

**Minutes of Great Haseley Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 13 April 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs H Blythe, R Sheehan (Chairman), P Woodrow, A Oughton (Clerk) and two members of the public.

25/141 Public Discussion / Public Questions

A resident who raised several questions at the previous meeting reported that he had not received responses to all the questions. With regard the District Council's Community Governance Review, the resident raised several questions on the process of how the decision was reached on the joint submission with Thame Town Council to change the boundary to include the industrial units and proposed cattle market site on the A418 within Thame Parish.

25/142 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Bird, Brown, Groves and Suter.

25/143 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest.

25/144 Minutes

Minutes of meeting held on 9 March 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

25/145 Planning

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

P26/S0487/HH - 52 Latchford Lane, Great Haseley, OX44 7LA

Single storey rear and side extension and a detached garage and store outbuilding.

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

P25/S2747/FUL - Land south-west of London Road near Tetsworth, Oxfordshire, OX9 7AZ

Change of use of land to a Gypsy/Traveller site comprising 12 mobile homes, 12 touring caravans and 12 utility rooms

25/146 Financial Report

Bank statements to 31 March 2026 were circulated. Balances as follows: Current Account £4,167.03, Business Reserve Account £69,249.75. Income provided from donation of £330.00 from The Haseley Pub Company and receipt of interest on Business Reserve Account. Expenditure as previously approved.

25/147 Payments

Resolved to approve the following payments: £85.80 Shield Maintenance Ltd, £446.40 Starboard Systems Ltd (accounting software), £36.00 Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE), £35.00 Community First Oxfordshire, £50.00 Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association, £228.00 Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils, £79.00 Society of Local Council Clerks (50% split with Little Milton Parish Council), £379.82 Parish Administration, £95.00 HMRC, £202.00 R Sheehan (Flood Equipment), £120.00 Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre (TVERC).

Direct Debit – £10.36 Castle Water

25/148 Back Way

Agreed that type 1 (40:70) crushed limestone is probably the most suitable material to fill pot holes on Back Way. Quotations to be brought to next meeting for discussion.

25/149 Miss Cross Field / Recreation Ground

Item deferred to next meeting.

25/150 Millennium Wood

Resolved that the 2026 grass cutting contract is awarded to R Taylor Landscaping to cut the grass along the pathways, the central area around the seating, the eastern areas where access allows and the south western area in April, June and July at a monthly cost of £225.00. To mow the areas mentioned plus the area north of the path in August at a cost of £335.00.

Resolved that R Taylor Landscaping shred brash and leave as woodchip at a cost of £360.00 funded from underspend on Millennium Wood Maintenance Budget for 2025-26.

25/151 Projects

Public Art – Project has been sub divided into 3 to 4 smaller manageable projects.

Neighbourhood Plan – **Resolved** to **Approve** the Neighbourhood Plan Application Supporting Statement as circulated via email.

25/152 Reports from Committees / District and County Councillors

County Councillor Judith Edwards submitted her apologies.

District Councillor Georgina Heritage submitted her apologies and her monthly report circulated.

Village Hall – The Committee has reviewed the Constitution. Proposed amendments to be circulated to Councillors together with the Constitution and an item added to the next agenda for discussion.

Recreation Ground – a bench on the cricket field (furthest away, overlooking the Chilterns) needs replacing. Quotations to be obtained and discussed at the next meeting.

25/153 Information Exchange

Extension to Churchyard Path – quotation for extending the path to be circulated. Agreed to obtain two additional quotations and add item to agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Agreed future invitations to speak at District Planning Committee Meetings will be circulated and the Clerk will follow up to ensure Councillors have received the information.

25/154 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Monday 11th May 2026 in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm. The Annual Meeting of the Council will commence on the rising of the Annual Parish Assembly.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm

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Chairman
11 May 2026