

**MINUTES OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 17 JULY 2023 AT 6.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** C Groves, D Lindsay, T Suter (Chairman), J Webster, P Woodrow, A Oughton (Clerk) and no members of the public.

**23/39 Public Discussion and Public Questions**

There was no public discussion or questions.

**23/40 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Sheehan (Personal).

**23/41 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Cllr Suter declared an interest as the applicant in planning applications P23/S2300/HH and P23/S2301/LB and did not take part in the discussion or vote on the applications.

**23/42 Planning Applications**

**P23/S1979/FUL – Farm buildings at Little Standhill, Standhill Lane nr Little Haseley, OX44 7LP**

Relocate existing animal shelter - remove shelter from existing location and re-erect in a better location.

**Resolved to support the application**

**P23/S1864/A - Rycote 40, Rycote Lane, Thame, Oxfordshire, OX9 2BY**

Marketing signage for new industrial/ warehouse development.

**Resolved to support the application**

**P23/S2300/HH & P23/S2301/LB – Spokes Farm Cottage, 31 Rectory Road, Great Haseley, OX44 7JQ**

Repair of the existing buildings including partial removal and reconstruction of upper gable wall of lean-to wall. Creation of new internal doorways. Formation of a link to the neighbouring outbuildings.

**Resolved to support the applications with the following comment:**

- The applicant should set out how contractor's vehicles will be managed during the development to mitigate impact on Rectory Road and neighbouring properties. There is only one footpath along Rectory Road on the side of the proposed application. The applicant should also provide a plan to mitigate the effect of scaffolding on pedestrians using the footpath.

The following applications were noted:

**P21/S3915/FUL - Dodwells Solar Farm, Land north of the A40 nr Milton Common  
Amendment Nos. 4 & 5**

Installation and operation of a Solar Farm together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure (as amended & amplified by information received 8 July 2022, 21 December 2022, 28 February 2023, 28 April 2023 and 27 June 2023).

**P23/S2172/DIS - Land North of Rycote Lane, Rycote Lane, Thame**

Discharge of condition 35 (Energy Statement Verification) under application reference number P21/S1511/FUL (Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) for off-site highway works incorporating alterations to Rycote Lane in application P17/S4441/O (The erection of up to

180,000 square feet (up to 16,722 square metres) of B2/B8 with ancillary B1(a) and B1(c) together with parking, drainage, landscaping (structural and incidental) and highway works).

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

**P23/S1263/HH - Badgers Brook, Rectory Road, Great Haseley, OX44 7JW**

Single-storey rear extension, two rear gable extensions, three new front dormer windows and material and fenestration alterations to the existing house.

**P23/S1562/HH - Whitehill Barn, Rectory Road, Great Haseley, OX44 7JN**

Alterations to house; additional storey of accommodation via lifting the roof to increase the height of dwelling and added brise soleils.

**23/43 Financial Report**

Copies of bank statements to 30 June 2023 had been circulated. The balances were noted as follows: Current account - £31,693.11 and Business Reserve account - £54,664.28. No income was received in the current account for June. Expenditure was as approved at the May meeting.

The Clerk reported the invoice for the new play equipment at Miss Cross Field had been received - £21,584.40 (including VAT). £8k of National Lottery funding and £3k of Community Infrastructure Levy will be transferred from the business account to the current account to part cover payment. It was fortunate that the invoice is dated 30 June 2023 which allows the VAT element (£3,597.40) to be recovered in the 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr Vat Return due to be submitted next week.

The Parish Council thanked all residents who had contributed to the cost of the play equipment through the Just Giving Page, raising a fantastic total of £1,410.

**23/44 Payments**

The following payments were approved: £96.86 D Lindsay (Rackspace renewal), £28.78 D Lindsay (Domain renewal), £490.00 A & W Grounds, £62.40 Shield Maintenance, £612.14 Parish Administration, £153.00 HMRC. Castle Water – Monthly Direct Debit: £5.00.

A further cheque for £21,584.40 Creative Play (UK) Limited was approved.

**23/45 Back Way**

The erection of scaffolding at a property on Back Way has disrupted waste collections for residents living on Back Way. It is envisaged the scaffolding will be in place for several weeks. Cllr Suter will write to District Councillor Heritage to see what can be done to mitigate the disruption to waste collections and especially to Brown Bin collections for which residents have paid for a service which is not being provided.

There have been informal conversations with residents regarding the status of Back Way and whether to pursue a change in its classification from a footpath to a road. It is an issue that has been discussed on and off over many years without resolution. There are good arguments both for and against reclassification. County Councillor van Mierlo reported that the County Council will not consider adopting Back Way until it is road standard and ownership of Back Way is established.

It was agreed to put the question of reclassification to village residents at a meeting to be held in the autumn. Relevant information will be gathered and shared and Oxfordshire County Highways will be invited to give a presentation.

**23/46 Information Exchange**

Items for next agenda: Fruit collection at Millennium Wood

It was noted how few residents and visitors to the village know about facilities open to the public e.g. Millennium Wood, Miss Cross Play Area, the Recreation Ground. To raise awareness Cllr Webster offered to write an article in a future issue of The Haseleys.

**23/47 Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed the next meeting will be held on 11 September 2023, commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.15pm

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Chairman  
11 September 2023