were then asked to look at getting some quotes for replacing it. The Pumpkin Show fund had said that they would be prepared to put some funds into this and it should be ascertained how much they were prepared to donate.

The field also needed a new sign to comply with regulations by ROSPA and the wording on this to be decided over the winter in order that it was in place for the opening event. H Harvey suggested that a tree should be planted with a stone and plaque to show who had given the field to the parish.

#### **16/87 Repairs to goal on the Playing Fields and RoSPA safety reports**

The clerk had received the reports from RoSPA on the state of Cross Field and the Playing Fields. There are a few issues but largely they are to do with the state of the equipment on the Cross Field. Once this work has been undertaken, it is hoped that our reports will improve.

The goal that was purchased for the Playing Fields some 18 months ago has broken but H Harvey said that he had the same one not now being used and therefore he would repair it. He also had an adult size goal which he would put on the Playing Fields. He was thanked for this.

### **16/88 Defibrillators**

The clerk had now received notification that the Parish Council had been successful in receiving a grant from SODC for the purchase of two defibrillators and as it was necessary to put the claim in by the end of October, an order should be placed for these. Discussion took place regarding the siting of these and it was agreed that the church, which had been put forward as a possible place, was not acceptable as it would mean that it was only available at certain times as the church was locked at night. It was therefore agreed that one should be put on the external wall of the pavilion and the second one to be agreed. It was hoped that it could be put on the garage wall of the Plough Inn but failing that, it would go on the external wall of the Village Hall.

As there had been an excellent response from the parish asking for donations towards this cause, it was felt that there should be one put in Little Haseley. However, to date no site had been found where it could be put but it is hoped to find somewhere.

### **Reports from Committees**

**Footpaths** – No major problems had been reported except that some footpaths had not been rolled in after cultivation.

**Village Hall** – D Mann reported that there is to be another ball on 14 November. The clerk reported that when she used the Village Hall for a coffee morning recently there were no tea spoons and no washing up liquid. Also the paint was starting to flake from the walls in the kitchen. D Mann agreed to talk to the Village Hall Committee about these problems.

**Playing Fields** – These had been dealt with under Item 16/87

**Cross Field** – This had been dealt with under Item 16/86

**Millennium Wood** – This was due for another cut before the winter.

**Allotments** – Due to lack of time, this could not be dealt with at this meeting but will be put on as a separate item in the October meeting to discuss the tenancy agreement for 2017.

**Transport** – J Andrews reported that he had heard nothing further from Thame Town Council regarding the possibility of a Tuesday Market bus. K Sentance said that the condition of the buses had deteriorated dramatically over the last few weeks since the County Council had withdrawn the subsidy. J Andrews said that Heyfordian had said that they would not be spending any money on new coaches when they agreed to run the service for 6 months to see whether it would be viable. He also pointed out that the bus company needed to give OCC 3 months notice if they were not going to continue the service and this would be at the end of October.

John Andrews also talked about the new Comet bus service which he did not think would be of much value to the village as it seemed to be for parties of people and it was necessary to buy vouchers and give these to the driver.

**Report from the District and County Councillor**

S Harrod had sent his report by email and this had been distributed to the Parish Council. He also talked about the Local Plan and said that SODC had received about 2,000 replies. He was asked how this compared to the previous consultation and he said he thought that the previous one was about 800. He also said that it was the time of the year when electric blankets could be tested free of charge. He was asked why the parish had not had the grass verges cut this year and suggested that the clerk send him an email that he could forward on regarding this issue. He was also reminded that the white line people had been out twice in the area and they still had not painted the ones in Latchford Lane as promised. He asked the clerk to send him an email on this as well.

**16/91 Correspondence**

The usual bag of correspondence was given to the Parish Councillors. However it was stated that at least one bag had not been returned to the clerk.

**16/92 Any other business**

H Harvey asked if it was possible to have a dog bin in Little Haseley as there was not one or a waste bin either. The clerk would look into this and get it organized. The question of a Neighbourhood Plan was once again raised and it was agreed that the best way forward was to hold a public meeting to see whether anyone from the Parish was prepared to head this up and take the plan forward. A date would be decided during October/November for this and held in the Village Hall.

The Chairman reported that once again there had been evidence of drug taking on the bridge in Latchford Lane. The worrying thing was that whoever was doing it had driven back down the lane after taking the drugs.

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 10 October and the following one on 14 November 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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