

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllrs A Sheppard (Chair), J Andrews, H Harvey, D Simcox (Vice Chair), E Spencer, A Oughton (Clerk)

**18/119 Public Discussion and Public Questions**

There was no public participation.  
There were no public questions put to the Parish Council.

**18/120 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Lindsay (Business) and Mann (Unwell).

**18/121 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

All Members present declared an interest in Planning Application P18/S3100/FUL, Land adjacent to St Peter's Church, as residents of the village.

**18/122 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**18/123 Matters Arising**

As discussed at the last meeting the Chair had written a letter to the Great Haseley & District Horticultural Society concerning document storage for the Parish Council and the Great Haseley History Group. The Horticultural Society have advised they will discuss the lease on the Old Chapel at their meeting in the New Year.

Following a question raised by a member of the public at the last meeting Cllr Simcox had circulated the original quotation for weedkilling. The area included the Grove, Thame Road, Rectory Road and Horse Close, to cover the back of the curb and the back of the footpath on both sides of the highway. As the quotation was dated 2016 it was agreed new quotations would be obtained for two applications per annum.

The Chair reported the cost of advertising in The Haseleys would increase in the new year to better cover the costs.

Cllr Spencer had obtained a quotation for fencing at Cross Field. It was agreed to wait for a second quotation before making a decision.

Following the Clerk's attendance at the District training on Emergency Planning and circulation of the information to Members, it was agreed the village should have an Emergency Plan. Cllr Simcox knew a resident who may consider drafting the plan on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Simcox had reviewed the latest amendments to the planning application for the relocation of Thame Livestock Market to the site off Rycote Lane. With regard to drainage there was no indication whether the stream that runs through the site and into the River Thame would be able to cope with the increased discharges from the new Livestock Market. The highway information did not take account of the newly formed access on the opposite side of the road. This should be shown on the amended plans and given due consideration. It was agreed the Clerk would send an email to the District Planning Officer to highlight the concerns.

## 18/124 Planning Applications

### **P18/S3100/FUL – Land adjacent to St Peter’s Church, Church Hill, Great Haseley**

Change of use of derelict farmland to churchyard. Reuse and relocate existing railings.

**It was recommended that No Objections be submitted with the comment that the new boundary hedge is kept to a reasonable height and certainly no higher than the current neighbouring fences.**

### **Planning Decisions**

It was noted that SODC have granted permission for the following applications:

### **P18/S2373/LB – Stones Farmhouse, Little Haseley**

Amendment to external Coach House door and works as per P16/S1826/HH

### **P18/S2111/HH – 19 Horse Close Cottages, Great Haseley**

Erection of single storey rear extension, partial demolition and reconstruction of garage and new porch (as amplified by drwgn 19-HC001B to detail size and appearance of existing garage received on 29.8.18)

### **P18/S2368/FUL – Rycote Lane Farm and Lobbersdown Farm, Rycote Lane, Milton Common**

Relocation of business use from Lobbersdown Farm to Rycote Lane Farm. Demolition of buildings at Lobbersdown Farm and reinstatement of land to agricultural use / landscaping. Erection of new buildings at Rycote Lane Farm for business use (B1c, B2 or mixed business use depot / yard type use) with access from existing industrial area with parking and grounds and landscaping. Improvements to entrance to RLF (as clarified by additional drainage information received 5 September 2018).

## 18/125 Village Hand Bells

Cllr Andrews had been approached by a couple in the village to ask if the Parish Council would take responsibility for the Village Hall Bells. Mr & Mrs Newell had looked after the bells for 40 years. There were 15 bells and associated music. It was agreed the Parish Council would take ownership of the Village Hand Bells. The Chair will write to Mr & Mrs Newell to thank them and formally advise them of the Parish Council’s decision.

## 18/126 Payments

The following cheques were written as notified on the agenda: Nicholson Nurseries Ltd £60.00, SODC (Dog bins) £65.48, Citizens Advice £25.00, postage (November edition of The Haseleys) £27.84, VAT £111.45 (the Clerk advised the revised figure to that on the agenda), Moore Stephens £319.44.

The following cheques were written at the meeting: George Stevens (Grass Cutting) £465.00, Centaur (removal of dangerous limb from Willow on Backway) £240.00, Windmill Landscapes £126.00.

## 18/127 Financial Report

The balance on the Current Account was £13,122.18 and the Business Reserve Account £15,397.28 The income for the month of £301.40 had been received, made up of advertisements in The Haseleys.

The Clerk presented the first draft budget for 2019-20 and asked for comments and any future projects that may need to be considered. A number of amendments were suggested and a second draft will be circulated to Members for discussion at the December meeting.

## **18/128 Oxfordshire County Council Meeting**

Cllr Simcox reported he had attended the Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) meeting on 11 October 2018 held as part of their vision for Thriving Communities. Cllr Ian Hudspeth, Leader and Cllr Mark Gray, Cabinet Member responsible for Local Communities led the discussion.

The County Council wanted to move away from the traditional top-down service and consult with people to help shape OCC's plans. OCC aimed to provide services in the future which enabled people to link directly with the appropriate organisation or department relevant to their enquiry e.g. Fix My Street to report highway problems.

An update was given on the newly formed partnership between OCC and Cherwell District Council and there were round table discussions on:

- a) Highways; information on Super Users who are given training and can report potholes and highway problems directly onto the OCC system.
- b) 'What your local County Councillor can do for you' – Cllr Hudspeth suggested the parish council, instead of getting quotations for grass cutting County Council land in the parish could employ the County Council contractor directly. Little Milton already did this. Cllr Hudspeth stated that any contract would be on a rolling year cycle and OCC could pick it up at any point in the future if the parish council wished to terminate the contract.
- c) Community resilience – promoted schemes such as 'A Message in a Bottle' and how communities identified vulnerable people in their local areas. Useful information and contacts were circulated.

## **18/129 Oxfordshire Grass Cutting Contract**

See item 18/128 b) above. It was agreed the Parish Council would not pursue this proposal.

## **18/130 Expressway Action Group Meeting**

Further to District Councillor Newton's report, the Chair reported that Great Haseley Parish Council had not received an invitation to attend a meeting with Homes England as the Parish did not fall within the chosen corridor for the Expressway. The Chair was pursuing this further.

The Chair further reported that at the last Expressway Action Group (EAG) meeting it was suggested the Expressway route detours around Botley, following the A420 through Cumnor. The A420 would be upgraded to a dual carriageway. This alternative route would result in only three miles of new road and would ease the congestion on the A34 around Botley. CPRE considered this would be the least worst of the options.

The EAG said the map of the northern route showed 264 sites had been identified of historical or environmental interest as opposed to the map of the southern route which only showed 160 identified items. It was not too late to log any new items and EAG urged people to do so.

## **18/131 Oxfordshire Growth Board**

The Parish Council had received correspondence from a group of residents in Garsington who were raising awareness of the Oxfordshire Growth Board's plan for 100,000 new homes in Oxfordshire. The group were writing to parishes encouraging them to sign a petition against the plans and to write to District and County Councillors to ask them to withdraw their support from the Oxfordshire Growth Board.

Members did not disagree with the sentiment expressed in the correspondence but felt regrettably it was too late.

## **18/132 Reports from Committees**

### **Footpaths**

Cllr Lindsay had given his apologies and would email any updates.

### **Village Hall**

A member of the Village Hall Committee will attend the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the heating.

### **Playing Fields**

Cllr Spencer reported the water had been turned off and the winter deep clean completed. Cllr Spencer had obtained a quotation to remove the fallen Hawthorne tree; £120 to chip down or £150 to chip and remove from site. It was agreed to accept the quotation to chip and remove the tree. Cllr Spencer would contact the contractor to arrange for the work to be undertaken.

### **Cross Field**

It was agreed to put an article in The Haseleys to remind people that dogs were not allowed in the Cross Field Play Area.

### **Millennium Wood**

It was agreed that some pruning needed to be done. This would probably take a few hours over a couple of days. Cllr Simcox and Jane Simcox were willing to do the work and would contact other volunteers with a date to carry out the work.

### **Allotments**

Cllr Andrews reported the water had been turned off for the winter.

## **18/133 Reports from District and County Councillors**

County Councillor Harrod had given his apologies and circulated the latest Oxfordshire County Council newsletter to Members prior to the meeting.

District Councillor Newton circulated the latest District Council newsletter to Members ahead of the meeting. Cllr Newton reported the District Local Plan would be considered at the District Council meeting on 20 December 2018.

The District's current consultation on the Housing Allocation Policy was due to close at midnight on 26 November 2018. Homes England are holding meetings with the County and District Councillors and Parish Councillors whose area falls within the chosen Expressway Corridor.

## **18/134 Correspondence**

The Clerk had received an email from SODC regarding the annual Deep Clean. It was agreed the Clerk would respond to request the usual clean up takes place but that the work commences at the opposite end of the route.

An invitation had been received from CPRE to attend a public meeting on 19 November 2018 to discuss the Joint Statutory Spatial Plan and the implications for South Oxfordshire.

## **18/135 Agenda Items**

Following the recent incident on the M40 it was agreed that Cllr Simcox would draft a letter to Highways England expressing the Parish Council's concerns regarding the poor road layout and signage at Junction 7. The lights were still not working on the Great Haseley side of the junction, Cllr Simcox would report this again to the County Council via Fix My Street.

**18/136 Next meetings**

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on 10 December 2018 and the following meeting on 14 January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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

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Chairman  
10 December 2018