

**MINUTES OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 3 APRIL 2023 AT 8.20PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllrs J Brown, C Groves, D Lindsay, T Suter (Chairman), J Webster, P Woodrow, A Oughton (Clerk) and two members of the public.

**22/170 Public Discussion and Public Questions**

A resident raised the issue of a dangerous tree across a footpath close to the old school garden. It was agreed to inspect the tree and take appropriate action on 27 April (Village Tidy Day).

The recent issue of dogs being abandoned in the village was raised. Three Labradors had been abandoned on three separate occasions over the last couple of months. Agreed the Clerk will raise the issue with the Neighbourhood Police Team.

**22/171 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Sheehan.

**22/172 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

**22/173 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held 20 March 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**22/174 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising that were not otherwise covered on the agenda.

**22/175 Planning Applications**

The following applications were noted:

**P23/S1014/T28 – Thame Road, North Weston, Great Haseley**

Installation consisting of a new telegraph pole for the provision of Fibre to the Premise (FTTP)

**P22/S4145/DIS – Land to the North West of Stoke Talmage, Stoke Talmage, Oxfordshire**

Amendment No. 2 - As amended and amplified by information received 15 March 2023

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

**P23/S0556/HH - Maytree Cottage, Little Haseley**

Raise roof height of both chimney stacks on thatched roof by x4 courses of brickwork.

**22/176 Financial Report**

Bank statements had not been received in time to report balances, the Clerk will circulate outside of the meeting.

## **22/177 Payments**

**Resolved** to approve the following payments: £156.00 OALC membership, £35.00 CFO membership, £36.00 CPRE membership, £45.00 OPFA membership, £345.60 Starboard Systems Ltd (accounting software), £339.36 Freshair Fitness, £5.00 Castle Water (Direct Debit), £52.00 Shield Maintenance Ltd, £595.96 Parish Administration, £149.20 HMRC.

## **22/178 Financial and Management Risk Assessment**

The draft Financial and Management Risk Assessment was approved.

## **22/179 Asset Register**

The current Asset Register was reviewed. It was agreed to removed reference to the Old School Garden as the lease had expired and to change the location of the village hand bells to T Suter.

The draft Asset Register was circulated, the Clerk asked Councillors to share any information they had to help populate the register.

## **22/180 Speed Reduction**

Discussion took place on what can be done to encourage motorists to slow down when travelling along the Thame Road (outside of the 20mph speed limit). It was agreed to contact Oxfordshire County Council to arrange a site meeting to discuss what can be done.

## **22/181 Village Tidy Day**

The Village Tidy Day will take place on Saturday 27 April from 10am-12.30, lunch will be available in the Village Hall. Thanks were extended to Lynda Woodrow and Jen Webster for offering to provide lunch. Cllr Suter will hold a Neighbourhood Priority Statement consultation at the village hall in the morning and over lunch.

List of jobs for the Tidy Day: Clean and weed removable along Rectory Road, strim footpaths, remove tree over footpath, remove climbing frame in Miss Cross Field, clean signs, repair and apply wood preserve to bench at the bus stop and benches on the recreation ground.

David will publise via WhatsApp and the website.

## **22/182 Allotments**

Cllr Brown had circulated information from the British Bee Keepers Association on Allotment Bee Keeping.

A potential site on the allotments has been identified along with the following mitigations; the area needs to be light and airy, and fenced to ensure bees fly upwards and not disturb people, hives should be kept in one place, set a limit on the number of hives, hives need to be inspected once a week between April – July, bee keeper must be qualified, have public liability insurance and a 'mate' in the village who can be called upon in an emergency related to the bees.

It was agreed to consult the village before making a decision at the next meeting.

## **22/183 Projects**

### Public Art – s106 funding

Cllr Suter reported he had a chance meeting with the financial officer whilst submitting his Councillor nomination form. She reported things are moving forward. Public Art is one of the

topics of discussion at the Chairman's meeting with Thame's Town Mayor and Town Clerk on 18 April.

Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS)

Village consultation will take place on 27 April 2023 in the Village Hall.

Miss Cross Field

Nothing further to report.

War Memorial

Nothing further to report.

**22/184 Reports from Committees / County & District Councillors**

County Councillor van Mierlo had given his apologies and circulated his monthly report.

District Councillor Newton had given her report as part of the Annual Parish Meeting held earlier in the evening.

Chalgrove Airfield – OCC held a meeting with Homes England (HE) on 9 February 2023. HE confirmed they still plan to submit a planning application. Over the next six months they will revise the masterplan and transport package. Cllr van Mierlo has requested a meeting between HE and Councillors from OCC and South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) to take place in March.

**Reports from Committees:**

**Village Hall** – Cllr Woodrow reported plans to celebrate King Charles Coronation were progressing well. A village picnic is planned on the Recreation Ground with arts and crafts for children, a pop-up pub, dog show and treasure hunt.

**Allotments** – Cllr Brown reported allotment holders are completing the tenancy agreement and rents are being paid directly into the parish council's bank account.

**Environment, Footpaths, Communication, Playing Fields, Millennium Wood** – Nothing to report.

**22/185 Correspondence**

An email received from a resident concerning the classification of Back Way was circulated to Councillors. The information suggests Back Way is a footpath in name but not in function. In view of this there may be a good case for approaching the local authority to seek a change of status on the Definitive Map which reflects more adequately its modern usage.

It was agreed the points raised were worth investigating and an item will be put on the next agenda.

**22/186 Information Exchange**

No items were raised.

**22/187 Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed the next meeting will be the Annual Meeting to be held on 15 May 2023, commencing at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm

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Chairman  
15 May 2023