

**MINUTES OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

**23/56 Public Discussion and Public Questions**

There was no public discussion or questions.

The Chairman reported he had received correspondence from a resident regarding the proposal to fence the allotments and a recent survey via the village WhatsApp group. It was agreed the final proposal will be put to a village wide consultation.

It was noted that Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) has installed a 'Welcome to Thame' sign on the A329 within Great Haseley Parish. The Clerk will contact OCC Highways Department to have the sign removed.

**23/57 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Brown (Personal).

**23/58 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Cllr Suter declared an interest as the applicant in amended planning application P23/S2301/LB and did not take part in discussion or vote on the application.

**23/59 Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on Monday 12 June 2023, Monday 17 July 2023 and Monday 14 August 2023 were approved.

**23/60 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes which would not otherwise be covered by items on the agenda.

**23/61 Planning Applications**

**P23/S2301/LB – Spokes Farm Cottage, 31 Rectory Road, Great Haseley, OX44 7JQ  
Amendment No. 1** - Repair of the existing buildings including partial removal and reconstruction of upper gable wall of lean-to wall. Creation of new internal doorways. Formation of a link to the neighbouring outbuildings. (Amended plan and information received 22 August 2023).

**Resolved to support the application**

**P23/S1276/HH & P23/S1277/LB – Hallowell, Rectory Road, Great Haseley, OX44 7JG  
Amendment No. 1** - Proposed extensions and alterations (as amended by drawing no. PL105 C received on 16/08/23).

**Resolved to object** to the application on the following grounds:

- Unneighbourly – the window to the east facing gable of the second floor (originally fitted with opaque glazing) will create an unacceptable level of overlooking / privacy to the adjacent property.

The following application was noted:

**P23/S2756/N4B - Farm buildings at Little Standhill, Standhill Lane, Little Haseley**  
Conversion to dwelling.

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

**P23/S1979/FUL - Farm buildings at Little Standhill, Standhill Lane near Little Haseley, OX44 7LP**

Relocate existing animal shelter - remove shelter from existing location and re-erect in a better location.

**P22/S4565/FUL - Land off Rectory Road, Great Haseley, OX44 7JS**

Erection of a 4 bedroomed detached family dwelling with integral garage, and associated access and landscaping (revised plans received 22 March with revised SAP calculations, energy statement, change to proposed external finish, movement of dwelling to rear by 1.4 metres, inclusion of air source heat pump, amended site access and biodiversity net gain calculations).

**P23/S1864/A - Rycote 40, Rycote Lane, Thame, OX9 2BY**

Marketing signage for new industrial/ warehouse development

**P23/S1593/S73 - Land North of Rycote Lane, Rycote Lane, Thame, OX9 2BY**

"Variation of condition 36 (Public Art) on planning permission P21/S1511/FUL - to amend to 'That matters in connection with public art shall be undertaken wholly in accordance with the Public Art Statement dated April 2023'. (Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) for off-site highway works incorporating alterations to Rycote Lane on application P17/S4441/O (The erection of up to 180,000 square feet (up to 16,722 square metres) of B2/B8 with ancillary B1(a) and B1(c) together with parking, drainage, landscaping (structural and incidental) and highway works))."

**P21/S3915/FUL - Dodwells Solar Farm, Land north of the A40 nr Milton Common**

Installation and operation of a Solar Farm together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure (as amended & amplified by information received 8 July 2022, 21 December 2022, 28 February 2023, 28 April 2023 and 27 June 2023).

**P22/S2220/FUL - Dodwells Solar Farm, Land north of the A40 nr Cuddesdon**

Underground cable route to connect Dodwells solar farm to Cowley substation.

**P23/S0162/FUL - Land to NW of Stoke Talmage and West of Harlesford Farm nr Tetsworth**

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

Correspondence related to proposed building work at Greystones, Latchford Lane was noted. The Parish Council's advice to the applicant is to share their plans with near neighbours if they have not already done so.

## **23/62 Financial Report**

Copies of bank statements to 31 July 2023 and 31 August 2023 had been circulated. The balances at 31 August 2023 were noted as follows: Current account - £25,966.82 and Business Reserve account - £43,790.03. Income received into the current account for July and August was made up as follows: £1,000 Tayler Blackall donation for new play equipment, £4,172.40 Qtr 1 VAT

claim, £1,519.00 B17 memorial donation, £1,363.65 Just Giving Donation for new play equipment. Expenditure was as approved at previous meetings.

The Clerk reported the invoice for the new play equipment at Miss Cross Field (£21,584.40) had been received and paid. £8k of National Lottery funding and £3k of Community Infrastructure Levy, held in the Business Reserve account was transferred to the Current account on 29 August 2023 to part cover the payment.

### **23/63 Payments**

The following payments were approved: £45.00 Open Spaces Society, £490.00 A & W Grounds, £62.40 Shield Maintenance, £105.94 Parish Administration, Castle Water – Monthly Direct Debit: £5.00.

### **23/64 Parish Climate Action Plan**

The draft Parish Climate Action Plan had been circulated prior to the meeting. The proposed actions by section were discussed and amendments noted. Cllr Sheehan will amend the plan accordingly and bring back the final draft to a future meeting for approval.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Sheehan for all his hard work in preparing a very comprehensive plan.

### **23/65 Recreation Ground**

A proposal for hedgerow planting had been circulated prior to the meeting. The plan is to plant some hedging this year and the remainder in 2024. It is hoped ongoing maintenance will be carried out by volunteers. It was noted that access is needed either end of the hedge to the northern boundary to allow retrieval of cricket balls. Cllr Sheehan will present the proposal to the Playing Fields Committee and adjoining landowners before commencing the project.

### **23/66 Landscape Character Assessment**

South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) and Vale of White Horse District Council are preparing a new Landscape Character Assessment and inviting parish councils, residents, businesses and visitors to share what they enjoy about local landscapes and what they think is changing them. The Consultation is open for comments until 29 September 2023. **Resolved** that Cllr Sheehan will draft and circulate a response on behalf of the parish council for feedback before submission.

### **23/67 Oxfordshire County Council – Electric Vehicle Microhubs**

OCC are calling for Expressions of Interest in the proposed Electric Vehicle (EV) Community Microhubs Scheme. Possible sites within the village were discussed subject to further investigation. **Resolved** that the Parish Council submit an Expression of Interest.

### **23/68 Oxfordshire County Council's Proposals for Improved Rural Transport**

OCC has circulated proposals for new rural bus services across the County with the aim of restoring coverage removed some years ago and is inviting feedback. The proposed 126 / 127 service will run between Watlington and Thame on Tuesdays and Thursdays with stops in Great and Little Haseley. The Parish Council welcomed the proposals and will respond to request that the service is run on a Saturday too. If this is not possible that consideration is given to running the service on a Tuesday and Saturday.

## 23/69 Millennium Wood

Residents are invited to help with fruit gathering on Sunday 15 October 2023. The fruit will be sent for pressing, bottled and sold through the Village Hall Committee. **Resolved** to donate £500 to the Village Hall Committee to support the project.

The Pumpkin Show has donated funds towards the purchase of a bench in Millennium Wood. The Chairman will speak to a member of the Pumpkin Show to suggest that provision of a bench is incorporated into the public art scheme.

## 23/70 Projects

### Public Art

Cllr Suter reported that public art funds associated with the industrial development on Rycote Lane have been allocated to Great Haseley Parish Council, the new Cattle Market site on Rycote Lane and Thame Town Council. Great Haseley will receive £60,858 towards its public art strategy with a further £3,914 towards maintenance of public art over a 10-year period.

### Neighbourhood Priority Statement

Cllr Suter reported a good session had taken place, providing an update to and receiving feedback from the village on the Neighbourhood Priority Statement. The next planning meeting with SODC is due to take place in the next two weeks.

### War Memorial

The Clerk reported that cleaning of the war memorial had highlighted some repointing work to be done. It was agreed to engage a contractor to undertake the work before Remembrance Sunday. The Clerk reported she was working on the road closure request for Remembrance Sunday which will be submitted to SODC shortly.

## 23/71 Reports from Committees / County and District Councillors

County Councillor Freddie van Mierlo had given his apologies, his report was circulated.

District Councillor Georgina Heritage had circulated her report and added two grant funding schemes are currently open; the first has a total funding pot of £50k, grants from £1k up to £15k can be applied for to increase biodiversity and public access to green spaces. The second has a total funding pot of £320k, grants from £1k and up to 50% of the total project costs, to the maximum value of £75,000 can be applied for to improve quality of life for people and communities.

Proposed development at Waterstock Golf Club – Cllr Heritage stated the site fell just outside Haseley Brook Ward. However, she promised to find out more information and keep the Parish Council updated.

### **Reports from Committees:**

**Allotments** – proposals for fencing around the allotments had been shared via the village WhatsApp group and comments invited. Thirty-Six responses had been received of which 14 were from allotment holders. It was agreed that from the responses received a proposal will be developed, to include funding which will then be put out to the village for further comment. Proposals will be publicised as widely as possible.

**Communication** – Hugo Fox who provide easy to use websites free of charge for parish councils (including Great Haseley) is to introduce charges from October. Bronze, Silver and Gold packages are available. **Resolved** to purchase the Bronze Package at £9.99 + Vat per month.

**Playing Fields** – Cllr Groves reported the cricket season had finished and the last grass cut took place on Thursday.

**Environment** – Cllr Sheehan reported work to the Ash Trees along Back Way and in Miss Cross Field was required at a cost of approximately £300.

**Millennium Wood, Footpaths, Miss Cross Field, Village Hall** – nothing further to report.

**23/72 Information Exchange**

It was noted that some of the development at the Institute on Rectory Road did not form part of previous granted permissions. The Chairman will contact the District Planning Enforcement team. It was further noted that a pipe discharged directly onto the highway. This will also be reported.

**23/73 Date of Next Meeting**

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

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

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Chairman  
13 November 2023