

**Minutes of Great Haseley Parish Council meeting held on
Monday 13 July 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs L Bird, H Blythe, R Sheehan (Chairman), P Woodrow, A Oughton (Clerk)

26/37 Public Discussion and Public Questions

No items raised.

26/38 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Groves.

26/39 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

26/40 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2026 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

26/41 Planning

P26/S1925/FUL – Lobb Farm, Tetsworth

Change of use of former grain store to storage use.

Resolved to Support the application.

It was noted that the District Council has granted permission for the following application:

P26/S1470/PIP - Land adjoining Pond View, Weston Lane, North Weston, OX9 2HB

Erection of a minimum of one and a maximum of one detached (chalet-style) dwelling.

It was agreed to write to the District Planning Team to express disappointment that permission had been granted despite the application contravening the District's own planning policy on Infill.

26/42 Financial Report

Bank statements to 30 June 2026 had been circulated. Balances on the Current Account: £1,238.09 and Business Reserve Account £82,409.63. Income for the month - monthly interest. Expenditure as previously approved.

It was noted that Castle Water had incorrectly withdrawn £1,880.57 by direct debit from the current account. It was further noted that Castle Water had subsequently credited the current account by £1,868.85, the difference of £11.72 being the correct charge for water usage and standing charges for the month.

26/43 Payments

The following payments were **approved**: Shield Maintenance Ltd - £93.60, A&W Grounds - £600.00, Clerk's Salary (Apr-Jun) - £544.24, HMRC - £136.00.

Direct Debit: Hugo Fox - £20.00

25/44 Community Governance Review

It was **noted** that the latest consultation on changes proposed within the Community Governance Review opened on 18 June 2026 and closes on 30 July 2026. Cllr Sheehan will draft a response to the consultation regarding changes to the boundary between Great Haseley and Thame parish and reinforce the two phased approach. Also, that the western boundary runs along the red line of planning permission granted for the Cattle Market and not the field boundary.

25/45 Recreation Ground

A request to locate a memorial bench on the recreation ground near the cricket pitch was discussed. The request was **approved** in principle subject to agreement with the family on design and material to ensure consistency with benches already on the recreation ground.

25/46 Quiet Lanes Application

Since discussion at the previous meeting Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) has provided some clarification on how 'modal filters' work. The 'filters' provide a permanent blockage that will not allow any (local resident or not) vehicle traffic through. Locals inside a Quiet Lane will have to find alternative vehicle access which will result in slightly longer journey times.

Cllr Sheehan to clarify with OCC whether there are any 'softer' options to reduce through traffic on roads within the village. Any proposed scheme will need the support of the community.

26/47 St Peter's Churchyard Path

A third quotation of £4,569.46 to extend the path has been received. It was agreed to accept the third quotation. Cllr Blythe to contact St Peter's Parochial Church Council to advise them of the decision and ask if any further permissions / actions are required before appointing the contractor. The successful contractor will invoice the parish council once the work has been signed off as complete. Funds to be taken from Community Infrastructure Levy Ear Marked Reserves.

26/48 Projects

Public Art – **Resolved** that Cllr Blythe and the District Public Art Officer put together an application to drawdown £9729 of public art money to fund the production of a village emblem.

Neighbourhood Plan (NP) – The first draft has been written, minus maps. The Steering Group will meet on 30 July to run through the draft. Waiting on quotations for key view assessments. Checking with District Council what value there is of having a professional company provide the assessment rather than volunteers. Looking to hold community consultation in September.

26/49 Reports from Committees / District and County Councillors

County Cllr Judith Edwards sent her apologies.

District Councillor Georgina Heritage's monthly report was circulated. Cllr Heritage added that parish councils will be invited to attend Briefings covering different aspects of planning.

Allotments: Cllr Bird is working through paperwork provided on the allotments from the previous allotment representative. The majority of rents have been received. An ash tree and walnut tree have self-seeded in the middle of the allotments. It was agreed to remove them.

Footpaths: Cllr Blythe plans to clear vegetation growth along a number of footpaths.

Village Hall: The recent pop-up pub on the recreation ground was very well supported and raised a good amount of funds for the village hall. Apple Day will be on 4 October 2026. **Approved** to donate £500 to the village hall committee towards running the event.

Communication: The clerk and chairman emails have migrated to dot.gov.uk addresses. Need to decide whether to keep thehaseleys.co.uk URL or change to dot.gov.uk. Cllr Blythe to check legal requirements with Hugo Fox and report back to the next meeting.

26/50 Information Exchange

Cllr Sheehan highlighted a Councillor Fundamentals Online training on 1st October. Details can be found in the July edition of OALC newsletter.

26/51 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting will take place on 14 September 2026 in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9pm

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Chairman
14 September 2026