

**MINUTES OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 6 APRIL 2021 AT 7.30PM VIA ZOOM**

Present: Cllrs A Sheppard (Chair), D Lindsay, C Pickett, T Suter, P Woodrow, A Oughton (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

20/198 Public Discussion and Public Questions

There was no public discussion or questions.

20/199 Apologies for Absence

Cllr McGuirk had sent her apologies (unwell).

20/200 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

20/201 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 8 March 2021 and 22 March 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

20/202 Matters Arising

The Chair reported a good number of volunteers had come forward to help with the Village Spring clean and thanked everyone involved.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 May, the Chair suggested all groups in the village be invited to present a short report, lasting no more than 3 minutes. A written report could be submitted if unable to attend.

The two websites were now amalgamated and all working well. The Clerk will upload documents required to be published as part of the publication scheme to the Parish Council's section of the website.

The District Neighbourhood Plan Officer had forwarded a large number of documents, which Cllr Suter was reading through. Cllr Suter suggested the Annual Parish Meeting would be a good forum to mention the Neighbourhood Plan.

20/203 Planning Applications

**P21/S0638/FUL - Haseley End, Rectory Road, Great Haseley
Amendment Nos. 1 & 2**

Demolition of existing bungalow and outbuildings. New 3 bed detached cottage and one pair of 2 bed semi-detached cottages. Landscaping and car parking with existing crossover retained and widened (as amplified by the energy statement including SAP calculations received 22 March, 2020) (as amended by plan ref C781 Rev A providing an additional parking space).

Resolved that the amendments did not alter the Parish Council's original recommendation to Object. A response will be sent to the Planning Officer and Conservation Officer regarding the proposal of close board fencing along the boundary with Rectory Road.

P21/S0929/FUL - North Weston Farm Road, From North Weston To Shabbington North Weston

Change of use of a building from agriculture to commercial use (store or workshop or R&D).

Provision of parking for new facility and revisions to existing parking layout.

Resolved to send a response to the Planning Officer saying without knowledge of what type of business will operate from the unit, it was difficult to know if adequate parking was provided

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

P21/S0059/FUL - Chiltern View, London Road, Milton Common

New residential dwelling and garden store (as amplified by energy statement and supporting information received 4 March 2021).

It was noted that P21/S1413/SCO had been received since publication of the agenda. This seeks a scoping opinion for Dodwells Solar Farm on land north of the A40 between Milton Common and Tetsworth, the deadline for responses was 27 April 2021. It was agreed Cllr Sheppard would circulate the link to Councillors.

Resolve that a response to the Scoping Opinion is delegated to Cllr Sheppard, with the information circulated to Councillors to forward their comments.

20/204 Financial Report

The Clerk reported she would forward the Bank Statements to 31 March 2021 as soon as they arrived. The Clerk further reported the sum of £2,177 had been transferred from the current account to the business reserve account made up as follows: £1,177 to Ear Marked Reserve for the Village Hall and £1,000 to Ear Marked Reserve for Village Protection. Both amounts had been agreed in 2020-21 budget.

20/205 Payments

The following cheques were written as notified on the agenda: £120.00 Rural Ridgeway Services, £25.98 A Sheppard Expenses (Litter Pickers), £35.00 Community First Oxfordshire.

It was further agreed to write the following cheques not published on the agenda: £75 Scoop Dotty Dog, £80.00 SLCC membership, £345.60 Scribe Accounting, £680.82 Parish Administration, £170 HMRC.

20/206 Casual Vacancy

The Notice of Casual Vacancy had been posted. The Clerk reported the last date the electorate could call for a poll was 8 April and she expected to hear from the District Elections Officer shortly afterwards.

It was agreed Cllr Sheppard will circulate the draft advertisement for Co-option for comment, if it was confirmed that no election was required.

20/207 Asset Register

The Clerk had updated the Asset Register and circulated to Councillors for comment. All agreed it was a good start and some work was needed to fill in the gaps and to supply any relevant information to the Clerk.

20/208 Emergency Action Plan

The item was deferred to future meeting.

20/209 Village Event

Cllrs Sheppard and Woodrow had met with the owners of Haseley Court to discuss the village event and agreed it will be held on Saturday 10 July 2021. It will be celebration event rather than a fundraising one.

Cllr Woodrow will take the lead in organising the event with members of the Village Hall Committee. The first planning meeting will take place next week.

20/210 Reports from Committees / County and District Councillors

County Councillor Harrod had sent his apologies.

District Councillor Newton reported the District Council had agreed, by a very small majority, to create a joint Local Plan with the Vale of White Horse District Council. Work on Local Plan 2041 will start immediately with the expectation of adoption in 2024.

LP2041 will replace the current plan with more up to date figures but it will not exclude sites in the current plan or reduce current housing numbers. It may introduce new sites and more environmental policies. Housing numbers will be informed by the Oxfordshire 2050 plan which is due to report in June / July. Oxfordshire 2050 is, in turn, framed by the Oxford-Cambridge Arc, the Government's regional strategy for economic development.

Local Parishes and action groups need to develop strategies to oppose development at Harrington, which may be back for consideration in LP2041.

The appeal by Bioabundance for a judicial review of the decision to adopt the current Local Plan has been dismissed. Bioabundance have challenged the judgement.

Legislation that allows Council meetings to be held virtually ends at midnight on 6 May 2021. To extend the deadline requires priority legislation, which is not possible to fit into the Parliamentary timetable. A legal challenge to this position argues that virtual meetings can continue without additional legislation, the ruling is expected at the end of April. The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government is conducting a consultation to consider whether, if necessary, to introduce new legislation.

The planning officer has contacted Homes England (HE) for a response to the letter from the Civil Aviation Authority related to the planning application for Chalgrove airfield. HE own land to the north of the site, which it may propose the Martin Baker operation move to. However, HE would still need to compulsorily purchase the existing Martin Baker site.

Reports from Committees:

Allotments – Cllr Pickett reported all allotment plots had been taken for this year.

Village Hall – Cllr Woodrow reported the village hall can reopen from 17 May for indoor classes at 50% capacity. There has not been much interest in bookings at present. The Hall is being prepared for the elections in May.

Environment – Cllr Suter reported Openreach had confirmed Great Haseley fell within Area 3 and was eligible for funding for faster broadband. Openreach are currently working on schemes either side of Haseley. Haseley is now lodged on the scheme and has a registration number. The next step will be for Openreach to contact Cllr Suter for preliminary numbers.

Footpaths, Miss Cross Field, Communications, Millennium Wood - nothing to report.

Playing Fields – The Committee had responded to an enquiry from the Oxford Mail regarding the proposed rabbit cull. The Parish Council had received correspondence from a parishioner concerned about the cull and whether it was necessary. It is clear that the Parish Council, as landowners, has a duty to control pests in line with Government guidance. Every day more and more rabbit holes appeared. The Playing Fields Committee and cricket club will ensure all necessary Risk Assessments, licences and public liability insurance are in place.

20/211 Correspondence

Items of correspondence and local parish magazines will be circulated in the Correspondence Bag for April.

Cllr Suter had received a letter from a parishioner regarding the number of power outages experienced in the village over the last 12 months. Cllr Suter will contact the electricity providers.

20/212 Information Exchange

Nothing to report.

20/213 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting which will be the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 4 May 2021, commencing at 7.30pm with the Annual Meeting of the Council being held on the same day on the rising of the Annual Parish Meeting.

The agenda for the meeting will be published on the Parish Council's website and will contain the link and information necessary for Councillors and Members of the Public to join the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm

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Chairman
4 May 2021