

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 8PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllrs A Sheppard (Chair), A Gheissari, D Lindsay, C McGuirk, C Pickett, E Spencer, A Oughton (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

19/180 Public Discussion and Public Questions

A parishioner spoke regarding concern that the character of the village and the concept of the village envelope should be preserved. The agricultural barn, recently granted permission for residential conversion under Permitted Development rules was some way from the village and to say the space in between was now infill was wrong and should be challenged.

19/181 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Woodrow (Unwell).

19/182 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr Spencer declared an interest in Planning Application P20/S0434/0 and item 19/184 – Back Way and left the meeting during discussion of each item.

19/183 Planning Applications

P20/S0383/HH - Sundial House, Rectory Road, Great Haseley

Variation of wording of condition 5 (wildlife protection (mitigation)) to allow investigations and exploratory works to commence on application ref. P19/S2781/HH Repair and adaption of existing outbuildings to form a private library. Raise existing garden wall. Re-open former opening in wall. (as amplified by bat report received 7 October 2019). P19/S2781/HH Conditions(s) 5.

Resolved to Fully Support the application

P20/S0434/O - Part of field at Wincey View Farm, Rectory Road, Great Haseley

Two dwellings with new shared access. Close existing field access, provide new access to field and adjoining approved building conversion with parking/turning for that dwelling, and garden/landscaping.

Resolved to Object – this would have an adverse effect of extending the village envelope, not by planning policy but by default and if allowed would set an undesirable precedent. The application maintains that the site is infill, the Parish Council does not agree that the criteria in the policy is met. It is absolutely certainly not met whilst the Permitted Development building is not a dwelling and even if the conversion to a dwelling was completed, the Parish Council does not believe the definition is satisfied.

P19/S2685/FUL & P19/S2686/FUL - Lobb Farm Access Road To Lobb Farm, Tetsworth Amendment No 6 dated 12 February 2020

The proposed development is for a Gas Fired Electricity Generating Facility with the ability to generate up to 49.99 MW of electricity. A low carbon flexible generating facility using gas reciprocating engines. The facility will generate electricity principally for the regional distribution network in times of generation shortfall and/or high demand. (as clarified by additional information submitted 10 September 2019, 12 September 2019, 22 October 2019, 30 October 2019, 19, and 21 November 2019). (As amended by Ownership Certificate B received 5 February 2020 and amplified by additional information received 12 February 2020).

Resolved to Object - the additional information did not alter the original views of the Parish Council.

It was **noted** that the following planning application had been granted planning permission.

P17/S4415/FUL - Land off Rycote Lane Christmas Hill, Rycote Lane near Thame

Relocation of Thame Livestock Market with buildings to accommodate agricultural sales, lairage, administrative offices, welfare facilities, business units, and associated external works to include highway access, roadways, vehicle parking, vehicle washing and other ancillary works (as amplified by highways information received 25 April 2018, ecological information received 9 August 2018, additional drainage and highways information received 27 September 2018 and additional highways information received 26 November 2018).

19/184 Back Way

Following concerns raised by residents regarding the deterioration of Back Way the Parish discussed how it might support the residents. Whilst the Parish Council sympathised with the residents about the surface of Back Way, the Parish Council agreed with residents that Back Way should remain a track, not a road. However, better access for walkers, prams, users of wheelchairs and mobility scooters would be desirable.

The following points were agreed:

1. The Residents of Back Way should form a Residents Group.
2. The Residents of Back Way should agree amongst themselves what they wish to do to address the issue, and put forward a costed proposal also outlining funding.
3. The Parish Council will consult the District Officer responsible for (CIL) funding as to the principle of whether a contribution to the project could be appropriately funded from CIL, but more specific detail may be required for a definitive answer.
4. If the Parish Council are happy with the proposal and it satisfies the aim of improving the footpath access and if the criteria for CIL is met, then the Parish Council will put it forward for consultation to the village alongside other options. A consultation event is planned for March 21st in the village hall.
5. The Parish Council has agreed that Cllr Gheissari would represent their interests and liaise with the Residents Group. The Parish Council would endeavour to help with dealing with other agencies such as Biffa, Oxfordshire County Council, etc.
6. The Residents Group will be responsible for managing all associated funding and expenditure related to the project together with its implementation.

The Parish Council deemed this the best approach in balancing the views of the community.

19/185 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting will be held on Monday 9 March 2020, commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 20 April 2020 at 7.30pm, followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm

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Chairman
9 March 2020