

**MINUTES OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

**22/133 Election of the Chairman**

Cllr Lindsay called for nominations for the position of Chairman. It was proposed and duly seconded that Cllr Suter be elected Chairman. On put to the vote it was agreed unanimously.

Cllr Suter thanked Cllr Lindsay for leading the parish council over the last year. He had brought both dynamism and focus to the role.

**22/134 Public Discussion and Public Questions**

A resident reported the church clock has not worked for some time. Cllr Suter reported members of the church were in contact with companies to carry out the repairs and hoped the clock will be working again soon.

A further resident reported they had submitted a bid to Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) to lease the School Garden on Back Way. They were concerned that should the Parish Council put in a successful bid no action will be taken to improve the School Garden. If successful the resident intended to encourage bees to the area and restore the apple trees.

**22/135 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**22/136 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

There were no declarations of Interest or Dispensations.

**22/137 Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 9 January 2023 and 23 January 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**22/138 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**22/139 Planning Applications**

**P23/S0162/FUL – Land to the North West of Stoke Talmage and to the West of Harlesford Farm near Tetsworth**

Installation and operation of an underground high voltage electrical cable and associated works.

**Resolved** to have **No Objection** to the application

**P22/S3350/FUL – Land South West of London Road near Tetsworth, OX9 7AZ**

Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian involving the erection of stables Building comprising 2 stable boxes, tack room, and feed store, alongside the creation of a sand school and formation of hard standing to facilitate access.

**Resolved** to have **No Objection** to the application

**P23/S0354/DPO – Land at Rycote Lane, Thame**

Discharge of legal obligations relating to District Council Reverence 6242 under planning permission P17/S441/O

**Resolved** to **Support** the application

The following Discharge of Conditions applications, were noted:

**P23/S0186/DIS – Land to the North West of Stoke Talmage, Stoke Talmage**

**P23/S0352/DIS – Land to the North West of Stoke Talmage, Stoke Talmage**

**P23/S0370/DIS – Land North of Rycote Lane**

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

**P22/S3245/S73 - Land off Rycote Lane Christmas Hill Rycote Lane Thame OX9 2BY**

Application under S73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to vary conditions 16 (Surface Water Drainage), 17(Foul Drainage) and 18 (Sustainable Drainage Scheme) on application P17/S4415/FUL. (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)

**P22/S4333/DIS - Haseley Court Little Haseley**

Discharge of Conditions 3.1(details of all structural works) & 3.2(paint analysis and proposals for new paint schemes) on application P21/S2595/LB (Extensive refurbishment of the main house, chapel wing and existing staff flat).

**22/140 Great Haseley History Group**

A member of the History Group reported the project is progressing well. The church has applied for a faculty for a memorial to the lives of those lost on board the USAF Flying Fortress to be installed in the churchyard just inside the gate on the left side.

The group will set up a Just Giving Page and encourage people to donate towards the cost of the memorial which is expected to be £5k. 50% of the total cost will need to be raised before the memorial is ordered.

**Resolved** that all donations / expenditure associated with the project will be processed through the parish council's bank account to enable the Group to start fundraising immediately.

**22/141 Financial Report**

Bank statements to 31 January 2023 had been circulated. The balances were noted as follows: Current Account - £22,098.32; Business Reserve Account - £40,752.99

No income was received in the Current Account for January.

**22/142 Payments**

**Resolved** to approve the following payments: £52.00 Shield Maintenance Ltd, £300.00 Nicholsons Nurseries Ltd, £1,404.00 Nicholsons Nurseries Ltd, £255.00 Woodland Trust (R Sheehan), £90.95 Woodland Trust (R Sheehan), £225.00 A W Mobbs & Co Ltd (R Sheehan).

**Resolved** to approve a further payment not on the agenda: £70.00 Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice.

## 22/143 Projects

### Public Art – s106 funding

The developer of the industrial site at Rycote Lane has submitted a planning application for the discharge of legal obligations relating to District Council Reverence 6242 (the location of public art – see item 22/139 above). Cllr Suter will contact the Public Art Officer and S106 Officer at South Oxfordshire District Council to discuss the proposed split of public art funding.

### Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS)

A good meeting had taken place 10 days ago looking at the four priority themes for the NPS, including connectivity which will ensure not only better access to the village but also from the Haseleys to other villages and Thame. The NPS is very much about high level principles and what can be achieved for the good of the village. Cllr Suter will write up and circulate a report.

### Miss Cross Field

Creative Play need a completed signed order form to proceed. Expected start date is April / May. Creative Play charge £1,200.00 to remove old equipment and complete groundwork. Rubber matting is supplied at additional cost of **???? chris to confirm**.

After a short discussion it was agreed a group of volunteers could remove existing equipment and prepare the ground ready for installation. Cllr Groves will research possible grant funding streams. As funding could not be claimed retrospectively it was agreed completed forms will not be sent to Creative Play until funding is in place. The parish council have set aside £3k of CIL funds for the project.

*{Post meeting note: Creative Play has confirmed no deposit required, payment in full on completion, site visit to take place before signing order form}*

## 22/144 School Garden, Back Way

OCC has decided to make the land known as the School Garden, Back Way available to rent on a short term lease. The lease will be for five years and have flexible breaks for both parties on a six-month notice period. There is a covenant that the land must be used for educational purposes.

OCC contacted the parish council, as a previous lease holder, to see if there was interested in submitting a bid for the new lease.

**Resolved** that the Parish Council will not submit a bid for the lease on the School Garden, Back Way.

## 22/145 The Triangle

A resident had written to the parish council to ask what can be done to improve the area of Back Way known as the Triangle which connects with Rectory Road opposite the Village Hall.

In previous conversations OCC had indicated that joining a new surface to the carriageway will be problematic and suggested a 'brick set' to keep the surface in place. Back Way is a public footpath which constrains what the parish council can do but it has long been recognised that the area needs attention and £4k of CIL funds has been set aside towards the cost of refurbishment. It is unclear who owns the path adjacent to the Institute.

**Resolved** to: a) gain views of local residents directly affected, b) invite OCC to a site visit and c) obtain quotations for possible options.

## **22/146 Local Elections 2023**

The timetable for parish and district elections to be held on 4 May 2023 was noted. The elections, how to stand as councillor and the main change this time – the requirement for electors to produce photographic ID when voting to be publicised via the WhatsApp group, the Haseleys and the website.

## **22/147 Emergency Plan**

It was noted the village Emergency Plan has been reviewed and minor amendments made. A copy has been sent to the Emergency Planning Department at OCC and a revised copy published on the website.

## **22/148 Reports from Committees / County & District Councillors**

County Cllr van Mierlo had given his apologies and circulated his monthly report.

District Cllr Newton reported the District Council are considering 2023-24 budget this week, if agreed the cost for a Band D property will be £5. A large sum of the Capital Budget will go towards the new District Headquarters in Didcot.

Cllr Newton is to put a Motion to District Council in March related to the concern on the number of solar farms being planned balanced against the loss of agricultural land, due harm and the target of net zero.

Cllr Newton reported a lot of applications had been received for the Councillor Community Grant Scheme. Nevertheless £1k has been allocated to the Parish Council for deer fencing around the allotments.

Currently forty planning applications are scheduled to be heard by the District Planning Committee, with an average of 3-4 being decided per meeting.

### **Reports from Committees:**

**Village Hall** – Cllr Woodrow reported the last pop-up pub raised £400 for Parkinson's disease. Quotations are being sought for the installation of a screen, projector and sound at the village hall. The committee are drawing up plans to celebrate the King's Coronation. A 'save the date' will be published soon.

**Allotments** – Cllr Sheehan has approached three suppliers for quotes for the deer fencing. Despite chasing he has only received two quotations. It was agreed to proceed based on the quotations received. It is anticipated there will be sufficient allotments for those wanting plots this year. Agreed that Cllr Brown will take on Councillor responsibility for the allotments.

**Environment** – Cllr Sheehan reported seven trees and hedging have been planted at the recreation ground. The planting will be registered on the Queen's Green Canopy website. Agreed to fix two plaques, one with the Queen's Green Canopy logo and one recognising the funding donation from the Haseleys editorial team. The parish Nature Recovery and Climate Plans are on hold to enable focus on the Neighbourhood Priority Statement.

**Playing Fields** – Three contractors have been invited to quote for 2023 grass cutting contract. Discussion has taken place with the neighbouring landowner regarding the rabbit problem. A meeting with all parties is planned to discuss next steps.

The Recreation Ground Committee are looking for a new Treasurer. Tiddington Cricket Club (TCC) has asked to lease the cricket pitch. TCC are using the pitch every Saturday, approximately

40 fixtures in the calendar. Cllr Groves will draft Heads of Terms and circulate to the parish council and TCC for discussion.

**Resolved** in principle that Tiddington Cricket Club can lease the cricket pitch subject to signed Heads of Terms.

**Millennium Wood** – All work related to the Trust for Oxfordshire Environment (TOE) has been completed. Cllr Sheehan will apply to TOE for funding allocated to the project. Cllr Sheehan thanked everyone who had helped and planted over the last six months.

**Footpaths and Communication** – Nothing to report.

**22/149 Correspondence**

Nothing to add to correspondence previously circulated via email.

**22/150 Information Exchange**

The date for the Annual Parish and Parish Council meetings, Monday 10 April is Easter Monday. It was agreed to hold both meetings a week earlier on Monday 3 April 2023.

**22/151 Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed the next meeting will be held on 13 March 2023 in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm

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Chairman  
13 March 2023