

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 3 September 2018 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

18/82 Public Discussion and Public Questions

A representative of St Peter's Church addressed the Parish Council regarding repairs to the church clock. Smiths of Derby who service the clock reported a serious defect in the clock ringing system following the annual service in 2017 and suggested some remedial work to be carried out on the mechanism at a cost of £600.

In June of this year the clock ringing mechanism failed and an on-site ad hoc repair was carried out by Smiths of Derby at a cost of £180. Smiths have advised that the original remedial work, suggested in 2017 is carried out. St Peter's Church would ask that the Parish Council consider providing some financial assistance towards the repair of the clock.

The Chair requested that the Church obtain an up to date quotation for the work and forward it to the Parish Council who will consider the request for financial assistance at the next meeting.

18/83 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Harvey (Business).

18/84 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest.

18/85 School Garden

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) had placed an advertisement in the September edition of The Haseleys seeking offers to lease 0.77 acres at Back Way (the Old School Garden) for a minimum term of 5 years. A poster had also been put on the village noticeboard at the request of OCC.

After some discussion it was agreed the Clerk would apply for more information and an application form which would be circulated to Councillors. The deadline for applications to be received by OCC was 30 September 2018.

18/86 Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on 9 July 2018 and 15 August 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

18/87 Matters Arising

The Chair reported that a member of Oxfordshire County Council Highways team had visited Hazelwood in Rectory Road and work on the overgrown hedge had been added to the Schedule of Work. Cllr Simcox had compiled a list of overgrown hedgerows. It was agreed the Parish Council would wait and see what impact the article in The Haseleys had before taking any further action.

Cllr Simcox reported he was sure the water on Rectory Road was the result of an old spring. Cllr Simcox would report the problem to OCC via Fix My Street.

The decision by SODC to grant planning permission at Haseley Brook Farm for use of one bay of the existing building by the gunsmith (P18/S1839/FUL) but with restrictions was noted. Permission was for a maximum of five years and use would be limited to a gun repair workshop with no retail sales.

As agreed at the last meeting the Chair wrote to James Brokenshire MP, John Howell MP, Jane Murphy – Leader of SODC and Angela MacPherson – Leader of Aylesbury Vale District Council expressing the Parish Council's concerns related to the letter sent to Local Authorities by Kit Malthouse MP on plans for ambitious housing growth along the Expressway Corridor.

Responses had been received from John Howell, Angela MacPherson and Jane Murphy and it was pleasing to note they were all of a similar opinion to that of the Parish Council.

The Clerk had written to John Gostik re the repair to the wall setting out the Parish Council's terms for the repair.

It was agreed the Clerk would produce an action list to be circulated to Members with actions following the meeting.

18/88 Planning Applications

P18/S2319/HH – Amendment No. 1 – Greystones, Latchford Lane, Great Haseley

Single storey rear extension and new attached two storey studio outbuilding (as amended by drawings accompanying email from Agent dated 14 August 2018).

Recommend No Strong Views

P18/S2373/LB - Stones Farmhouse, Little Haseley

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

Recommend Approval

P18/S2647/HH – 15 Little Haseley

Demolition of existing garage block, proposed single storey extension, new garage block and amended access off existing private access lane.

Recommend No Strong Views

P18/S2646/LB – 15 Little Haseley

Demolition of existing garage block, proposed single storey extension, new garage block and amended access off existing private access lane.

Recommend No Strong Views

The Institute – it was noted the newly installed roof lights were the wrong size and not conservation roof lights as agreed in the planning permission. Cllr Simcox will email Planning Enforcement and copy the District Conservation Officer. Cllr Simcox reported he had not heard from Enforcement regarding the roof tiles. It was noted that the chimney had been rebuilt.

18/89 Extension to St Peter's Churchyard

As agreed Cllr Simcox had completed the planning application to extend St Peter's Churchyard. The application, together with a cheque for £231 would be sent to the District Planning Department.

18/90 Planning Permission in Principle (PIP) and Technical Details Consent (TDC)

On 1 June 2018 the Government introduced a new means for developers to secure a planning permission on land for developments of between one and nine houses. Planning Permission in Principle (PIP), if granted is followed by an application for Technical Details Consent (TDC). PIPs require only a 14-day consultation period.

Discussion took place on how to deal with such applications given the very short time period in which to respond. It was agreed that on receipt of such an application the Clerk would call a meeting. Dependent on timing, the meeting may take place on a night other than a Monday and held in a different location if the Village Hall was not available. The agenda will be displayed on the noticeboard and the website as normal.

18/91 Fast Response Gas Peaking Plants

Mr Andrew Troup of Statera Energy Ltd addressed the Parish Council regarding a proposal to build two separate 49.99 MW gas fired electricity generating facilities at land to the south east side of Rycote Lane, Milton Common, Tetsworth. A Screening Opinion (P18/S2753/SCR) had been submitted to SODC to assess whether an Environmental Impact Assessment was required.

Mr Troup said the site provided the ideal location, it was extremely rare to have an electricity export overhead line and natural gas pipeline together. Fast response gas peaking plants provided a short-term electricity supply to the national grid to fill gaps in supply. Operations on site would be restricted to 1500 hours per annum, no emission plumes would be visible from the chimneys and the plant would be landscaped to minimise visibility. Once built and operating the site would generate very little traffic movement with engineers only having to visit the site occasionally.

After answering a number of questions, the Chair thanked Mr Troup for addressing the Parish Council.

18/92 Payments

The following cheques were written as notified on the agenda: Kew Bookbinding £100.00, Clerk's Expenses (Jun-Aug) £104.04.

The following cheques were written at the meeting: SODC £231.00, Open Spaces Society Subscription £45.00, ColourPlus £522.35.

18/93 Financial Report

The balance on the Current Account was £14,565.97 and the Business Reserve Account £15,393.45. The income for the month of £501.59 had been received made up as follows: £221.60 from advertisements in The Haseleys and £279.99 Vat reclaim for quarter one (April-June).

18/94 South Oxfordshire District Local Plan

Update given under item 18/98 – District Councillor's report.

18/95 Community Infrastructure Levy

There were no strong views expressed regarding the consultation on SODC's draft Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Spending Strategy. The Chair would respond if time allowed.

The Chair had spoken to a CIL officer at SODC to discuss CIL, the amount the Parish Council may expect to receive and how the CAP on funding was calculated.

The Clerk had started to compile a list of projects from suggestions made at the last meeting on which CIL funds may be spent and would circulate the list to Members. The Clerk had also compiled a spreadsheet to monitor CIL funding, the amount, when it was due, the date of receipt and the deadline by which it had to be spent.

18/96 World War One Commemoration

The Chair reported RAF Benson hoped to be able to send a uniformed contingent to the Service of Remembrance at Great Haseley on 11 November 2018. RAF Benson would also add Great Haseley to their list of services to provide a fly past on Sunday 11 November 2018. This would be operational and weather dependant.

It was agreed to purchase a 'Tommy' silhouette from the Royal British Legion for the suggested donation of £250.00 to be displayed by the Memorial. It was further agreed to purchase a Perspex 'Tommy' as part of the 'There but Not There' project at the cost of £29 excluding delivery.

The Clerk drew attention to the Royal British Legion's website and the campaign 'Every One Remembered'. The campaign's aim was to have a message written on the website by members of the public to each of the servicemen and women named on all the war memorials throughout the country. Cllr Andrews would look at the website with a view to writing a message for each of those named on the Great Haseley war memorial.

18/97 Reports from Committees

Footpaths

Cllr Lindsay reported that the fence by the footpath at the back of the church had been removed and the footpath appeared to have been altered. Cllr Simcox confirmed the fence had been removed but that the path had not changed. Two stiles needed attention, Cllr Simcox had reported this via Fix My Footpath.

Village Hall

Cllr Mann stated there had not been a meeting, there was nothing to report.

Playing Fields

Cllr Spencer reported that five posts had been replaced but there were still some more to do. Tiddington Cricket Club had arranged for the damaged bench to be repaired. It was noted that following the repair the concrete base was not flush and needed further work. Cllr Spencer would contact Tiddington Cricket Club.

Cross Field

Cllr Andrews reported the annual safety inspection had taken place at Cross Field and the Playing Fields with no major issues reported. The chain wall support maybe starting to rot and would need replacing in the next couple of years. The vertical logs were a little loose, this was thought to be due to the extremely dry, hot summer and would rectify itself over the winter.

The Parish Council expressed its thanks to Mr Johnson for keeping the hedge neatly cut at the eastern end of Cross Field.

Millennium Wood

Cllr Simcox reported that the tree in Millennium Wood which appeared to have been damaged following a grass cut was in fact damaged by deer. Cllr Spencer reported a number of trees appeared to be dead and needed to be removed. The apple trees needed pruning. The plum and apple trees were full of fruit. It was agreed an article would be put in the September issue of The Haseley's next year to encourage residents to pick and use the fruit.

Allotments

Nothing to report.

18/98 Reports from District and County Councillors

No report from County Councillor Harrod who had sent his apologies.

District Councillor Newton reported Officers were working hard on the Local Plan, assessing the 15 available major housing sites in order to make a recommendation to the District Council in December which sites to include in The Plan.

The final Plan, outlining how the district should develop until 2033, will then be published. Residents will have a chance to comment on its technical 'soundness' early next year. It will then be submitted for public examination by an independent planning inspector later in 2019.

SODC had written to Government expressing a wish to contribute to the review of National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) which will assess whether AONBs can become National Park Authorities.

The District Council were looking at sites to install electric car charging points funding was available.

The District has contacted Oxfordshire County Council to find out more about delegated civil parking enforcement. District Councillors have asked for a business case to be made for the District Council to consider taking over parking enforcement, including costs and projected income.

The District Councillor grant scheme had opened. Each District Councillor has £5k to distribute in their ward. Grants can be used for a broad range of things. Any group making an application must have a bank account and a constitution.

The District Council has launched a pilot volunteering grant scheme with a total of £25,000 to give away to help voluntary and community groups find the volunteers they need. Small voluntary groups in South Oxfordshire can apply for a new volunteering grant of between £250 to £750.

18/99 Correspondence

The Clerk had received a letter from Sovereign Design Play Systems apologising for the inconvenience caused by the prolonged installation of the new piece of play equipment in Cross Field and a 5% discount off of the total cost in compensation. It was agreed the Clerk will write to Sovereign to accepting their offer.

It was agreed the Clerk would respond to OCC's Minerals & Waste consultation – Part 2 – Site Allocations to highlight the Parish Council's concerns related to the site at land north of Drayton St Leonard and Berinsfield and land at Stadhampton. In particular the increase in traffic movement, especially HGVs along the A329, the access and danger this would create for pedestrians and other road users.

18/100 Agenda Items

No items were raised at the meeting.

18/101 Next meetings

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on 8 October 2018 and the following meeting on 12 November 2018 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45pm

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Chairman
8 October 2018