

**MINUTES OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2022 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllrs C Groves, C McGuirk, R Sheehan, T Suter (Chairman), J Webster, P Woodrow, A Oughton (Clerk) and six members of the public.

**21/134 Public Discussion and Public Questions**

The Secretary of Tayler Blackall Trust asked for information on the cost of work to the war memorial to make the names clearer and what funding had been secured. The Chairman reported this would be discussed under item 21/141.

A parishioner raised concern on the inaction of the Council on several matters. Whilst he appreciated the pandemic had made things difficult it had not made things impossible. The concerns were not aimed at individual Councillors but was the collective responsibility of the whole Council. The Chairman thanked for parishioner and asked for a copy the concerns to be emailed to him.

The parishioner raised a further question asking when the Council expected to publish the Emergency Plan for the village. Cllr McGuirk apologised for the delay in finalising the Plan. Following the recent electricity outage in the village the Parish Council had discussed the difference between an 'emergency' that would trigger implementation of the Plan and an event, such as the power outage, which required everyone in the community to take a degree of responsibility to ensure those around them were safe.

**21/135 Acceptance of Office**

Cllr Richard Sheehan duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**21/136 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lindsay (Personal).

**21/137 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

**21/138 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**21/139 Matters Arising**

The Chairman will write a piece for The Haseleys to ask residents for their support for the application to implement a 20mph speed limit throughout the village. Cllr McGuirk reported several responses had been received to the poll published on the Parish Council's Facebook page.

The Clerk reported that following discussion of the District Council's proposed Community Governance Review at the last meeting it had been established there are 40 addressed properties in North Weston. A loss of just one or two properties will have a significant financial effect on the tax base.

Further, the two commercial developments on the A418 on Rycote Lane will generate a significant sum of s106 funding for public art on the industrial site (or the wider area if not used on site) and the Farmers Market a significant sum of Community Infrastructure Levy funds of which parishes with a neighbourhood plan receive 25% and parishes without a neighbourhood plan 15%.

It was **Resolved** the Chairman will respond to the Community Governance Review highlighting concerns to any proposed changes to the parish boundary.

## **21/140 Planning Applications**

### **P21/S5153/DIS – Winsey View Farm, Great Haseley**

The application is for: Discharge of conditions- 4 (contamination remediation), 6 (access specification) & 7 (turning area) in application P19/S2194/N4B (Change of use and associated operations to convert existing agricultural building to a dwellinghouse).

**The application was noted with no further comment**

### **P21/S3500/CM – Menlo Industrial Park, Rycote Lane**

#### **Amendment No. 1**

Demolition of existing buildings, alteration(s) to existing building, provision of car storage racks, hard surfacing, car parking and portable office building, together with boundary fencing, gates and access works, all in connection with the use of the site for the augmentation of auto recycling and end of life vehicles (consistent with, and complementary to, adjacent land uses. (As amplified by Landscape and Visual Impact Statement received 6 December 2021).

**The application was noted with no further comment**

### **P21/S5322/LB & P21/S5318/HH – Haseley Court, Little Haseley**

Alteration and refurbishment of the Orangery and Laundry buildings

**Resolved to submit a recommendation of No Strong Views**

### **P21/S5349/FUL - Willow Corner, Moreton Road, Moreton**

New innovatively designed 4-bedroom eco-friendly house and garage with matching local materials.

**Resolved to submit a recommendation of No Strong Views**

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

### **P21/S4811/AG – Field Farm on A329 between Thame and Milton Common**

Agricultural building for storage of straw

### **P20/S3245/FUL - Harlesford Farm near Tetsworth**

The construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm and associated infrastructure, including inverters, substation compound, security cameras, fencing, access tracks and landscaping (As clarified by information received 26 October 2020, 11 November 2020, 1 February 2021 and 18 November 2021 and amended by drawings received 21 December 2020 and 9 February 2021).

### **P21/S4877/DIS - Haseley Court Little Haseley**

Discharge of conditions 3.3 (Method statement for wallpaper/painted decoration conservation) & 3.4 (Method statement for conservation of historic floor finishes (hallway) on planning application P21/S2595/LB. (Extensive refurbishment of the main house, chapel wing and existing staff flat.)

### **P21/S4801/LB – The Crown House, Thame Road**

Enlarging a window opening and replacement of one window and one door including frame.

### **P21/S4206/HH & P21/S4207/LB – The Manor House, Thame Road**

Two-storey extension to west side to provide annexe (as amended by plans received on the 15th of December 2021).

### **P21/S4685/FUL - Land to The North West of Stoke Talmage**

Installation of an underground high voltage (132 kV) electrical cable and associated works.

## 21/141 War Memorial

Nick Hastings met with the contractor to discuss improving the clarity of the names on the war memorial. The contractor provided a quotation and worked on a few letters to demonstrate the difference. The work will take 7-8 days and planned for late February / early March.

The following funding had been secured; £500 Pumpkin Show Committee, £1,200 County Councillor van Mierlo's Councillor Priority fund, £520 District Councillor Newton's Community fund. Leaving a shortfall of £300 of the total cost of £2,520.

The Parish Council **Resolved** to contribute £250 towards work to the names on the war memorial. The Secretary of Tayler Blackall Trust agreed to fund £50.

The Chairman thanked Nick Hastings for his hard work in pushing the project forward.

## 21/142 Financial Report

Copies of bank statements to 31 December 2021 had been circulated. The balances were noted as follows: Current Account - £16,652.19 and Business Reserve Account - £39,411.96.

## 21/143 Payments

The following cheques were approved: £77.49 SODC (Village Hall Waste Collection), £550.00 St Peter's Church, £52.00 Shield Maintenance Ltd, £462.03 A Oughton, £115.40 HMRC.

A further payment, not listed on the agenda of £237.60 - A Deptford for replacement defibrillator battery and pads was approved. The Clerk explained Andrew Deptford had mistakenly sent extra batteries and pads and will issue a credit for the unwanted items plus postage.

## 21/144 Draft Budget & Precept 2022-23

The draft budget had been discussed at the December meeting, following which a small number of amendments had been made.

**Resolved that the 2022-23 Budget of £16,576 be approved.**

After discussion it was agreed to raise the Precept to £16,400, which equated to £61.31 per year for a Band D dwelling, a small decrease on the previous year. In doing so this will result in a very small surplus for the year.

**Resolved that £16,400 be raised for the Precept for 2022-23**

## 21/145 Oxfordshire County Council – Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP)

The consultation on Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC) Local Transport and Connectivity Plan is open and will run until 16 March 2023. Several webinar dates have been announced for Parish Councils and the public to attend. Cllr Suter will attend one of the parish council webinars and report back to the next meeting.

The Chairman of Little Milton Parish Council has spoken with Cllr Suter to request Great Haseley Parish Council's support for Little Milton's campaign to ban HGV traffic on A329 through the village.

**Resolved to support Little Milton's HGV campaign.**

## **21/146 Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice (OSAV CA)**

It was agreed the Citizens Advice was a very worthwhile organisation to which a number of residents have sought and received advice.

**Resolve to make a donation of £70 to Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice.**

## **21/147 Schedule of Meetings**

The draft Schedule of Meetings for 2022-23 had been circulated. The possibility of not meeting in December was discussed. After discussion it was agreed not to meet in December except to discuss matters of planning or finance that could not be held over until January. It was further agreed to meet on the second Tuesday in April 2023, the Monday being Easter Bank Holiday.

**Resolved to approve the Schedule of Meetings.**

## **21/148 Councillor Representatives**

**Resolved that the Committees and Representatives be agreed as follows:**

Planning – Cllr Lindsay  
Footpaths – Cllr Webster  
Allotments – Cllr Sheehan  
Millennium Wood – Cllr Webster  
Miss Cross Field – Cllr Groves  
Playing Fields – Cllr Groves  
Village Hall – Cllr Woodrow  
Communication – Cllr McGuirk  
Environment – Cllr Sheehan

The possibility of each councillor taking responsibility for a section of the parish was discussed. It was agreed to add an item to the next agenda to explore in more detail.

## **21/149 Reports from Committees / County and District Councillors**

District Councillor Newton's report had been circulated, she added currently South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) cannot demonstrate a 5yr housing land supply and therefore it will be difficult to resist speculative development applications.

In parallel SODC are working on the next Local Plan in partnership with the Vale of White Horse District Council, responses to a call for sites are being consolidated and will be published soon. The new Local Plan will cover a plan period of 2035-41, and should be made by end of 2023.

Caroline spoke against the application for the Cornwall Solar Farm from the point of view of its cumulative impact on the area but planning permission had been granted.

County Councillor Freddie van Mierlo's report had been circulated. He added OCC are running a number of consultations. There is dedicated funding for special educational needs/disabilities and also for youth provision. The Local Transport and Connectivity Plan which includes the Freight Strategy has opened and runs until 16 March 2022. There is a new strategy for libraries. OCC has again been named as the best performing county council in England for waste disposal.

### **Reports from Committees:**

**Village Hall** – Cllr Woodrow reported a pop-up pub is planned for Friday 4 February. Christmas Carols in front of the Village Hall had been a great success. Thanks was extended to Cllrs Suter and Woodrow.

**Communication** – Cllr Webster reported 18 responses have been received from residents interested in attending a First Aid Course. It was agreed that Cllr Webster book the course to take place in the Village Hall and that the Parish Council will fund the cost of the course.

**Environment** - Cllr Sheehan will look at ways the village can work towards goals set out in SODC's climate guidance and draft a strategy to be discussed at a future meeting.

Cllr Suter reported he was waiting to hear back from BT Openreach regarding faster broadband.

**Millennium Wood** – Cllr Webster reported a tree surveyor had visited the wood. Cllr Webster will circulate the report when published. Cllr Sheehan reported he had submitted an application to TOE (Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment) for approx. £5,535.00, the cost of the whole project. It was agreed Cllr Sheehan will present the proposal at the next meeting.

**Playing Fields** – Cllr Groves reported two posts needed replacing. Discussion took place on whether, for security reasons, posts should be replaced immediately and not wait for approval to proceed. Cllr Groves further reported the Tiddington cricket match, originally planned for 4 June 2022 had been rearranged.

**Resolved to replace two posts.**

**Resolved to delegate responsibility to Cllr Groves to replace up to two posts at any one time when required**

**Allotments, Miss Cross Field, Footpaths** – nothing to report.

#### **21/150 Correspondence**

Items of correspondence and local parish magazines were circulated in the Correspondence Bag for January.

Concerns raised about the external lighting at Ariens and also at Sands Farm. It was agreed Cllrs Groves and Suter will contact each respectively to see if there is a simple solution to the problem.

#### **21/151 Information Exchange**

Items for next agenda:  
OCC - Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP)  
Queen's Platinum Jubilee  
Councillor Responsibilities (division of the village)  
Environmental Strategy  
Millennium Wood

#### **21/152 Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed the next meeting will be held on 14 February 2022, commencing at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

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

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Chairman  
14 February 2022