

**MINUTES OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 11 MARCH 2024 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllrs J Brown, C Groves, D Lindsay, R Sheehan, T Suter, J Webster, A Oughton (Clerk) and seven members of the public.

23/135 Public Discussion and Public Questions

A member of Great Haseley History Group thanked the Parish Council for their support with the project to commemorate the crew of the B-17 Flying Fortress, Buttercup. A commemorative booklet has been published and copies distributed. Not all the funds have been spent, these will be used to commission a box for the American Flag and to make donations to Cancer Research and the Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked the members of Great Haseley History Group for a fantastic piece of work. The commemorative booklet is splendid and there has been lots of positive feedback.

A resident reported that households in North Weston no longer receive copies of The Haseleys which is a useful source of information, especially so during the pandemic. The Chairman said this was an oversight and he will contact the Editorial team to find a way to reinstate distribution of The Haseleys in North Weston.

23/136 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Woodrow (Personal).

23/137 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensations.

23/138 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on Monday 8 January 2024 and Monday 12 February 2024 were approved.

23/139 Matters Arising

The Chairman had attempted to contact Nuneham Parish Council regarding their request for support in opposing plans to build the Housing Infrastructure Funding1 Road but with no success. The Chairman will continue to try and make contact.

Cllr Groves met with a play area maintenance contractor to discuss the refurbishment of the swings in the recreation, a quotation will be submitted shortly.

23/140 Planning Applications

P23/S4333/FUL – Bavaria, Rectory Road, Great Haseley, OX44 7JW

Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of a two-storey house

This application was not discussed following receipt of information from the applicant at the beginning of the meeting that he intends to withdraw the application prior to determination.

P24/S0493/HH - Olive Cottage, 3 Rectory Road, Great Haseley, OX44 7JS

Single storey garden room to rear plus two rear facing ground floor windows

Resolved to Support the application

P24/S0666/AG - Abbey Farm, North Weston, OX9 2HB

Extension to hay barn

This application was noted with no further comment.

P24/S0685/SCO - Chalgrove Airfield, Chalgrove

Request for EIA Scoping Opinion for the a residential led, mixed use development.

Resolved to respond as follows: In line with the Parish Council's response to the recent consultation on the Joint Local Plan (JLP), it agrees with the delisting of this development site from the JLP and is of the opinion that development on Chalgrove Airfield should not take place.

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

P23/S4235/HH - Vine Cottage, 23 Rectory Road, Great Haseley, OX44 7JQ

New swimming pool to the rear garden of Vine Cottage with associated pool house, hard landscaping and planting. (As amplified by filter pump details submitted on 12 February 2024).

23/141 Financial Report

Copies of bank statements to 4 March 2024 were tabled at the meeting. The closing balances were noted as follows: Current account - £25,436.28 and Business Reserve account - £44,107.60. There was one receipt received in the current account; £516.02 (3rd quarter VAT reclaim). Expenditure was as previously approved.

23/142 Payments

The following payments were approved: £78.00 Shield Maintenance Ltd, £946.00 Thomas Leach Colour (B17 Printing), £306.05 (B17 Envelopes & Postage), £87.03 Clerk's Administration Expenses.

Castle Water – Monthly Direct Debit: £11.93.

23/143 Financial and Management Risk Assessment

The Financial and Management Risk Assessment was reviewed.

Resolved to approve the Financial and Management Risk Assessment and that a further review take place once the Parish Council commences online banking.

23/144 Internal Audit

The Clerk proposed that Mr Heinrich is approached to carry out the Internal Audit for 2023/24.

Resolved to appoint Mr Heinrich as Internal Auditor for 2023/24. The Scope of Works, unchanged from 2022/23, was approved.

23/145 Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)

Cllr Sheehan has read the survey, not all questions are relevant to the village but it will be useful to comment on areas where there is value. E.g. continuing interest in the SSI and Haseley Brook, green spaces, water quality, pollution prevention and drainage.

The consultation is open until 31 March 2024. It was agreed that Cllr Sheehan formulate a draft response and circulate it before submission.

23/146 Parish Climate Action Plan

Monitoring delivery of key objects following adoption of the Parish Climate Action Plan.

Phase 1

Saving energy: village hall – work in progress.

Land management: work has commenced.

Production of green energy: work not started, need to discuss (at a future meeting) the goal for 2025.

Net Zero 2050 for the village: need to select a project. Cllr Sheehan suggested developing a nature recovery and land management plan for the parish.

23/147 Churchyard Path & Kissing Gate

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has obtained two quotations for work to the path in the churchyard (circulated prior to the meeting). It is proposed to build a new path, 1m wide from the main gates to the south door of the church and then into the churchyard.

Resolved that the unspent funds of £1,449.00 from the refurbishment of the war memorial be donated towards the cost of the path.

Discussion took place on access issues the kissing gates posed for pushchairs and those with limited mobility. It was agreed the Chairman will contact the owner of land adjacent to the recreation ground to see if the kissing gate can be removed.

23/148 Grass Cutting 2024

Resolved to award the grass cutting contract for 2024 to A W Grounds Maintenance and Landscape Services. The contract includes scheduled cuts to Miss Cross Field and the recreation ground.

Cllr Sheehan to organise an all over grass cut in Millennium Wood at a cost of £350.00. A single cut is planned for the autumn and then to take off the hay at a cost of £175.00. Paths to be cut as required. First cut planned for April.

23/149 Memorial Tree

Discussion took place on the location for a memorial tree dedicated to Deirdre Mann. The general feeling was that the tree should be planted in a prominent position, accessible to all so volunteers can decorate it at Christmas and Easter. It was agreed the Clerk will contact Oxfordshire County Council to find out what verges they own and the procedure to apply for permission to plant a memorial tree.

23/150 Allotments

In reviewing the Allotment Rules and Tenancy Agreement for 2024 it was agreed to add a sentence under 'Livestock' that allotment holders must seek written permission from the Parish Council before keeping bees on an allotment plot.

23/151 Village Tidy Day

It was agreed to hold the annual Village Tidy Day on Saturday 27 April 2024. Cllr Woodrow to draw up a list of tasks. Cllr Webster and Linda Woodrow will provide refreshments.

23/152 Back Way

A resident in Lewington Close has written to the Parish Council to request that a tree in Back Way whose branches are overhanging the rear gardens of the Close are cut back. It was agreed that as the Parish Council does not own the land it cannot give permission for the work to be done. It will advise the resident to speak to near neighbours.

23/153 Projects

Public Art

The working group has drawn up a specification. The next stage is to consult the village. It was agreed to circulate proposals via the Village WhatsApp group, The Haseleys and provide information in the village hall on the morning of the village tidy day.

Neighbourhood Priority Statement

The consultation has not generated many responses. It was agreed to publicise the consultation at the next Pop-Up Pub, the village tidy day and at any other appropriate opportunities.

23/154 Reports from Committees / County and District Councillors

County Councillor Freddie van Mierlo had given his apologies, his report was circulated.

District Councillor Heritage stated there was nothing further to add to her report.

Reports from Committees:

Playing Fields – Cllr Groves will purchase parts to repair the broken goal post.

Millennium Wood – Further to the donation by the Pumpkin Show for a bench to be located in the wood, Cllr Sheehan will approach a local craftsman to seek the cost to commission a new bench.

Village Hall, Footpaths, Allotments, Millennium Wood, Miss Cross Field, Playing Fields – nothing to report.

23/155 Information Exchange

It was noted that the Parish Council has not been included as a consultee on planning application P24/S0073/FUL – Common Cottage, London Road, Milton Common. It was agreed the Clerk will contact the Planning Officer and ask for an extension to enable the Parish Council to consider the application at the next meeting.

23/156 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting will be to discuss planning applications and approve payments. It will be held on Monday 8 April 2024, commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm

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Chairman
13 May 2024