

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 9 JULY 2018 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllrs A Sheppard (Chair), J Andrews, D Mann, D Simcox (Vice Chair),
A Oughton (Clerk) and two members of the public.

18/54 Public Participation and Public Questions

A parishioner spoke regarding the hedgerow which formed the border between the highway and his property. The majority of the hedgerow was on Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) land which had been established when the resident first moved in.

The boundary between the property and the highway is located a good way up the bank. The owner had spoken to a company to discuss different options for the tidying and long-term maintenance of the hedge. He asked, if he were to make a proposal to OCC would the Parish Council support it?

The Chair thanked the parishioner for attending the meeting and raising the issue. It was noted that there were two trees on the land, one of which appeared to be dying. The Parish Council agreed to write to OCC regarding the hedge, stating it was the County Council's responsibility and to request immediate action is taken.

A second parishioner addressed the meeting and began by thanking Cllr Simcox for the article in The Haseleys regarding affordable housing. The parishioner then raised a question regarding the triangle of land by the old water pump which for many years had 'out of space rhubarb' growing on it and had been a place where many of the village children played. Over recent years trees had been planted and last year it would seem weed killer was applied to kill the 'out of space rhubarb'. Sadly, now the area was overgrown, one of the trees had died and garden rubbish thrown on the site.

The parishioner offered to keep the area tidy if the Parish Council contacted local residents to ask them to refrain from putting garden rubbish on the site or applying weed killer.

The Parish Council replied that the area of land referred to was not public land but owned by the properties who boundaries abutted the triangle of land. The 'out of space rhubarb' was gunnera, a non-native invasive species of plant which the Wildlife & Countryside Act states is not allowed to spread. The Parish Council agreed to contact the residents to try and resolve the issue.

18/55 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Harvey (Business), Lindsay (Holiday) and Spencer (Personal).

18/56 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest.

18/57 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18/58 Matters Arising

The Chair reported the Oxford-Milton Keynes-Cambridge Expressway posters were now in place.

Cllr Simcox agreed to contact Mr John Gostick again to chase the quotation for the repair of the wall near No. 1 Horse Close Cottages.

The Clerk had received amended Register of Members Interests forms from Cllr Sheppard and Simcox. Cllrs Andrews and Mann declared there were no amendments to their Members Interests. The Clerk will contact Cllrs Harvey, Lindsay and Spencer to check if their Register of Interests is up to date.

The Clerk confirmed that a representative from Sovereign had tried to contact her regarding the recently installed piece of play equipment in Cross Field. The Clerk had left a message but no one had returned her call. It was agreed the Clerk would draft a letter to Sovereign expressing the Council's dissatisfaction with the time it had taken to install the equipment.

The Oxfordshire Growth Board's 3-year Housing Land Supply Consultation had been reviewed. Members noted that the Parish Council had submitted a response agreeing with the proposed temporary 3-year housing supply requirement for Oxfordshire, which would end on the adoption of the Joint Statutory Spatial Plan (planned by 31 March 2021, subject to examination).

Planning Applications

P18/S1839/FUL, Haseley Brook Farm Standhill Lane, Little Haseley

Proposed use of one bay of existing building by gunsmith.

Recommend Refusal

- 1. The access road from Little Haseley was unsuitable for commercial use**
- 2. Use of the site to remain non-commercial**
- 3. Concerns about the safety and security of the site**

P18/S1153/FUL, The Old Bakery, Rectory Road, Great Haseley

Amendment No. 1 – Subdivision of the site into two dwellings. Extension and alterations to The Cottage (as amended by drwg nos 2490 PL102 B and 2490 PL103 A and Design and Access Statement Rev B received on 20/06/18 to alter the design of the two storey rear extension).

Recommend Approval

P18/S1242/LB, The Old Bakery, Rectory Road, Great Haseley

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Recommend Approval

P18/S1313/FUL, Land between A418 and The Bungalow, Weston Lane

Amendment No. 1 - Erection of a dwelling (as amended by further highways information received on 19 June 2018).

The Parish Council agreed the amendment would not alter their original recommendation of refusal. Since publication of the agenda the Parish Council had received notification from the District Council that permission had been granted.

The following applications were noted:

P18/S1949/DIS – Chiltern View (proposed name of newbuild house) next to No1 London Road, Milton Common, OX9 2NT

Discharge of condition 3 - materials on application ref. P14/S2602/FUL 1. At land east of 1 Lobb Hill-Erection of 4-bed dwelling and garden store. Provision of garden, including boundary fence and new access to London Road. 2. At Lobb Farm- Demolition of Old Thatched Cottage.

P17/S4441/O - Land north of Rycote Lane near Thame

Amendment No. 1 – LPA Submission Report Received

Planning Decisions

P18/S1196/FUL – Land at Corner of Standhill Lane and Stoney Lane, Little Haseley

Variation and / or removal of conditions 2(use), 3 (lighting), 4 (landscape maintenance) 5 (planting scheme) of planning permission P06/E0717. To revoke / remove conditions 2, 4, 5 and revise condition 3. Alteration to orientation of menage. Amendment to planning permission P05/E0690 (erection of 4 stables, tack room and feedstore and a ménage area).

It was noted that SODC had granted permission with conditions placed restricting commercial use and no further lighting than that approved on the plans.

Cllr Simcox confirmed the District Planning Enforcement team had been contacted regarding the roof tiles and dormer window at The Institute and also the porch at Bavaria Barn. These were now under investigation. Cllr Simcox had also requested an update on the chimney which had been removed from The Institute and was informed this was still under investigation.

18/60 Payments

The following cheques were written as notified on the agenda: ColourPlus £522.35, The Haseley Pub Company Ltd £250.00, Nicholson Nurseries Ltd £60.00. The following cheques were written at the meeting: Stamps for The Haseleys £27.26, MP-Printers £84.00. A replacement cheque for £56.83 was written for stamps for The Haseleys (original cheque raised in June, payee incorrect and returned).

18/61 Financial Report

The balance on the Current Account: £15,208.80 and the Business Reserve Account: £15,392.77. The income for the month of £624.15 had been received made up from advertisements in The Haseleys.

18/62 School Garden

The Clerk reported there was no further news from Oxfordshire County Council other than several parties had expressed an interest in the lease on the Old School Garden and the County Council was expected to make a decision shortly.

18/63 General Data Protection

The draft Privacy Notice was agreed.

18/64 South Oxfordshire District Local Plan

Nothing further to report. The District expected to receive a decision from Government by September as to whether the request for an extension of time to submit the Local Plan had been agreed.

Homes England are holding a public consultation on the next steps for Chalgrove Airfield. There will be two public consultation events on Friday 13 July 2018 and Saturday 14 July 2018.

18/65 CPRE Petition

The Parish Council had received a request from the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England to sign a petition against recent Government proposals to make it easier to get permission for exploratory fracking.

After a short discussion it was agreed the Parish Council would not sign the petition.

18/66 Community Infrastructure Levy

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was implemented from 1 April 2016. It is a charge on new development which is collected by the District Council to provide additional funding to help pay for the cost of infrastructure.

Parish and Town Councils receive a proportion of the CIL collected by the District Council related to development within the parish / town. The amount of CIL received is 15% for parishes without a Neighbourhood Plan and 25% for parishes with an adopted Neighbourhood Plan.

To date Great Haseley Parish Council has received £3252.60 CIL money. Discussion took place on what infrastructure projects could be undertaken with a view to compiling a list of possible projects for publication in The Haseleys asking residents for their opinion and further suggestions.

18/67 World War One Commemoration

Armistice Day has a special significance this year, as it marked 100 years since the end of World War One. Discussion took place on how best to commemorate this special centenary. The Parish Council had received information on the 'There but Not There' national project which aimed to commemorate those who died in WW1 through installations of silhouettes wherever there was a Roll of Honour, educate all generations, particularly the younger generation, and heal today's veterans by raising funds through the sales of silhouettes.

Cllr Sheppard had contacted the vicar at St Peter's church to discuss whether the church would be interested in joining in with the project alongside the Parish Council. He confirmed he would bring it up for discussion at the next PCC meeting.

After discussion it was decided that further information / investigation into the purchase a 10" high Perspex Tommy figure of a World War One soldier and 'Silent Soldier' should be undertaken and the information circulated before the next meeting.

18/68 Overgrown Hedges on the Highway

Discussion took place on how best to advise residents to keep hedges cut and vegetation off the footpaths and highway. It was agreed that an article would be written for publication in The Haseleys. The Clerk will write to Soha regarding the weeds and overgrown vegetation along the footpath linking Rectory Road.

18/69 Reports from Committees

Footpaths

No formal report, Cllr Lindsay had sent his apologies for the meeting. Cllr Simcox reported the irrigation pipes on the footpath had now been moved.

Village Hall

Cllr Mann reported that a specialist had been brought in to fix the leak in the roof over the ladies' toilet at the Village Hall.

Playing Fields

No formal report, Cllr Spencer had sent her apologies for the meeting. Councillors raised concerns related to the grass cutting contract. Cllr Simcox would forward a list to the Clerk, with a copy to Cllr Spencer, to bring to the attention of the contractor.

Cross Field

Cllr Andrews reported the play equipment was being well used by the children.

Millennium Wood

Cllr Simcox reported the grass contractor had been stopped from performing the required work, as per the contract, during his last visit by a local resident.

Allotments

Cllr Andrews reported the allotments were being well used.

18/70 Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Harrod and Cllr Newton had sent their apologies.

18/71 Correspondence

A letter had been received from Thames Water advising that work would commence in Rectory Road on Friday 13 July 2018. Thames Water had sent a copy of the letter to residents who lived near to the work. It was agreed the Clerk would circulate a copy of the letter to residents via The Haseley Alert and also put a copy on the noticeboard.

18/72 Possible Agenda Items for the next meeting

The problem of the spring by the orchard was raised. In the past the Parish Council had requested the County Council install some drainage but had not received a response. Cllr Simcox would investigate the last action taken by the Parish Council.

The County Council is running pilot projects in parts of the County to allow local parish councils to become 'super users' this allowed them to report and mark up pot holes for repair in their local parish thus speeding up the response time for the repair to be carried out. Councillors expressed an interest in registering as 'super users' should the scheme be rolled out across the County.

18/73 Date of Next meeting

As both the Chair and Vice Chair were unable to attend the next scheduled meeting it was agreed the September meeting would be brought forward to Monday 3 September 2018 at 7.30pm.

Post meeting note: Since the meeting four planning applications have been received, an additional Parish Council meeting has therefore been arranged for Wednesday 15 August 2018, commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.55pm

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Chairman