

**Minutes of Great Haseley Parish Council meeting held on**  
**Monday 13 October 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs C Groves, D Lindsay, R Sheehan (Chairman), T Suter, P Woodrow, A Oughton (Clerk) and five members of the public

**25/72 Public Discussion / Public Questions**

A resident reported the dog waste bins at the end of the Grove, Millenium Wood and Peggs Farm were full and some overflowing. The Clerk will contact the contractor. They also requested that weeds on the roadside and pavements are cleared. The Clerk will add Rectory Road to the schedule of work for the District Council's Deep Cleanse Team who are due to visit the village at the end of the month.

A further resident raised several items related to: off cuts of bailer twine along Latchford Lane and Peggs Farm, BT Open Reach leaving cut cable at a unsafe height, the proposed boundary change between Great Haseley and Thame Town Council, the Conservation Area and Character Study Management Plan, the long grass on the recreation ground, a review of the Climate Action Plan and discussions re the Chapel's future.

Another resident reported that large branches are dropping from trees in Back Way opposite Millennium Wood, some branches are close to cables.

All items raised will be actioned by the Parish Councillor responsible for the respective area.

A resident, who attended the District Planning Committee has submitted a formal complaint to South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) regarding the conduct of SODC, the SODC Planning Officer and Planning Committee during the application process and the meeting held on 8 October 2025, at which SODC formally resolved to grant planning permission for the redevelopment, to a waste vehicle depot, of the Former Ariens Factory Site, Haseley Trading Estate.

**25/73 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Blyth and Brown.

**25/74 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Cllr Woodrow declared an interest in planning application P25/S3047/HH as a contractor for the work and did not take part in discussion or vote on this item.

**25/75 Planning**

**P25/S2835/HH - The Stone Yard, Back Way, Great Haseley, OX44 7JP**

Replacement single storey lean to extension. Two rear facing dormers.

**Resolved to Fully Support** the application

**P25/S3047/HH - Walnut Cottage, 22 Little Haseley, OX44 7LH**

Conversion of attached garage to habitable room, new window to replace garage door and insertion of rooflight on existing side single storey pitched roof.

**Resolved to Fully Support** the application

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

### **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.

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

### **P25/S0267/HH & P25/S0268/LB - 14 Mill Lane Great Haseley OX44 7JU**

Creation of a Driveway Entrance, section of the existing wall will be re-opened to allow for the installation of a 3-metre-wide, 5-bar gate to provide access to the driveway. Retaining Wall: A stone-clad retaining wall will be constructed inside the property to support the driveway Verge Modifications: The verge will be opened up and tapered with a gentle sweep on both sides into the driveway. Steps Installation: Steps will be installed in the northwest corner of the driveway to provide access to the house. (Amended plans received 28 July 2025).

Appeal Reference number 6000984 related to planning application P25/S0267/HH was noted.

Also noted, the change of property name from Manana to Barley Close Cottage, Latchford Lane, Great Haseley.

## **25/76 Community Governance Review**

The Clerk, with Cllrs Sheehan and Suter met with Thame Town Council's Clerk and Cllrs Dyer and Gilbert to discuss a joint proposal to SODC's Community Governance Committee regarding possible changes to the parish boundary between Great Haseley and Thame.

The joint proposal (circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting) suggests a two-phase approach:

Phase 1: That the Thame and Great Haseley Boundary is moved to incorporate the built industrial sites including ASM and Christmas Hill Business Park within Thame's boundary (edged in green on the proposal document).

Phase 2: That the Thame boundary is extended further to include land proposed for the development of Thame Cattle Market but includes land from within the same field to form a readily understood boundary (edged yellow on the proposal document). Phase 2 would not be actioned until a decision is made on the final plans for the Cattle Market. Should the Cattle Market not be built the proposed extended boundary would not be required.

It was **Resolved** to submit the proposal to the District's Community Governance Review Committee for consideration.

## **25/77 Financial Report**

Bank statements to 30 September 2025 were circulated. The balance on Current Account £31,774.01 and Business Reserve Account £45,025.36. Income for the month included 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Precept, credit from Castle Water and bank interest. Expenditure as previously approved.

It was agreed to carry out a further grass on the recreation ground at an additional cost to the agreed budget.

**25/78    Payments**

The following payments were approved: £79.56 Shield Maintenance Ltd, £45.00 Open Spaces Society (annual subscription), £90.00 Pure Pest Solutions, £62.40 R Sheehan (wild flower seed), £384.00 Richard Taylor Landscapes.

**25/79    The Haseleys Magazine**

The editorial team reported that they had not received any offers from volunteers to take over running the Haseleys when they finish at the end of the year. Despite the reduction in advertising revenue, the magazine continues to make a surplus which is distributed to various charities. Some forward planning needs to take place if the magazine is to continue.

It was agreed to send a survey to residents to get a sense of their views on: the preferred format (printed or electronic copy), how important the magazine is. If the consensus is that it should continue, to ask for volunteer(s) to step forward.

An advert for a new editorial team will be put on the noticeboards and an item on the next agenda to discuss further.

**25/80    Information Exchange**

Cllr Suter tabled a Status Report on Great Haseley’s Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and suggested the steering group who worked on the Neighbourhood Priority Statement is re-established with the addition of a few more people. Cllr Suter will contact SODC for details of planning consultants who might help pull the NP together.

The Haseley Pub Company has approached the Parish Council asking them to consider taking on a covenant related to a 1m wide strip of land on which the Plough boundary wall is sited. The request will be put on the next agenda for discussion.

Haseley Trading Estate – The council extended its thanks to Cllr Lindsay for representing the parish council at the District Planning Committee meeting on 8 October 2025. Following approval by the Planning Committee, Great Milton Parish Council is exploring the possibility of raising a Judicial Review. This will likely be a costly process and Great Milton are seeking financial support from groups and individuals. It was agreed Great Haseley Parish Council is not in a position to support the challenge financially but will, in every other way, lend its support in seeking a Judicial Review.

Residents of 5 Rectory Road, have written to the Parish Council to thank them for helping, especially Cllrs Blythe, Sheehan and Woodrow who turned out in torrential rain to help when water from the road recently flooded their house, and then almost flooded it again a week later. The sandbags purchased by the Parish Council were very good and helped minimise damage.

Cllr Sheehan to contact County Councillor Edwards for an update on the clearance of a tree root from a gulley.

**25/81    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. Cllr Woodrow gave his apologies.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm

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Chairman  
10 November 2025