

**Minutes of Great Haseley Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 12 January 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs H Blythe, R Sheehan, T Suter, A Oughton (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

25/102 Public Discussion / Public Questions

A resident reported that he has received an acknowledgement of his letter to the Government Ombudsman regarding the District Planning Authority's procedural process when considering the application for the vehicle waste facility in Great Haseley but has yet to receive a response to the points raised.

25/103 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Brown, Groves and Woodrow.

25/104 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest.

25/105 Casual Vacancy

Cllr David Lindsay's resignation was noted. Thanks was extended to Cllr Lindsay for all his hard work whilst serving on the Council. David took on responsibility for planning; reviewing planning applications against local and national planning policy and served for a period as Chairman.

The Notice of Casual Vacancy was published on the village noticeboard on 6 January 2026. The Notice will run for 14 working days, the last day being 26 January 2026.

It was agreed to put an article in the next issue of The Haseleys inviting members of the electorate to put themselves forward for co-option onto the Council. If there is no call for an election by 26 January 2026 potential candidates will be invited to attend the parish council meeting on 9 March 2026.

25/106 Minutes

Minutes of meeting held on 10 November 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

25/107 Planning

**P24/S2886/FUL – Land North of Rycote Lane, nr Thame, OX9 2FZ
Amendment No. 4**

Mixed-use development incorporating the relocation of Thame Livestock Market and comprising a building accommodating agricultural sales, administrative offices, welfare facilities and associated uses together with a commercial development comprising 11,981sqm (GEA) of B2/B8 with ancillary E(g)(i) and E(g)(iii), all with access, parking, highway works, landscaping, drainage and ancillary operation.(as amended by information received on 17 December 2024 and as amplified by additional information received 03, 17 February 2025 and 7 January 2026).

Resolved to continue to object - the viability assessments were noted, however, objections relating to the height and bulk of the buildings and surface drainage remain. If the district planning authority is minded to grant permission, a condition is made that the Livestock Market is built out and occupied before the commercial element is completed.

To note the District Planning Authority has granted permission for the following 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 roof light on existing side single storey pitched roof

P25/S1653/FUL - Former Ariens Factory Site, Haseley Trading Estate, Great Haseley, OX44 7PF

Redevelopment of the site as a Vehicle Depot retaining one of the buildings as a workshop to contain offices and welfare. Works to include all associated external works. (Amended and additional plans and information received 28 August 2025).

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

Replacement single storey lean to extension. Two rear facing dormers

P25/S3266/HH - Dreamers Cottage, 13 Little Haseley, OX44 7LH

Proposed to adapt the front elevation of the garage by replacing two garage doors with one central door. Replace and existing window and the side door frame. Also replace the front timber cladding. All replacement materials will match the existing.

25/108 Budget and Precept 2026-27

Some minor amendments had been made to the draft budget presented in November 2025. Following discussion, it was agreed to set a budget of £17,169.00.

Resolved that the 2026-27 Budget of £17,169.00 be approved.

After discussion it was agreed to keep the Precept at the same level, £16,400.00, which equates to £59.66 per year for a Band D dwelling, representing a small increase of 0.48p on the previous year related to the tax base published by the District Council.

Resolved that £16,400.00 be raised for the Precept for 2026/27

25/109 Financial Report

Bank statements to 31 December 2025 were circulated. Balances are as follows: Current Account £28,846.55, Business Reserve Account £45,135.73. Income provided from receipt of £500 from Haseley Pub Company and interest on the Business Reserve Account. Expenditure as previously approved.

It was noted that the annual report of receipt and expenditure related to Community Infrastructure Levy funds held by Great Haseley 2024-25 has been submitted to South Oxfordshire District Council.

25/110 Payments

Resolved to approve the following payments: £85.50 Shield Maintenance Ltd, £421.21 Parish Administration, £105.20 HMRC, £550 St Peter's Church (Grass Cutting), £100 St Peter's Church (donation towards felling of sweet chestnut tree). December 2025 payments: £85.50 Shield Maintenance Ltd, £264.00 Reids Playground Maintenance Ltd.

Direct Debit – £2.96. Castle Water (January 2026) and £10.91 (December 2025).

25/111 Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice (OSAV CA)

The annual report from OSAV CA, which highlights work carried out by the organisation, was circulated. The report includes data on how many people in the village have been helped in the last year. It was agreed OSAV CA provided a valuable service to residents.

Resolved to donate £70 to Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice.

25/112 The Haseleys Magazine

It was noted that a volunteer has agreed to take on the role of editor.

25/113 Miss Cross Field / Recreation Ground

Quotations to replace the swing set at the Recreation Ground are being gathered.

The grass cutting contractor has confirmed that prices will be held for 2026.

Resolved that A W Grounds Maintenance be awarded the grass cutting contract for Miss Cross Field and the Recreation Ground for 2026.

25/114 Haseley Pub Company

It was noted that the strip of land (on which a wall is built) on Rectory Road was transferred to Parish Council ownership on 16 December 2025. A copy of TR1 Transfer Deed Form has been sent to the Land Registry.

The Haseley Pub Company has transferred the sum of £500 to the Parish Council towards future maintenance of the wall. The funds will be held in Ear Marked Reserves.

25/115 Dot.gov.uk Council Email Addresses

Resolved to adopt domain greathaseleyparishcouncil.gov.uk. Councillors to have generic email address: firstname.surname@greathaseleyparishcouncil.gov.uk, chairman@greathaseleyparishcouncil.gov.uk and clerk@greathaseleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Resolved that the domain address is provided by Hugo Fox Ltd free of charge and email addresses provided by Hugo Fox Ltd at a monthly charge of £17.49 for up to 10 email addresses.

25/116 Projects

Public Art – Cllr Blythe has met with the District Officer responsible for Public Art. The first phase, to provide village gates and benches is progressing.

Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Suter reported the draft plan was progressing well. Cllr Suter to attend a District Neighbourhood Planning meeting on 28 January 2026.

25/117 Reports from Committees / District and County Councillors

County Councillor Judith Edwards had submitted her apologies.

District Councillor Georgina Heritage had submitted her monthly report. Cllr Heritage added that the District Councils have a procedural meeting scheduled with Government with a view to the Joint Local Plan (JLP) being back in submission. The JLP is a strong Plan and continues to carry weight.

Environment / Millennium Wood – Cllr Sheehan is planning the following work: hedge laying on the footpath leading to the windmill. Clear and tidy Millennium Wood. Renegotiate the grass cutting contract for 2026.

Village Hall – the Council expressed thanks to the Village Hall Committee for arranging the Christmas Eve Carol Singing.

25/118 Information Exchange

Oxfordshire Fire Service Consultation – Agreed Cllr Sheehan will formulate a response to the consultation to be circulated for comment prior to submission.

Future Agenda items: Councillor Training, Interest Rates, Parish Online.

25/119 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on 9 March 2026 in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm

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Chairman
9 March 2026