

**MINUTES OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllrs C Groves, D Lindsay, C McGuirk, R Sheehan, T Suter (Chairman), P Woodrow, A Oughton (Clerk) and eight members of the public.

21/153 Public Discussion and Public Questions

A parishioner ask why allotment rents were not 'ring fenced' within Parish Council accounts. The Chairman thanked the parishioner for explaining the history of the allotments and said that in future the Parish Council will create an Ear Marked Reserve for allotment rent receipts.

A parishioner raised concerns regarding the standard of Junction 7 of M40 with A329, particularly when driving from Oxford. It was agreed to raise the matter with County Councillor van Mierlo.

21/154 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Webster (Personal).

21/155 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

21/156 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21/157 Matters Arising

The Parish Council has responded to the Community Governance Review 2022, setting out clearly reasons why the parish boundary between Great Haseley parish and Thame parish should remain unchanged. The Parish Council will have the opportunity to address the District Council Committee as part of the Review process. The Committee's draft recommendations will be made in May for further consultation.

21/158 Planning Applications

P22/S0138/HH & P22/S0139/LB – Church Farm House, Rectory Road

Proposed conversion of an outbuilding to home office and storage use.

Resolved to fully support the applications

P22/S0214/O – Between Lower Farm Barn and No. 1 Windmill Meadow, Winsey View Farm (part of field at), Rectory Road

Two dwellings with new shared access. Close existing field access, provide new access to field and Lower Farm Barn with parking/turning for that dwelling, and garden/landscaping.

Resolved No Objections provided the application complies with the District Council's Policy on infill

P22/S0253/HH & P22/S0254/LB – Latchford House, Latchford Lane

Demolition of existing outbuilding & detached garage & erection of single storey side & rear extensions. Front single storey bay window & erection of single storey detached garage & garden store. Alterations to existing dwelling to include the replacement of existing windows, removal of internal partitions, removal of existing stair & new internal stair.

Resolved to Fully Support the application

The following applications were noted:

P22/S0076/DIS – Chiltern View, London Road, Milton Common

Discharge of conditions 8 (surface water drainage), 9 (foul water drainage) & 10 (Tree Protection) in application P21/S0059/FUL. New residential dwelling and garden store.

P21/S1632/RM - Land North of Rycote Lane, Thame

Amendment No. 8 - As amplified by plan received 6 December 2021

P22/S0314/DIS - 9-12 Rycote Lane Farm, Rycote Lane, Milton Common

Discharge of condition 10 - External Lighting Scheme on application reference P20/S1775/FUL (Alternative scheme to that approved under application ref P18/S2368/FUL for relocation of business use from Lobbersdown Farm to Rycote Lane Farm. Erection of new buildings at Rycote Lane Farm for business use (B1c, B2 or mixed business use depot/yard type use) with new access from existing industrial area with parking and grounds and landscaping. Improvements to entrance to Rycote Lane Farm. Consequent re-configuration of existing Farol open storage.)

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

P21/S4827/HH – Foxgloves, Latchford Lane

Proposed pitched roof over existing flat roof extension. Proposed front facing dormer roof. Proposed front porch extension. Proposed replacement outbuilding (utilising the same footprint). Proposed material and fenestration alterations to the existing dwelling.

P21/S2840/FUL & P21/S2841/LB - Court Farm House Little Haseley

Conversion of outbuilding currently being used for general storage to a building suitable for working from home. (As amended by plans Received 2021-12-01).

21/159 Road Traffic Consultation – A329 Rycote Lane (Thame) Proposed 40mph Speed Limit

It was agreed the proposal to introduce a 40mph speed limit on part of the A339 Rycote Lane, southwest of Thame between the A418 roundabout junction and a point 425 metres west of Moreton Road, will improve safety for all road users and pedestrians. However, the proposed location of the speed limit and entrance signs to Thame were in the parish of Great Haseley and should be moved to the boundary of Thame Parish.

Resolved the Clerk will respond to Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC) Consultation setting out the Council's views.

21/160 Tiddington and Albury Neighbourhood Plan

All agreed the Tiddington and Albury Pre-Submission Plan was well laid out and a good plan.

21/161 Financial Report

Copies of bank statements to 31 January 2022 had been circulated. The balances were noted as follows: Current Account - £16,216.88 and Business Reserve Account - £38,463.88.

The Clerk reported £948.41 had been transferred from the Business Reserve Account to the Current Account. The amount made up as follows: £628.20 of Community Infrastructure Levy (purchase of spring bulbs) and £320.21 Oxfordshire County Councillor grant towards purchase of goalposts at the Recreation Ground.

A credit of £130.80 to the current account was from A Deptford for return of duplicate defibrillator battery and pad sent in error.

21/162 Payments

The following cheques were approved: £264.00 OALC, £70.00 Oxfordshire South & Vale Citizens Advice, £52.00 Shield Maintenance Ltd, £100.00 The Maple Tree.

21/163 Internal Audit

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

21/164 Oxfordshire County Council – Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP)

The consultation on OCC's Local Transport and Connectivity Plan is open and will run until 16 March.

It was agreed that Cllrs Sheehan and Suter will draft a response to the LTCP consultation and circulate to Councillors prior to submission. The main focus of the response will be mitigation to provide a safer environment for all road users and pedestrians. To improve connectivity through local hubs, improved bus routes and safer cycling.

21/165 Faster Broadband

It was noted that OCC have confirmed the Village Hall has been identified as suitable for inclusion within the scope of their Public Service Hubs project work and build in the area is scheduled to start towards the end of 2022 through to completion in September 2023.

OCC is funding the capital costs to deploy full fibre gigabit capable broadband infrastructure to a range of eligible public service buildings across the county, as part of this arrangement for Community and Village Halls, OCC will also be funding the first 12 months of the gigabit capable service for Great Haseley Village Hall.

Cllr Suter reported that Airband, funded by DEFRA, had built a network in Great Haseley to serve four businesses. Residents within 70m of the network will be able to connect to the Airband service. This leaves a significant part of the village unable to connect to faster broadband.

Openreach have reported that the project to supply the whole village is not fully funded through the voucher scheme which closes in April. Cllr Suter has a list of properties signed up to the scheme and will write an article in The Haseleys encouraging residents to check they are on the list and if not to sign up.

21/166 Environmental Strategy

Cllr Sheehan presented a draft Environmental Strategy.

In 2019, OCC, following the example of the UK Government, declared a Climate Emergency. In addition, since the turn of the century, the UK government has started to recognise and act to address the looming crisis of Biodiversity loss. The Strategy sets out recommendations for the Parish Council to be carbon neutral by 2030 and to consider being carbon negative by 2050 to support the county and country-wide push to address both of these important issues and a proactive, rather than reactive, approach to addressing the issues of Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Sheehan for his report. It was agreed that Cllr Sheehan continue to work on the Strategy and establish a baseline for biodiversity in the parish by discovering the current biodiversity, possibly through the commissioning of a Parish Wildlife Audit the data from which could be included in a Neighbourhood Plan.

21/167 Millennium Wood

Cllr Sheehan reported the recent Tree Condition Survey had shown Ash dieback was not as bad as originally thought and the trees did not need felling immediately. The tree canopies will be assessed in the spring to identify any deadwood that may need removing. The trees will be monitored on a regular basis for deterioration.

Cllr Sheehan had met with a representative from the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE) following which he will make a few small amendments to the funding application for the Millennium Wood Restoration Project. Successful applicants will be notified in April.

21/168 Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Cllr Woodrow reported a traditional street party is being planned for Sunday 5 June 2022 from 12-4pm. There will be road closure on Rectory Road from the junction of Back Way. Various activities are planned and a magician has been booked. There are plans for a beacon lighting on the Recreation Ground to coincide with the national beacon lighting on Thursday 2 June 2022.

21/169 Allotments

It was **resolved** that no changes are made to the Allotment Rules and Tenancy Agreement for 2022.

21/170 Councillor Responsibilities

Discussion took place on how best to raise the profile of the Parish Council in order to create stronger links and a greater connection with the whole parish. Ideas such as photographs of Councillors on the Noticeboard and Councillor profiles in The Haseleys were suggested.

21/171 Reports from Committees / County and District Councillors

District Councillor Newton had sent her apologies and her report had been circulated.

County Councillor van Mierlo had sent his apologies and his report had been circulated.

Reports from Committees:

Village Hall – Cllr Woodrow reported another successful pop-up pub had taken place. Cllr Woodrow has arranged for an electrician to look at the defibrillator at the Village Hall.

Communication - Cllr McGuirk reported the redacted version of the emergency plan is ready to publish, but the unredacted version needs an update to the lists of volunteers and vulnerable individuals. An article will be placed in the Haseley update.

Playing Fields – Cllr Groves reported the two broken posts are due to be replaced. Cllr Groves will repair the protection to Dale's tree and also the bench.

Miss Cross Field – Cllr Groves is in contact with the original play equipment supplier to obtain a quotation to replace the Monkey Climber.

Allotments, Environment, Footpaths, Millennium Wood – nothing to report.

Cllr Suter reported he had met with the Chairmen of Little Milton, Great Milton and Stadhampton parish councils. It had been a useful meeting, each Chairman sharing local concerns. Future meetings are planned.

21/172 Correspondence

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

Cllr Suter reported his intention not to stand for election as Chairman at the Annual Meeting in May due to personal commitments throughout the summer. However, he would be willing to stand for election as Chairman later in the year if the Parish Council so wished.

21/173 Information Exchange

No items were raised.

21/174 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting will be held on 14 March 2022, commencing at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.28pm

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Chairman
14 March 2022