

**MINUTES OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 14 DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM VIA ZOOM**

Present: Cllrs A Sheppard (Chair), D Lindsay, C McGuirk, E Spencer, T Suter, P Woodrow, A Oughton (Clerk) and 8 members of the public.

20/115 Public Discussion and Public Questions

A parishioner raised concern regarding the 'Tommy' silhouette at the War Memorial. First and most important, the white plaque at the base of the silhouette was incongruous, it does not fit in with the surrounding and detracts from the silhouette. When driving at night headlights only pick out the white plaque. Secondly the statement on the plaque is annoying and patronising and thirdly the silhouette loses impact being in-situ 365 days of the year.

A second parishioner reported he had removed the dog waste bin next to the litter bin on Rectory Road on behalf of the Parish Council and was happy to store the bin until a new location is agreed. He further suggested if the bin is to be relocated the Parish Council consider a location near to Peggs Lane.

The parishioner further reported a virtual Carol Service will be held at St Peter's church on Sunday 20 December at 4pm. He wondered if it would be possible to sing carols outdoors around a bonfire on Christmas Eve, if a suitable venue can be found?

The Chair thanked him for removing and storing the dog waste bin. Oxfordshire County Council had not yet replaced the broken litter bin next to it. The Parish Council will consider the draft budget later in the meeting and decide whether there are sufficient funds to relocate the dog waste bin. Any new location will need to be agreed with the dog waste bin contractor.

20/116 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Pickett (Personal).

20/117 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

20/118 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 9 November 2020 and 16 November 2020 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

20/119 Matters Arising

The Chair reported South Oxfordshire District Council Local Plan 2035 had been adopted by Cabinet and Full Council on 10 December 2020. There were long and protracted discussions at both Cabinet and Full Council meetings, when put to a vote there were abstentions, however, the motion to adopt the Local Plan was carried. Members of the Cabinet felt the Council were being forced into adopting the Local Plan by Government.

The transport plan for the Chalgrove Planning Application was still to be submitted and issues around the runway and safety had yet to be addressed. The adoption of the Local Plan did not necessarily mean planning permission will be granted.

The Clerk reported she had spoken with a County Fire Officer to relay concerns raised at a previous meeting related to parking on Rectory Road. Oxfordshire Fire Services will send some notices to be put on vehicles, when appropriate, highlighting the issues of inappropriate parking.

The Clerk had emailed Oxfordshire County Council to ask when the DSLAM 'green cabinet' will be installed at Latchford Lane.

Cllr Spencer reported recovery of the cost of replacing broken windows at the pavilion on the Recreation Ground will not be pursued through insurance as the cost was similar to the insurance excess.

20/120 Planning Applications

P20/S4355/FUL - North Weston Farm, Shabbington Road, North Weston

Change of use of agricultural building to a CrossFit Facility (new use class E). Provision of parking for new facility and revisions to existing parking layout.

Resolved to support the application with the following comment:

Parking – there is insufficient parking provision for the number of staff and people attending the CrossFit facility and fitness classes.

No cycle storage facility is shown on the plans

P20/S4105/FUL – Haseley Court, Linden Lodge, Little Haseley

Variation of condition 5 - Occupation on application P07/W0549 to allow occupation by persons employed, or formerly employed, at Haseley Court or as ancillary accommodation. Erection of new dwelling for staff.

Resolved to support the application

P20/S4447/HH - Heath House, London Road, Milton Common

Proposed single storey side extension

Resolved to support the application

P20/S4513/LB – Lobb Farmhouse, Tetsworth

Provision of swimming pool to side of house. Alterations to and extension to existing woodshed to link it to existing wall, which is to be retained but altered. Alterations to side wall of house to re-open bricked up door opening (currently window) to form doorway to garden/pool.

Resolved to support the application

P20/S4505/HH – Lobb Farmhouse, Tetsworth

Provision of swimming pool to side of house. Alterations to and extension to existing woodshed to link it to existing wall, which is to be retained but altered. Alterations to side wall of house to re-open bricked up door opening (currently window) to form doorway to garden/pool.

Resolved to support the application

P20/S4593/SCR - Le Manoir Aux Quat Saisons, Church Road, Great Milton

Provide a formal screening opinion to confirm whether there is a requirement for an Environmental Impact Assessment in respect of proposed development at Belmond Le Manoir Aux Quat Saisons

The Screening Opinion was noted.

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

P20/S3293/HH – The Old School House, Rectory Road

Demolition of existing garage at the front, erection of single storey extension (in place of garage), side extension to first floor, loft conversion and removal of existing render to all elevations.

P20/S3383/HH – 27 Rectory Road

Proposed first floor extension.

P20/S3481/FUL - Rycote Lane Farm, Rycote Lane, Milton Common

Grain store with turning area

20/121 Neighbourhood Plan

The parish last considered producing a Neighbourhood Plan 5-6 years ago during a public meeting at the Village Hall. Then the view was that efforts be concentrated on defending the threat of the Harrington development.

Since then Parishes in the locality have completed Neighbourhood Plans (NPs), Little Milton and Pyrton. Wheatley and Tetsworth are close to completing their NPs. NPs are community led and express the views and opinions of the whole community. They provide the opportunity to create local planning policies specific to the parish.

A steering group made up of representatives from across the whole community work on producing a NP, it involves a great deal of work, takes time and there is a monetary cost (for which grants can be applied for). Parishes who have an adopted plan receive 25% of CIL funding (uncapped), opposed to parishes who do not have a NP who receive 15%.

It was agreed in principle to consider producing a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Suter volunteered to investigate further, looking into the 'pros and cons' and funding and report back to a future meeting. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Suter for agreeing to lead on the project.

20/122 Strategic Vision for Oxfordshire

The draft Strategic Vision for Oxfordshire, which is being put together by the Oxfordshire Growth Board is currently out for public consultation. It was agreed that Cllrs Lindsay and Sheppard will formulate a response to the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council. The Chair asked all Councillors to send their comments to her for inclusion in the response.

20/123 Financial Report

Copies of bank statements to 30 November 2020 had been circulated to Councillors. The balance on the Current Account was £14,013.83 and the Business Reserve Account £35,448.47. The Clerk reported £330 of CIL funding held in Reserves had been transferred to the current account to cover the purchase of daffodil bulbs for the village. £1,462.50 of CIL funding received in October had been transferred from the Current Account to the Business Reserve Account.

20/124 Payments

The following cheques were written as notified on the agenda: £100 The Maple Tree, £240 Moore (External Audit), £32.50 Carmella Media. The Clerk reported the cheque for Carmella Media was less than reported on the agenda as it covered 3 months rather than 12.

20/125 Draft Budget & Precept 2021-22

The Clerk presented the first draft budget for 2021-22. Following discussion a small number of amendments were suggested and it was agreed an updated Budget and Precept proposal will be circulated to Members for discussion and approval at the January meeting.

20/126 IT Infrastructure

Cllr Lindsay reported he had sent Councillors instructions on how to set up GHPC Gmail accounts.

Carmella Media, who host the website www.haseleys.co.uk have offered to reduce the cost of their invoice to cover domain hosting for a further 3 months rather than 12 (see item 20/124 above). The Parish Council agreed this was the best way forward.

With the agreement of Paul Lee who administers the Haseleys website the process of transferring the domain to the Parish Council had begun. The Haseleys website uses software that is no longer supported this may result in problems editing the site in the future. Further investigation will take place into incorporating the community pages into the Parish Council site, similar to Little Milton and the storage of historical information.

The Chair thanked Paul Lee for his hard work related to the Haseleys website.

20/127 Traffic Speeds

Cllr Suter volunteered to look further at speeding initiatives, including a speeding taskforce and the '20's Plenty for Oxfordshire' campaign and will report back to a future meeting.

20/128 Village Event 2021

It was agreed in principle to hold a village event when COVID-19 restrictions allow.

20/129 War Memorial

The concerns raised by a parishioner related to the 'Tommy' silhouette were discussed. The Chair reported the white plaque was an integral part of the silhouette and there had been no choice on the wording or design.

It was agreed that the silhouette be kept in-situ all year round and that ways to lessen the impact of the white plaque will be explored.

20/130 Reports from Committees / County and District Councillors

District Councillor Newton and County Councillor Harrod sent their apologies and did not attend the meeting.

Playing Fields – The Chair reported that the adult exercise equipment and tennis courts had reopened. Cllr Spencer reported 60 new roof tiles had been fitted at the pavilion.

Village Hall – Cllr Woodrow thanked everyone for their support with funding the Christmas decorations at the village hall which looked splendid. Thanks also to Ben and Jack Spencer for supplying the Christmas trees at an advantageous price.

Allotments, Communication, Environment, Footpaths, Millennium Wood & Miss Cross Field – nothing to report.

20/131 Correspondence

Items of correspondence and local parish magazines will be circulated in the Correspondence Bag for December.

The Clerk reported Wheatley Park School had written to thank the Parish Council for their donation towards the school's Prize Giving event.

The Clerk further reported that Deidre Mann wished the Parish Council and wider community to note that as a result of her contacting Highways at Oxfordshire County Council the road markings at the junctions near the war memorial and Latchford Road and Peggs Farm had been repainted, this will help improve road safety.

20/132 Information Exchange

Village noticeboards – Cllr Woodrow to look at the cost of replacing the corkboard.

Items for inclusion on the next agenda:

Faster Broadband

Communication using social media

Election of Councillor representative for Environment and Footpaths.

20/107 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting will be held on 11 January 2021 and the following meeting on 8 February 2021, commencing at 7.30pm.

The agenda for the meeting will be published on the Parish Council's website and will contain the link and information necessary for Councillors and Members of the Public to join the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed 9.30pm

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Chairman
11 January 2021