

**MINUTES OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 11 APRIL 2022 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllrs C Groves, D Lindsay, C McGuirk, R Sheehan, J Webster, A Oughton (Clerk) and two members of the public.

21/195 Public Discussion and Public Questions

There was no public discussion or questions.

21/196 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Suter (unwell) and Cllr Woodrow (personal).

Cllr Lindsay Chaired the meeting in the absence of Cllr Suter.

21/197 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of Interest or Dispensations.

21/198 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21/199 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

21/200 Planning Applications

P22/S0461/LB & P22/S0453/HH – The Old Shop, 24 Rectory Road, Great Haseley

To construct 2m x .8m timber porch with reclaimed clay tile roof, windows to match existing but with heritage double glazed units. Remove existing modern door which does not seal in old frame.

Resolved to fully support the applications

P22/S0978/HH – 21 Little Haseley

New vehicular access

Resolved to fully support the application

P22/S1192/HH – Sainfoin House, Peggs Farm Road, Great Haseley

Demolition of existing pool house and reconstruction to match existing

Resolved to fully support the application

P22/S1228/HH – Jointers Farmhouse, Access Track to Jointers Farm, Great Haseley

Two storey side extension and change of access

Resolved to fully support the application

The following applications were noted:

P22/S1178/DIS – 40 Thame Road, Great Haseley

The application is for: Discharge of condition 3 (Schedule of Materials) in application P21/S2372/HH. Convert the existing garage (thatcher's room) to a dining room by changing the existing bi fold timber doors. Replace the existing rear single storey tin chicken shed with a new single storey 'garden room' including a study and gym. Include a West facing dormer window on rear roof slope.

P22/S1206/DIS - Latchford House, Latchford Lane, Great Haseley

Discharge of condition 6 (Archaeological Watching Brief) on planning application P22/S0253/HH (Demolition of existing outbuilding & detached garage & erection of single storey side & rear extensions. Front single storey bay window & erection of single storey detached garage & garden store. Alterations to existing dwelling to include the replacement of existing windows, removal of internal partitions, removal of existing stair & new internal stair).

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

P21/S1632/RM - Land North of Rycote Lane, Thame

Reserved matters following outline permission (P17/S4441/O) for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. The erection of up to 180,000 square feet (up to 16,722 square metres) of B2/B8 with ancillary B1(a) and B1(c) together with parking, drainage, landscaping (structural and incidental) and highway works.

P22/S0253/HH & P22/S0254/LB - Latchford House, Latchford Lane, Great Haseley

Demolition of existing outbuilding & detached garage & erection of single storey side & rear extensions. Front single storey bay window & erection of single storey detached garage & garden store. Alterations to existing dwelling to include the replacement of existing windows, removal of internal partitions, removal of existing stair & new internal stair (as amended by drawing nos. 21077- PP102 A and 21077-PE104 A to remove proposed south facing window received on 17/03/22).

P22/S0499/HH - The Garden Cottage, Thame Road, Great Haseley

Single storey side and rear extensions

P22/S0474/LB – 8 Mill Lane, Great Haseley

Refurbishment and restoration of existing house

P22/S0214/O - Between Lower Farm Barn & No.1 Windmill Meadow, Winsey View Farm (part of field at), Rectory Road, Great Haseley

Two dwellings with new shared access. Close existing field access, provide new access to field and Lower Farm Barn with parking/turning for that dwelling, and garden/landscaping. (As amended by revised site plan received 17 March 2022)

21/201 Community Governance Review

It was agreed the Clerk will amend the Parish Council's original response to the Community Governance Review to reinforce the points made and counter points raised by Thame Town Council in their response related to the proposal to extend Thame's Parish Boundary into Great Haseley.

21/202 Public Art – S106 Funding

Cllr Lindsay read the report provided by Cllr Suter.

Cllr Suter had met with the Public Art Officer for South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC). Who had confirmed:

- The definition of Public Art is quite broad, but that whatever is commissioned must be a unique creation designed for that specific location and with some local resonance.
- Examples from other villages / scheme include signage to points of interest, benches, street furniture.
- It does not have to be a single commission or piece of art work: and given the potential sum involved, it might be able to fund a number of different ideas.

One idea discussed was the possibility of using some art funding to improve the Triangle, which was in many ways is the centre of the village.

The next step is to form a small steering group, including, but not limited to Councillors. It was agreed to put an article in the Haseleys Updates and the Newsletter inviting volunteers to join the steering group. The Public Art Officer will brief the group who can then formulate some suggestions for the Parish Council to consider. A Public Art Strategy will then be submitted to SODC for approval.

21/203 Financial Report

Copies of bank statements to 31 March 2022 had been circulated. The balances were noted as follows: Current Account - £14,318.37 and Business Reserve Account - £40,637.02.

Income for the month on the Current Account included: Allotment rental for 2022-23.

The Clerk Reported the sum of £2,172.51 had been transferred from the Current Account to the Business Reserve Account, the sum was made up as follows; £1,172.51 to Village Hall Reserve and £1,000 to the Parish Protection Reserve.

The acceptance form for the SODC Councillor grant 2021-22 to refurbish the names on the War Memorial was signed by two Councillors.

21/204 Payments

The following cheques were approved: £345.60 Scribe, £45.00 Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association, £608.19 Parish Administration, £152.00 HMRC, £52.00 Shield Maintenance.

21/205 Haseley Updates / Newsletter

It was agreed that as no volunteers had as yet stepped forward to take on the editorship of The Haseleys and the Haseley Updates an article will be placed in both publications and on the noticeboards. The current editors will be asked for a job specification to include with the article.

21/206 Environmental Strategy

Cllr Sheehan had amended Phase 1 of the Environmental Strategy following comments at the last meeting and circulated the updated Strategy to Councillors.

Resolved to approve Phase 1 of the Environmental Strategy.

21/207 Grass Cutting

Cllr Groves reported he had met with the contractor to discuss the new grass cutting contract. The areas and number of cuts were agreed and a quotation of £3,135 excluding VAT provided. This fell within the budgeted figure for 2022-23.

Resolved the 2022-23 grass cutting contract be awarded to Ridgeway Rural Services at a total cost of £3,135 excluding VAT.

21/208 National Association of Local Councils (NALC)

At the monthly meeting of Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils (OALC) Chair's session the topic of virtual meetings was raised. OALC had asked local MPs on national lobby day, 23 March, for their assistance in pressing the government on this.

The Chairs asked OALC to produce a template letter to enable councils to write to their MPs and to which they could add their own experiences. It was agreed the Clerk will adapt the template letter and send to John Howell, MP.

21/209 Reports from Committees / County and District Councillors

County Councillor van Mierlo had given a full report to the Annual Parish meeting which had taken place before this meeting. He added that he was bitterly disappointed his motion on Chalgrove Airfield was defeated at Full Council by Conservative and Labour Councillors voting together and that politics had got in the way of good sense.

However, he was determined to continue fighting the airfield development. In the final wording of the motion Cllr van Mierlo asked the Leader of the County Council to write to Homes England to raise concerns. She agreed to put the case that Chalgrove airfield is not a good place to build houses at a meeting with Homes England in the next couple of weeks.

The county is continuing to make progress on its ambitious 20mph policy. Dedicated officers have been appointed to the roll out, with some 70 town and parish councils included as part of the first tranche. Cllr van Mierlo reported that Great Haseley had been successful in its bid and will be included in the roll out.

A number of residents in the County have applied to take Ukrainian refugees. Oxfordshire County Council and South Oxfordshire District Council are preparing to perform safeguarding and accommodation suitability home visits. Please let Cllr van Mierlo know of people who are going to be hosts and if he can help.

District Councillor Newton had given her apologies.

Reports from Committees:

Village Hall – Cllr Webster reported the committee is to meet to discuss the viability of the monthly ‘pop-up’ pub and are seeking volunteers to run it.

Allotments – Cllr Sheehan reported all allotment rents for this year have been received bar two. Cllr Sheehan requested permission to cut down three plum trees, closely planted together that were no longer productive. It was agreed to fell the one nearest the road and one other and to prune the third.

Environment – Cllr Sheehan reported the Trust for Oxfordshire Environment (TOE) had awarded £6,060 grant funding to Great Haseley’s environmental project this was more than had been requested. Additional funds will be used to purchase more trees and fund places for nine people to attend an orchard management course. As agreed previously the Parish Council will forward fund the project and Cllr Sheehan will apply to TOE on a quarterly basis to draw down the grant funding. **Resolved to accept the TOE grant award**

Millennium Wood – Cllr Sheehan reported the first volunteer day held on Saturday had been very well attended and all planned jobs achieved. Cllr Sheehan thanked all the volunteers who had taken part.

The Queen’s Green Canopy – Following discussion at the last meeting, Cllr Sheehan had amended the planting design for the Recreation Ground and circulated to Councillors. It was agreed to send a copy to the Playing Fields Committee. **Resolved to approve the planting scheme for The Queen’s Green Canopy**

Playing Fields – The match goals will be put up in the next couple of weeks.

Miss Cross Field – Cllr Groves is collating designs for a new piece of play equipment.

Broadband – Cllr Lindsay read out a report from Cllr Suter in his absence. Cllr Suter has heard back from Martin Crutchley of Openreach who says:

'We successfully put your scheme into the DCMS as a VPA Voucher Preference Area. i.e. we desire to build and already have the demand from the community i.e. the pledges. We don't expect any issues but the VPA needs to be approved with the DCMS and OCC.

So the current update is the VPA is submitted and we will find out in the next few weeks if we have been successful. The only reason it wouldn't be successful is if the DCMS plan to build to your area as part of a much larger build program so it would offer better value for money for the tax payer.

So it is all good news in general but we just need to clear these last few hurdles before we can start to organise surveys and such like!

But we are now in good shape.'

Cllr Suter and John Haywood met the Airband project manager to discuss problems with the way Airband were carrying out their work. If there are any outstanding problems, please let Cllr Suter know and he will raise them direct with Airband.

Neighbourhood Plan - Local Placemaking Plan – Cllr Suter has completed and submitted the application for Great Haseley to be part of the pilot scheme for the less onerous version of Neighbourhood Planning. We will know soon if we have been successful.

Communication, Footpaths – nothing to report.

21/210 Correspondence

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

A resident who usually organises the litterblitz on the annual tidy day had contacted Cllr Lindsay to ask if the Parish Council was happy for her to organise and contact the litter pick team directly. The Parish Council agreed and expressed their thanks to the resident.

As there were no large items to dismantle or dispose of it was agreed not to order a skip for the tidy day but arrange a kerbside collection if necessary.

21/211 Information Exchange

Ukrainian refugees - In relation to the group convened by Cllr Caroline Newton, Cllr Suter had a small number of expressions of interest which he passed onto Caroline's Ukrainian contact. Cllr Suter also had one suggestion from a resident about using the Village Hall as a community hub for refugees. It could work as a place to meet others possibly for coffee once a week but also to provide information and advice in relation to schools, doctors, etc.

21/212 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on 9 May 2022, commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.36pm

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Chairman
9 May 2022