

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 8 OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllrs A Sheppard (Chair), J Andrews, H Harvey, D Lindsay, D Mann, D Simcox (Vice Chair), E Spencer, A Oughton (Clerk) and two members of the public.

18/102 Public Discussion and Public Questions

A parishioner asked what plans the Parish Council had for spending the funds received from the Community Infrastructure Levy? The Chair replied that no plans have been agreed yet. A list of possible infrastructure projects was being compiled but no money will be spent without first consulting residents.

The parishioner asked a second question regarding the water in Rectory Road and whose responsibility it was to remove the vegetation blocking the gutters along the sides of the roads in the village? The Chair replied that the water in Rectory Road would be reported to the County Council Highways Department via Fix My Street. With regard to the overgrown vegetation in the gutters, a request is made each year to the District Council to clear the gutters during their annual tidy up. Cllr Simcox had obtained some quotations for weedkilling which will be investigated. The Clerk will also contact the District Council to see if any tidy up work can be done before the end of the year.

A member of the Great Haseley History Group (GHHG) asked if the Parish Council would consider supporting GHHG in their approach to the Great Haseley & District Horticultural Society to lease the Old Chapel to store their ever-growing collection of papers, photographs, relics, etc. The GHHG have looked at other options but there were no other suitable sites in the village. This item was discussed under item 18/112 of the agenda.

18/103 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

18/104 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllrs Andrews and Simcox declared an interest in item 18/112 – Great Haseley History Group as a member and a relative of a member respectively.

18/105 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18/106 Matters Arising

Regarding the Remembrance Commemorations, the Chair reported the small Perspex 'Tommy' figure had arrived and the large silhouette had been ordered and was due to arrive shortly. Thame Town Council had kindly loaned a seated Perspex silhouette to the village.

After discussion it was agreed that the small Perspex 'Tommy' will be displayed in The Plough leading up to Remembrance weekend and for a short time afterwards with a short description about the 'There but not There' campaign. The seated silhouette will be offered to the church to display and the large 'Tommy' silhouette will be placed by the War Memorial.

The Chair had spoken to RAF Benson and Great Haseley had been included on the RAF list of locations for a fly past on Armistice Day around 11.09am.

Corridor B has been chosen as the preferred route for the Oxford-Milton Keynes-Cambridge Expressway. This had removed the worst option as far as Great Haseley was concerned but it was still a wide corridor. The route around Oxford had not yet been decided. The Oxford Growth Board had agreed to write to Homes England and Chris Grayling regarding the Corridor as it was so wide encouraging them to make a timely decision and emphasising the need for the route to be close to rail and bus links.

There was nothing further to report regarding the overgrown hedge at Hazelwood, an email had been sent to County Councillor Harrod to find out when the work might commence.

Cllr Simcox reported he had not heard from Planning Enforcement regarding the issues reported at The Institute and would chase them again.

Cllr Simcox reported the planning officer assigned to the planning application to extend St Peter's churchyard had written to ask for a revised block plan as the original was not to scale, a scaled drawing of the railings or a photograph and a clause added to the application to 'reuse and relocate the existing railings'. Cllr Simcox confirmed all the information requested had been submitted.

Cllr Andrews reported the Great Haseley History Group had discussed the Royal British Legion's campaign 'Everyone Remembered' which aimed to have a message written on the website to every serviceman and woman named on war memorials throughout the country. Following the meeting a message and a piece about each man on the Great Haseley War Memorial has been entered onto the RBL website.

18/107 Planning Applications

P18/2368/FUL - Rycote Lane Farm and Lobbersdown Farm, Rycote Lane, Milton Common, Amendment No. 1 - Additional drainage information received 5 September 2018

It was noted that a hard copy of the additional drainage information had not been received.

P18/S2995/FUL - Lobb Farm Cottage Access Road to Lobb Farm, Tetsworth and P18/S2996/FUL - Lobb Farm, Tetsworth

The proposed development is for a Gas Fired Electricity Generating Facility with the ability to generate up to 49.99 MW of electricity. A low carbon flexible generating facility using gas reciprocating engines. The facility will generate electricity principally for the regional distribution network in times of generation shortfall and/or high demand.

After discussion of planning applications P18/S2995/FUL & P18/S2996/FUL, above, it was agreed to strongly oppose the applications and recommend refusal.

Whilst the Parish Council acknowledged the increasing reliance on solar and wind generated electricity meant there was a need nationally for plants such as this, ready at very short notice, to provide electricity when the renewable sources could not produce the necessary output due to cloud cover and/or drop in the wind speed, they were of the opinion that the location proposed here was the wrong one for the following reasons:

- The site is not listed for development in the retained Local Plan, the Core Strategy or in the emergent local plan.
- It is a development in open countryside contrary to Policies G2, G4 and CSS1. Were the application to have been proposed abutting an existing industrial area, the Parish Council would have very many fewer concerns.
- The proposal would be detrimental to the character of the area. It is located in an area identified in the South Oxfordshire Landscape Assessment SPG as an area where repair

and reconstruction of the landscape should be encouraged. This application does nothing in this regard contrary to policy CSEN1.

- The Parish Council was concerned that if this development is granted permission that it will form a node drawing in other applications for industrial development that would be significantly more difficult to refuse.
- The application has attempted to show that the development will be all but invisible due to existing and proposed tree planting but the Parish Council believes that the development will be visible from Heath House, Milton Common and possibly other buildings including the listed cow barn near to the Rycote Lane Farm complex. Further, the Council believes that the engines, their cooler arrays and the boiler plant associated with the gas supply and metering complex will generate visible plumes rising above any tree cover.
- The nature of the plant's operation means that there will be no gain in employment after the construction phase is over.

P18/S3171/FUL – Field Farm Rycote Lane, North Weston

Change of use of part of barn to class B1/B8 together with parking.

It was agreed to submit a recommendation of No Objections.

P18/S3093/FUL – Land to the rear of Unit 1, Christmas Lane, Thame

Proposed contractor's storage yard B8 and associated office B1

It was agreed to object on the grounds:

- The application encroached onto open greenfield space / incremental growth on the site
- Increased traffic movement onto and off Rycote Lane
- Insufficient information supplied related to hours of operation and number of employees

**P17/S4415/FUL - Land off Rycote Lane, Christmas Hill, Rycote Lane near Thame
Amendment No. 2**

Relocation of Thame Livestock Market with buildings to accommodate agricultural sales, lairage, administrative offices, welfare facilities, business units, and associated external works to include highway access, roadways, vehicle parking, vehicle washing and other ancillary works (as amplified by highways information received 25 April 2018, and ecological information received 9 August 2018, and additional drainage and highways information received 27 September 2018)

It was agreed the additional information supplied would not alter the Parish Council's original decision.

Planning Decisions

It was noted that SODC have granted permission for the following applications:

P18/S2310/FUL – Lobb Farm, nr Tetworth

Erection of stable

P18/S2319/HH – Greystones, Latchford Lane

Single storey rear extension and new attached studio outbuilding (as amended by drawings accompanying email from Agent dated 14 August 2018).

The following planning application had been withdrawn: P18/S2366/N4C – Field Farm, Rycote - Lane, North Weston - Change of use of barn to flexible use

It was noted that the address of the two new properties in Rectory Road would be known as 1 & 2 Windmill Meadow, Rectory Road, Great Haseley, Oxford.

18/108 St Peter's Church Clock

At the September meeting the Parish Council was asked to consider funding the repairs needed to the church clock. Smiths of Derby who service the clock had reported a serious defect in the clock ringing system following the annual service last year.

Since the meeting Smiths of Derby had confirmed they would honour the price of £600 quoted last year for the repairs. The Parish Council resolved to pay the full amount of £600 for the repair.

18/109 Payments

The following cheques were written as notified on the agenda: OALC (training) £48.00, Grass Cutting £510, Royal British Legion £250, Clerk's salary £805.29 (Jul-Sept), HMRC £201.40, Sovereign Design Play Systems £3041.55, postage for The Haseleys (Sept edition) £27.26, Cllr Sheppard Expenses £32.99 (Perspex There but Not There Silhouette), RBL Wreath £35.00, R Mead (Skip for Tidy Day) £240.00.

The following cheques were written at the meeting: ColourpluS £522.35, Windmill Landscapes £210.00, postage for The Haseleys (Oct edition) £26.68.

18/110 Financial Report

The balance on the Current Account was £18,738.31 and the Business Reserve Account £15,394.69. The income for the month of £7,190.00 had been received made up as follows: 2nd installment of Precept £6,750.00, Sale of Walks Book £5.00 and Advertisements in The Haseleys £435.00.

The Clerk circulated copies of the 2018-19 budget against Year to Date spend (up to 30 September). Spending was all in line with the budget forecast. It was agreed the Clerk would prepare a draft 2019-20 budget for discussion at the November meeting.

18/111 External Audit

The Clerk reported the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2018 had been received from Moore Stephens. The Parish Council formally noted the External Auditor's Report. The notice of conclusion of the audit had been posted on the noticeboard and the website.

The Clerk reported the external audit process had not been straightforward this year. A number of questions and additional information had been requested during the audit process for which Moore Stephens had made a charge. Members asked the Clerk to write to Moore Stephens to request a breakdown of the charges which seemed excessive.

18/112 Great Haseley History Group (GHHG)

Further to the question raised under public questions (agenda item 18/102) regarding the Old Chapel Members felt it was a good idea, it would give GHHG more space and may provide a suitable place to store the Parish Council archives. It was agreed the Parish Council would write to the Horticultural Society in support of GHHG's request for space within the Old Chapel.

18/113 The Old School Garden

Since the advertisement for the lease of the land had been published, the question of a sale of the freehold interest in the site had been raised. This was being considered by the County Council and the Parish Council would be informed once a decision had been made whether to lease out or sell the land.

18/114 Reports from Committees

Footpaths

Cllr Simcox reported that nothing had happened regarding the repair of stile 24/25. The post supporting the stile at Footpath No. 2 had rotted.

Village Hall

Cllr Mann reported an autumn clean was being planned and the date will be published in The Haseleys. The two trees in the village and the Village Hall will be decorated ready for Christmas on the last Sunday in November.

Playing Fields

Nothing to report.

Cross Field

Nothing to report.

Millennium Wood

Cllr Spencer reported the field had been cut.

Allotments

Cllr Andrews reported it had been a mixed season due to the extremely hot summer. The water was due to be turned off at the end of October. It was noted, with regret the poor uptake of allotments this year.

18/115 Reports from District and County Councillors

County Councillor Harrod had sent his apologies.

District Councillor Newton had circulated a report to Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Newton reported the draft Local Plan will be considered by Cabinet and then go to Council on 20 December 2018. The public consultation would commence in January 2019.

18/116 Correspondence

There was no correspondence. The Clerk reported that she had attended the District Council Emergency Planning Training on 5 September 2018. It had been an interesting training, the slides, information and emergency plan template would be added to the correspondence bag for circulation to Members.

The Parish Council congratulated everyone involved in the Pumpkin Show which had raised an impressive £2,500.

18/117 Agenda Items

The Clerk was asked to put the village handbells on the agenda for the meeting in November.

18/118 Next meetings

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on 12 November 2018 and the following meeting on 10 December 2018 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50pm

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Chairman,
12 November 2018