

**MINUTES OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12  
JANUARY 2015 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** D Simcox (Chairman); J Andrews; T Coles; E Spencer; D Mann; N Nixey; K Sentance; J Simcox, Clerk; and one member of the public.

**14/116 Public Discussion**

There was no public discussion.

14/117 There was an apology for absence from S Harrod, District and County Councillor.

14/118 There were no declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

14/119 The minutes of the meeting held on 8 December were confirmed and signed.

**14/120 Matters arising**

The Chairman thanked the team for installing the Christmas tree and then taking it down. He also thanked J Gostick for allowing the village to use his electric to power the lights. The clerk had been informed that the “legals” were still not in place so SOHA would not be approaching architects to produce affordable housing until this had been sorted out. J Andrews said he would write to Walters regarding speeding buses through the village.

**14/121 Planning**

The planning meeting of 15 December 2014 was then ratified. The Parish Council was then informed that the applicant had been granted planning permission for the land adjacent to the Orchard. It was felt that a letter should be sent to the applicant and the applicant’s client informing them that the footpath should not be blocked at any time and also that there was no parking on Back Way. It was also pointed out that the area near Whistlers Barn was common land and that when the work starts, the contractors should be asked to put barrier tape along the stretch of the allotments to stop contractors parking in this area.

The clerk had received notification that the applicant for the planning application for Land east of 1 Lobb Hill was appealing against the decision.

**14/122 Responsible Financial Officer’s report**

The current account currently stands at £14,284.90 and the Business Reserve account stands at £15,372.04. The following cheques were written: Clerk’s salary (Oct-Dec 2014) £293.36; HMRC Tax £98.20; Colourplus £251.26; Stamps for The Haseleys £25.44; Heating for meeting £6.00; J Gostick (contribution towards electricity for lights) £20.00. A cheque was written for J Green (hedge trimming) £40.00, this will appear on the February agenda. No other cheques were written. The clerk received £535.20 in income from *The Haseleys* during the month of December.

**14/123 Management of playing fields**

The clerk had received a letter from J Hayward asking permission to enter the playing fields in order to control the rabbit population that was damaging his crops. This had been agreed at the Planning Meeting of 15 December and was ratified at this meeting.

#### 14/124 **Retirement of Revd. V Story**

Victor Story will be retiring on 4 March after 16 years service and the Council discussed whether there should be a contribution made to a retirement gift for him. The clerk said that she had been asked to provide photos of the village as a book of memories was being produced for him. It was agreed to set aside £50 for a contribution and this would be discussed at the next meeting as to what exactly would be done with the money.

#### 14/125 **Reports from Committees**

**Footpaths** – N Nixey said that he had heard no complaints about footpaths but he was informed that some of the ones that were mentioned at the December meeting had still not been cleared. He also said he would contact J Beale regarding footpath 19 to see if it could be cleared.

**Village Hall** – D Mann reported that quotations were being obtained to sort out the kitchen at the village hall and hopefully a time scale for the work to be completed. She also said that the new “Christmas Tree” at the end of Mill Lane was appreciated by those living in that area.

**Playing Fields** – D Simcox reported that a post had been removed from the Playing Fields and a vehicle had been driven over it. It was agreed to get this replaced. E Spencer said that over the last 3 weeks there had been an increase in the dog faeces on the playing fields particularly around the children’s swings and the goal posts. N Nixey said that he would be attending a NAG meeting this week and would ask about the loan of CCTV camera to find out who is allowing their dogs to foul the area. It was agreed that the clerk would seek quotations for the cutting of the playing fields, Cross Field and Millennium Wood.

H Harvey asked whether an area could be set aside for the practise nets with a concreted area around it. E Spencer agreed to get quotations for this work.

**Allotments** – K Sentance said that she had started to get money in for rent. She was informed that there are problems with the boundaries and this should be sorted out. She was also informed that Whistlers Barn was up for rent/sale and if the new incumbents did not wish to have an allotment, the gardener who has been using it would no longer be able to have it as he has no connection with the village.

**Millennium Wood** - One of the short posts near the end of Mill Lane had broken off. It was agreed to ask Windmill Landscape to put this in when they do the one on the Playing Fields.

**Transport** – J Andrews said that he had received details from the group in Little Milton that were trying to set up cycle paths. They were currently negotiating with landowners to form a circular cycle path around Little Milton.

#### 14/126 **Report from the District and County Councillor**

As S Harrod was not present, no report was received.

#### 14/127 **Correspondence**

The usual correspondence was distributed to the Parish Councillors.

**14/128 Any other business**

K Sentance asked if there was any further news on The Old Institute. The clerk said that she had received no response from her two pieces in the Haseleys and the Chairman said that he was still pursuing legal ways of finding out how the Diocese claimed it as their property.

There had been a number of complaints regarding the “lunchtime” bus which seems to speed through the village. D Mann agreed to talk to the driver to see if she could do anything. Speeding traffic was an issue particularly past the Plough as the road was narrow because of parked cars. It was agreed to put something in The Haseleys to say that if you want traffic slowed down in the village you will need to go on a training course to learn how to use the speed camera. It was also necessary to have 4 people when it is in use.

The Chairman said that a date for the village springclean and ideas of what needs to be done should be given consideration and discussed at the next meeting. Councillors were asked to bring their diaries to the next meeting in order to set a date.

The clerk had been sent a copy of the electoral roll for the parish and it would appear that there are a number of anomalies which she is trying to sort out with SODC.

14/129 It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 9 February and the following one on 9 March 2015 at 7.30pm. There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.47 pm.

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