

**MINUTES OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM VIA ZOOM**

Present: Cllrs A Sheppard (Chair), D Lindsay, C Pickett, T Suter, P Woodrow, A Oughton (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

John Andrews

The Chair opened the meeting and paid tribute to John Andrews who had sadly passed away. John had served on the Parish Council; he was a diligent and knowledgeable Councillor and would be greatly missed.

A minute's silence was held in John's memory.

20/108 Public Discussion and Public Questions

Toby Garfitt spoke against planning application P20/S3905/FUL, he lived next to the application site. Many of the bungalows in Latchford Lane had been extended at various periods over the years but the additions had always respected the height of neighbouring dwellings.

The proposed large house did not respect the height of other dwellings and will be out of keeping with the character of the area. It will only be 1.5m away and will dominate our house and others on Latchford Lane.

The proposed dwelling will be unneighbourly and destroy our privacy. The height of the balcony on the south east elevation from ground level will be 3m and from eye level of someone stood on the balcony it will be 4.5m. This is level with our roof line and will completely dominate the rear of our house. The frosted privacy panel serves no purpose, as you will be able to look around it.

Latchford Lane is a single track and contractor's vehicles parked on it will cause problems to residents, passing vehicles and farm machinery.

Simon Hale spoke regarding planning application P20/S3975/SCR. This was a very large site and the developer should provide an Environmental Impact Assessment. The proposal will have a detrimental visual impact on views from the M40, A40 and the footpath running alongside the A40.

Local residents have not been considered or consulted properly on the proposals. The large site and the cumulative impact of the other three proposals for solar farms, at Stoke Talmage, Tetsworth and The Oxfordshire, will have a detrimental effect on the landscape. Curiously, the electricity output is much lower in comparison to its size and the other sites.

20/109 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Spencer (Personal).

20/110 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

20/111 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Chair welcomed Cllr Suter to the Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed Cllr Suter had duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

20/112 Planning Applications

P20/S3905/FUL – Manana, Latchford Lane, Great Haseley

Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new chalet style house and garage.

Resolved to Object to the application for the following reasons:

- Scale and bulk
- Overdevelopment of the plot
- Un-neighbourly
- Out of keeping with the character of the area
- Excessive ridge height
- Inappropriate balcony

P20/S3975/SCR - Proposed Dodwells Solar Farm Land north of the A40 between Milton Common and Tetsworth

Screening Opinion request for proposed Solar Farm

Resolved to write to the planning officer to assert that an Environmental Impact Assessment is required.

P20/S4041/T28 - Whitehill Barn, Rectory Road, Great Haseley

Installation of 1 x 9m wooden pole (7.2m above ground).

The application was noted.

It was noted that the following application had been withdrawn prior to determination.

P20/S4014/LDP - The Institute, Back Way, Great Haseley

Certificate of Lawful use for the creation of new garage with existing access maintained.

20/113 Information Exchange

The Chair reported there had been some vandalism over the weekend at the cricket pavilion where some windows had been broken. The Committee had been informed and the windows boarded up.

Hare Coursing had recently taken place near the village and a tractor reported stolen from a local farm.

20/114 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting will be held on Monday 14 December 2020 and the following meeting on 11 January 2021 commencing at 7.30pm.

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 8.05pm

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Chairman
14 December 2020