

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY 11 JULY 2016 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: D Simcox (Chairman); J Andrews; D Mann; K Sentance; A Sheppard; E Spencer; S Harrod; J Simcox, Clerk and nine members of the public.

16/53 Public Discussion

There was no public discussion.

16/54 Apologies for absence were received from H Harvey.

16/55 E Spencer declared a personal interest in item 16/58 on the planning application for affordable housing.

16/56 The minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2016 were confirmed and signed.

16/57 Matters arising

The Chairman reported that funds for the defibrillators were going well and it was hoped that news on the grant from SODC would be forthcoming shortly. It was agreed to go ahead with two. The clerk reported that she had only received a few forms back regarding the Parish Email alert and there was only a few left in the Plough. It was agreed to urge people to have their names on the list and their information could be emailed to the Clerk.

16/58 Planning

E Spencer left the meeting

P16/S2004/FUL Land to North East of Rectory Road, Great Haseley

Construction of 6 flats and houses on two storeys with access from Rectory Road
The Chairman reported that he had spoken with SOHA as the original plans did not take account of the Parish Council's recommendations and he felt that the Parish Council would not like to be put in a position to reject the plans. However, it appears that the architect had not put our amendments on the plans and as a result, an amended application has been received.

The Parish Council recommended approval of the application.

E Spencer joined the meeting.

P16/S2298/FUL Unit 8, Rycote Lane Farm, Rycote Lane, Milton Common

New office and store area

The Parish Council has not strong views on this application.

Brookbank Cottage, Standhill and 15 Little Haseley have both had permission granted by SODC.

16/59 Responsible Financial Officer's report

The current account currently stands at £12,730.68 and the Business Reserve account stands at £15,383.53 The following cheques were written: Clerk's salary for 3 months

(April-June 2016) £404.16; Tax to HMRC on salary £80.80; Stamps for The Haseleys £26.40; Record books for Cross Field and Playing Fields £5.98; Allan Janes £169.63; Mears Estates £726.00; Colourplus £335.50; Home Start £25.00 The following cheques were written and will appear on the September agenda: Mears Estates £348.00; Allan Janes £512.10 No other cheques were written. The clerk received £143.74 income from *The Haseleys*, £10 for Book of Walks and £835 for defibrillators during the month of July.

16/60 Local Plan 2032

The Local Plan for 2032 was now out for consultation and showed that there were seven sites put forward for possible housing with two areas under consideration that would directly affect the parish of Great Haseley, one was Harrington at Junction 7 of the M40 (the same as Stone Bassett) and Chalgrove Airfield. The preferred option of SODC was Chalgrove Airfield and whilst this would not have quite such an impact as Harrington, it would cause rat running through Great and Little Haseley and as the plan is for 3,500 houses would alter the nature of the area considerably. The Chairman had sent a draft reply to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting for discussion.

The proposed plans and the impact on the parish was then discussed at length with members of the public present. The Parish Council agreed to oppose both sites in favour of sites closer to Oxford. It was agreed to hold a public meeting to try to get as many people as possible to write and recommend that neither site is in the right place for jobs, infrastructure etc and that the other five sites should be looked at again. B Seymour-Taylor agreed to use the Pub Co mailing list to advise as many people as possible and the clerk and the Chairman agreed to send him the necessary information. The clerk agreed to try to organise the Village Hall for a meeting on 27 July. It was also agreed to provide residents with a form of words regarding their replies to encourage as many as possible to do this.

16/61 Seat for the Queen's 90th Birthday

The Chairman said that he had looked at the broken seat on the Playing Fields and realised that one end was broken plus the wooden slats in the seats needed replacing. As a result, it was agreed to purchase two seats at a cost of £675 (ex. VAT) each and have one inscribed to mark the event.

16/62 Use of Weed control contractor

The Chairman reported that the village of Great Haseley was now beginning to look a mess due to the fact that OCC no longer clean the road edges and whilst the clerk had spent some time cleaning around the Village Hall for the Queen's birthday party, it was felt that she should not be undertaking this. It was also noted that one or two other residents cleared the road edges near their houses but it still left large areas unattended. As a result he had contact a number of weed control specialists and had received one quotation back for £250 per application. A Sheppard suggested that the Chairman should speak to J Hayward as he uses a contractor to see whether a better quotation could be received.

16/63 Future of the Parish Chest

K Sentance informed that Parish Council in broad terms what the Parish Chest contained and would write to J Alexander on behalf of the Parish Council thanking him for the contents and the Parish Council then formally put them into the trust of Archive Group.

She said that some of the papers were in a poor condition and once the Archive group had gone through all the papers, they would consult with a paper expert as to how they should be conserved.

16/64 Inspection Regime of Children's Play Equipment

The Chairman and the Clerk had taken down the broken play equipment on the Cross Field prior to an inspection by ROSPA and discovered that many of the wooden posts were rotting off. The clerk had spoken to C Pickett asking if the Pumpkin Show wished to replace some of the equipment and we are awaiting a response from them. As a result of this, the Clerk provided two record books, one for the Cross Field and one for the Playing Fields which should be completed weekly to record the state of the play equipment under the terms of the insurance. If any is found to be in poor repair, the Parish Council should be alerted. E Spencer agreed to accept this task.

16/65 Proposed diversion of Footpaths 1 and 2

The Parish Council had received a request for footpath diversion of footpaths 1 and 2. Whilst the Parish Council could understand that Lobb Farm would like to divert Footpath 1 which currently runs through the farmyard, there were some other diversions that seemed unnecessary. As a result the Parish Council asked for further explanation of this.

16/66 Reports from Committees

Footpaths – The clerk reported that she had received a complaint about the condition of Stoney Lane and A Sheppard said that she had already reported this. E Spencer asked if she could have 3 footpath discs as some had gone missing and people were using the wrong routes.

Village Hall – D Mann reported that income for the Village Hall was increasing due to the number of hirings by activities groups. It is possible that another Winter Ball will take place.

Playing Fields – The grounds had not been cut due to a problem with the contractor.

Millennium Wood – The family of the late David Pickett had asked permission to put a bench looking out towards the Windmill in his memory. This had been agreed and a concrete area would be laid. It was pointed out that sufficient space between the bench and the fence should be allowed for grass cutting.

Transport – J Andrews said that it looked as though the 124 bus route would cease as agreement cannot be reached with the bus company. He was however looking into whether the old OCC Community buses could be used in conjunction with the adjoining parish of Little Milton to get residents to Thame.

16/67 Report from the District and County Councillor

S Harrod had sent reports from OCC and SODC which had been circulated.

16/68 Correspondence

The usual correspondence was circulated.

16/69 Any other business

K Sentance and A Sheppard raised the issue of the Neighbourhood Plan but it was agreed that this should be started after the summer break. The Chairman said that he had been sad to see the fire at Highway House and the effects on the Lowry household. He also went on to praise the amazing efforts of the fire service for having salvaged such a lot of the house and contents. He then went on to thank the Village Hall Committee for putting on such a successful street party in celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday.

The Chairman said that he was concerned about the grass cutting in the churchyard. As the Parish Council pays for a third this does not now seem to all be cut. It was agreed to write to the Church Warden and ask if this was a conscious decision not to cut all the area or whether the contractors were not completing the work.

The clerk had received an email from J Dunn stating that there is a giant hogweed growing nearly opposite the Ariens site, the clerk agreed to arrange to have something done about it. He also asked about the timing of the cutting of trees in Back Way during the nesting season. This was discussed and the Parish Council felt that as they had hired a professional contractor to undertake this work, it was their responsibility to ensure that the work complied with regulations.

As the Clerk and the Chairman would be away on annual leave, it was agreed that all post would be sent to A Sheppard during that time.

16/70 It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 12 September and the following one on 10 October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There would not be a meeting during August except for urgent and financial matters. There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.10pm.

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