

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2017 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: D Simcox (Chairman); J Andrews; H Harvey; D Lindsay; D Mann; A Sheppard; J Simcox, Clerk and four members of the public.

17/121 Public Discussion

There were five members of the public present to discuss item 17/131.

17/122 Apologies for absence – E Spencer; S Harrod, County Councillor and C Newton, District Councillor.

17/123 D Mann and D Lindsay both declared an interest in item 17/131 on the agenda.

17/124 The minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2017 were confirmed and signed.

17/ 125 Matters arising

The clerk reported that three people, Colin Sheppard, Gill Seymour-Taylor and Derryn Cope had agreed to become editors of *The Haseleys*. They would take over end April/May and as there would be three this would ease the burden of the work required to get the publication out.

17/126 Planning

P17/S3522/HH The Institute, Rectory Road, Great Haseley – Amendment 2

Installation of dormer windows, roof lights and new gable. Roof extension to entrance and new first floor etc.

Whilst the Parish Council accepted that some of the changes were a slight improvement to the original application, they were still very unhappy with the overall conversion of the building and felt that they still wished for it to go to Committee for decision as few of their concerns had been considered.

P17/S4048/FUL Haseley Brook Farm, Standhill Lane Little Haseley

Proposed use of one bay of existing building by gunsmith

The Parish Council recommends refusal of this application for the following reasons; a single track road to the site, industrialisation of a rural area, noise and safety and security of the area.

17/127 Responsible Financial Officer's report

The current account currently stands at £16,794.10 and the Business Reserve account stands at £15,388.32. The following cheques were written: EAG (Donation to fighting fund for O2C Expressway) £50.00; Stamps for The Haseleys £26.88; Woodrow Joinery (Back door for village hall) £719.40 Mears Estates (2): £960.00. No other cheques were written. Income during the month of November was CIL money £2,041.65, advertising in The Haseleys was £72.00 and Book of Walks £5.00.

17/128 Draft budget and agreeing Precept for 2018-19

The clerk had prepared a draft budget which had been circulated to the Parish Council in advance of the meeting. This was discussed and agreed. It was noted with pleasure that

the precept would remain the same and both of these would be ratified at the January meeting.

17/129 Update on the SODC Local Plan

The Chairman had submitted a response to the Local Plan on behalf of the Parish Council. There was little else to report.

17/130 SOHA's invitation to opening of affordable housing

This was to take place on Tuesday 12 December. All members of the Parish Council hoped to attend and there would be a press release about the opening.

The clerk had established that of the many bidders for the houses there were only a few that fitted the criteria and therefore eligible for taking the houses.

17/131 Possible removal of the fireplace from the Village Hall

P Woodrow put forward the case on behalf of the Village Hall Committee for removing the fireplace. He said that it made the hall more usable as the stage could be pushed up against the back wall of the hall rather than leaving a gap. C Pickett then spoke on behalf of a number of villagers who felt strongly that the fireplace should remain as it was part of the history of the building. After much discussion the Parish Council put forward a compromise in that the old wood burning stove be removed, thus making it possible to push the stage up to the brickwork of the fireplace reducing the number of gaps.

17/132 Tenancy agreement for the allotments for 2018-19

J Andrews had produced a revised version and this had been circulated to the Parish Council. The Chairman said that he had made one or two minor changes to formatting. He would send these to J Andrews and it would then be adopted. J Andrews was thanked for his efforts on this.

17/133 Consultation regarding the Tetsworth Footpath Nos. 33, 34, 36, 69, 70 and 72 and Bridleway 38 and Great Haseley Footpath Nos 13, 15 and 30 and Bridleway 32.

This had been circulated to the Parish Council but the Chairman explained that this further consultation was correcting the error made by OCC and he felt that it did not require the Parish Council to send a reply.

17/115 Reports from Committees

Footpaths – The clerk reported that she had still not received the footpath maps from OCC and would be chasing them again. These would be passed to D Lindsay together with the details of landowners.

Village Hall – Due to bad weather few of the stall holders were able to get to the Christmas Market although there was a good attendance from the village. The Village Hall had been decorated for Christmas as had two trees in the village. Due to the work being undertaken at the Old School/Institute it was no longer possible to have a Christmas tree on this site. The Village Hall Committee had arranged for two Christmas trees to be put on the front of the Village Hall and they were thanked for this.

Playing Fields – Nothing to report

Cross Field – J Andrews had tried a further company for new play equipment and the clerk had sent him details of Sovereign Play equipment. As a result J Andrews, E Spencer and J Simcox were meeting a representative of Sovereign on 13 December.

Millennium Wood – Nothing to report

Allotments – The new tenancy agreement had been discussed under 17/132.

Transport – Nothing to report.

17/135 Report from the District and County Councillors

As neither councillor was present, there was nothing to report.

17/136 Correspondence

The usual bag of correspondence was given to the Parish Councillors.

17/137 Any other business

The Chairman mentioned the problems that had taken place regarding the road closure sewer connection for the new affordable housing. The clerk had received numerous emails and telephone calls about the problem and the contractors seemed to be unwilling/unable to do anything about it. The whole situation had been handled very badly and the Chairman had written to Thames Water and OCC regarding this. He had also spoken with Feltham regarding their vehicles parking on the highway and blocking people into their homes.

The Chairman wished the Councillors a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

17/138 It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 8 January and the following one on 12 February 2017, both at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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