

**MINUTES OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON
MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2024 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

The Chairman opened the meeting and stated this was the first time the Parish Council had met since Deidre Mann passed away in December. Deidre was a parish councillor for many years and her contributions and commitment to the Council are to be commended. On behalf of the Council and members of the village a formal vote of thanks was given to Deidre for all she had done for the village.

23/107 Public Discussion and Public Questions

A resident asked the Parish Council to consider planting a tree in memory of Deidre Mann, perhaps a Christmas tree or another species which could be decorated at Christmas and Easter. The Council agreed in principle to the suggestion. An item will be added to a future agenda to discuss.

23/108 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Woodrow (Personal).

23/109 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr Webster declared an interest in planning application P23/S4235/HH as a near neighbour.

23/110 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 13 November 2023 and 11 December 2023 were approved.

23/111 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes which will not otherwise be covered by items on the agenda.

23/112 Planning Applications

P23/S4303/S73 - Land off Rectory Road, Great Haseley, OX44 7JS

Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) in application P22/S4565/FUL - Variation of approved plans, to allow for single story rear extension Erection of a 4 bedroomed detached family dwelling with integral garage, and associated access and landscaping

Resolved to Object to the application on the grounds of Scale, Overdevelopment of the plot and Unneighbourly.

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.

Resolved to send the following response to the District Planning Authority - Whilst the parish council is minded not to object to the application in principle, it will reserve its opinion until Oxfordshire County Council Highways Department has been consulted on the application.

P23/S4206/FUL - Rycote Lane Farm, Rycote Lane, Milton Common, OX9 2NZ

Farm store

Resolved to Support the application

P23/S4021/LB & P23/S4020/HH - Haseley Court, Little Haseley, OX44 7LL

Works to the existing park and gardens. Tree planting and removal within the park and garden, construction of a new drive and configuration of vehicle access. Reversion of arable farmland back to parkland estate. Construction of a new lake.

Resolved to Support the application

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

P22/S3350/FUL - Land south-west of London Road near Tetsworth, OX9 7AZ

Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian involving the erection of stables building comprising 2 stable boxes, tack room, and feed store, alongside the creation of a sand school and formation of hardstanding to facilitate access. (as amended to shown turning area and visibility splays received 04 September 2023).

23/113 Community Infrastructure Levy

It was noted that the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Annual Report for 2022-23 had been circulated and submitted to South Oxfordshire District Council. The Clerk reported the Parish Council is required to submit an annual report which details any income and expenditure associated with CIL.

23/114 Budget and Precept for 2024-25

Some minor amendments had been made following presentation of the first draft budget in November. Following discussion, it was agreed to set a budget of £16,888.00.

Resolved that the 2024-25 Budget of £16,888.00 be approved.

After discussion it was agreed to keep the Precept at the same level, £16,400.00, which equates to £59.48 per year for a Band D dwelling, a small reduction of £1.94 on the previous year related to the tax base published by the District Council.

Resolved that £16,400.00 be raised for the Precept for 2024-25

23/115 Financial Report

Copies of bank statements to 31 December 2023 had not been received. The Clerk will circulate the statements as soon as they are received.

23/116 Payments

The following payments were approved: £251.00 Village Hall Committee (B17 Memorial lunch), £78.00 Shield Maintenance Ltd, £502.18 Parish Administration, £125.00 HMRC.

Castle Water – Monthly Direct Debit: £11.93.

23/117 Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice (OSAV CA)

An annual report from the OSAV CA had been circulated. The report highlights the work carried out by OSAV CA and the number of people in the village that have been helped in the last year. It was agreed the OSAV CA provided a valuable service to residents and especially during the current economic crisis.

Resolved to donate £70 to Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice.

23/118 Housing Infrastructure Funding1 Road (HIF1)

Nuneham Courtenay Parish Council had written to request support in opposing Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) and Central Government in their plans to push through the building of the HIF1 road (Housing Infrastructure Funding1) despite OCC's planning committee's decision on 17 July 2023 of resounding vote of 8 to 2 against the plan.

It was agreed that Cllr Suter will contact Nuneham Courtenay Parish Council to find out the extent of support they are seeking.

23/119 Oxfordshire County Council Freight Strategy

The publication of the Atkins study into area weight restrictions was noted. The study outlines a process for all villages and towns to request further work to reduce HGVs on inappropriate roads.

It was agreed that Cllr Suter will contact the Chairman of Little Milton Parish Council, who are pulling together evidence to support an application for a weight restriction on the A329.

23/120 Parish Climate Action Plan

The latest iteration of the draft Parish Climate Action Plan had been circulated. The Chairman thanked Cllr Sheehan for his hard work in pulling together the Plan.

Resolved to adopt the Parish Climate Action Plan. This will now be added to previously approved Phase 1 to become the Parish Climate Action Plan.

23/121 Oxfordshire County Council – Lower Energy Bills for Oxfordshire Residents

It was agreed to support publicising OCC's 'Welcome the Warmth' campaign to install energy efficient measures such as insulation, solar panels and heat pumps in residents' homes.

Cllr Sheehan will highlight the campaign via The Haseleys and social media.

23/122 Projects

Public Art

Now the S106 funding associated with Public Art had been confirmed Cllr Suter will arrange a meeting of the working group and invite the Public Art Officer.

Neighbourhood Priority Statement

The village consultation is almost ready to publish.

23/123 Reports from Committees / County and District Councillors

District Councillor Georgina Heritage's monthly report had been circulated. Cllr Heritage responded to two questions the parish council had raised in November:

- 1) Are pop-up food vendors required to have a street trading license when attending community events? Cllr Heritage had spoken with the Licencing Department and reported that; if there isn't an entry charge to the event a street trading licence is required. However, if there is an entry charge to an event no street trading licence is required. The charge can be a little as 1p.

- 2) Is there an allocation for solar farms in the draft Joint Local Plan (JLP)? Cllr Heritage reported the original JLP consultation recognises the impact of solar farms on local areas. The JLP is a strategic document and as such looks at policies. Cllr Heritage suggested that concerns around the cumulative effect of solar farms should be fed back via the next round of public consultation which starts later this week.

Reports from Committees:

Allotments – nothing to report

Environment – There has been a good response to the request for volunteers to help with hedge planting. Cllr Sheehan highlighted that from 1st January 2024 parish and town councils had a duty to consider biodiversity from time to time. There is no requirement to produce a biodiversity report, but it is recommended that councils consider biodiversity when making decisions which could impact on biodiversity, such as managing buildings, recreation grounds, cemeteries and allotments.

Footpaths – It was noted that Rycote Lane, by the new industrial development floods, even during steady rainfall. It was agreed to report this via Fix My Street.

Playing Fields – Cllr Groves has arranged to meet a play area maintenance company to discuss refurbishment of the swings.

Miss Cross Field – Creative Play are due to visit to repair the new equipment. This will be done under warranty.

Millennium Wood, Miss Cross Field, Village Hall, Playing Fields – Nothing to report.

23/124 Information Exchange

Nothing to report.

23/125 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting will be held on 11 March 2024, commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm

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Chairman
11 March 2024