

Minutes of Great Haseley Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 8 September 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs H Blythe, J Brown, C Groves, D Lindsay and T Suter, A Oughton (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

25/58 Public Discussion / Public Questions

A resident asked for an update regarding his proposal for easing traffic congestion on the interchange between the old A40 and A329. Cllr Suter reported that he had spoken with the Chairmen of Tetsworth and Great Miton Parish Councils but there was little enthusiasm. As it is a County Highways matter the Parish Council suggested the resident lobby County Cllr Edwards.

A further resident spoke against the amended planning application for Haseley Trading Estate. The response letter written to the applicant showed complete disregard to the points raised by individuals and Parish Councils.

25/59 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Sheehan and Woodrow. Cllr Blythe chaired the meeting.

25/60 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest.

25/61 Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on 14 July 2025 and 11 August 2025 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12 May 2025 were noted.

25/62 Planning

P25/S1653/FUL - Former Ariens Factory Site, Haseley Trading Estate, Great Haseley, OX44 7PF – Amendment No. 1

Redevelopment of the site as a Vehicle Depot retaining one of the buildings as a workshop to contain offices and welfare. Works to include all associated external works. (Amended and additional plans and information received 28 August 2025).

Resolved to continue to **Object** and submit a joint response with Great Milton, Little Milton and Stadhampton Parish Councils.

P25/S2373/LB - Manor Farm, North Weston, OX9 2HG

The removal and storage of the existing clay roof tiles across the barn and the addition of a temporary corrugated tin roof with temporary soft wood purlins to ensure the building remains watertight until such time that full repair and restoration works of the barn can be undertaken.

Resolved to Support the application.

P25/S2486/PIP - Land north of Bridleway, Moreton, Thame, OX9 2HR

Erection of a minimum of 2 and maximum of 2 residential dwellings

Resolved to Object to the application on the following grounds:

- It is not infill development.

- Unsuitability of the site as there are no services.
- The true line of the footpath passes through the proposed development site.
- Tilted Planning Balance does not apply.

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

P25/S2039/LB – Manor Farm, North Weston, OX9 2HG

The Grade II listed old brewhouse to the rear of the main house has collapsed. This application proposes to methodically dismantle, record and safely and securely store the building onsite until funds are available to rebuild the building.

P25/S1580/HH - Olive Cottage 3 Rectory Road Great Haseley OX44 7JS

New ancillary building to replace existing garage. (As amended by plan received 7 August 2025).

P25/S1934/HH - Manana Latchford Lane Great Haseley Oxfordshire OX44 7LA

Amendment No. 1: First floor addition, small two storey rear extension, open porch & replacement outbuilding. (Amended plans received 21 August 2025).

25/63 Tetsworth Neighbourhood Development Plan – Regulation 14 Consultation

The Parish Council agreed the Neighbourhood Development Plan is a good, well prepared document. Great Haseley Parish Council will be reflecting on some of the policies when drafting the Neighbourhood Development Plan for the parish.

25/64 Community Governance Review

It was noted that Thame Town Council has requested that the boundary between Great Haseley / Thame parishes is reviewed to enable the site of the new Cattle Market to be incorporated within Thame's parish boundary.

Resolved to arrange a meeting with Thame Town Council to discuss a possible joint response to the Review.

25/65 Financial Report

Bank statements to 29 August 2025 were circulated. The balance as follows: Current Account £24,271.86, Business Reserve Account £44,983.95. Income for the month included 2nd quarter vat reclaim and interest. Expenditure as previously approved.

Discussion took place on how to earn the best interest on funds held in the Parish Council's accounts. **Resolved** as a first step the Clerk will contact the bank to activate 'a sweep' mechanism between both accounts, keeping a minimum of £100 in the current account with the remainder in the Reserve Account earning interest.

Castle Water confirmed it over estimated water usage at the allotments and will reimburse funds taken in error.

25/66 Payments

The following payments were approved: £79.56 Shield Maintenance Ltd, £155.00 A & W Grounds Maintenance (posts – recreation ground), £500 A & W Grounds Maintenance, £201.60 RoSPA Play Safety, £1,000 South Oxfordshire District Councillor Grants Scheme. Castle Water Direct Debit payment £316.47.

25/67 Miss Cross Field / Recreation Ground

The RoSPA Inspection Reports for Miss Cross Field and the Recreation Ground were circulated prior to the meeting.

Resolved to purchase a new litter bin and bench for Miss Cross Field. Cllr Groves to obtain prices and apply to the District Councillor Community Fund for funding.

Resolved to engage a contractor to remove a wasp's nest from Miss Cross Field at a cost of £75.00 excluding VAT.

Resolved to engage Reids Playground Maintenance to strip down the swing frame at the Recreation Ground, inspect all parts and check the top bar at a cost of £220.00 excluding VAT. The results of the inspection to be brought to a future meeting to discuss next steps.

25/68 Projects

Public Art – Cllr Blythe to submit plans to the Public Art Officer at SODC.

Neighbourhood Plan – Cllrs Sheehan and Suter are working on a draft plan based on work carried out for the Neighbourhood Priority Statement.

25/69 Reports from Committees / District and County Councillors

County Councillor Judith Edwards had sent her apologies.

District Councillor Georgina Heritage had sent her apologies and circulated her monthly report.

Footpaths – it was noted that grass cuttings have been put on the side of the footpath running along the back of Horse Close Cottages and are spilling onto the path. Haseley Court stile has been supported. The bridge will be replaced before winter.

Millennium Wood - grass has been cut.

Recreation Ground – all cricket matches for the season have been played. The cricket field has been scarified and dressed.

25/70 Information Exchange

Cllr Edwards has been in communication with a resident regarding recent flooding issues. Flood equipment was deployed during recent heavy rain. Need to consider what other flood defence equipment could be purchased.

25/71 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on 10 November 2025 in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

{Post meeting note: a meeting will be held on 13 October 2025 with a reduced agenda to discuss planning, financial matters and a response to the Community Governance Review}.

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

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Chairman
10 November 2025