

**MINUTES OF GREAT HASELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8 JULY 2024**  
**AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

**24/36 Public Discussion and Public Questions**

A resident noted that a clay pigeon shoot had taken place at the fishing ponds. Whilst this is acceptable, if it were to become a regular event it may adversely impact on residential amenity.

**24/37 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Brown and Woodrow.

**24/38 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Cllr Sheehan declared an interest in planning application P24/S1980/LDE as a near neighbour to the application site.

**24/39 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2024 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**24/40 Matters Arising**

Asset of Community Value (ACV) – it was agreed Cllr Suter will contact the ACV team at the District Council to gain a better understanding of the process and advantages of registering an asset before an application is submitted.

**24/41 Planning Applications**

**P24/S1980/LDE - The Firs, Rectory Road, Great Haseley, OX44 7JS**

Lawful development certificate required for single storey rear extension to existing dwelling house. Existing dwelling house built under planning consent P22/S4565/FUL, single storey extension added within permitted development right guidelines.

**Resolved to Object** to the application. In making this decision the Parish Council referred to its reasons for objecting to planning application P23/S4303/S73 and noted the existing dwelling was still under construction.

**P24/S1540/S73 – Bavaria, Rectory Road, Great Haseley, OX44 7JW**

Variation of Conditions on P12/S2381/FUL for the removal of the basement and some minor layout and elevational changes. Alterations and amendments to existing planning permission P11/W1400 (Replacement of existing bungalow and out buildings with new dwelling and detached garage) to add open porch & dormer windows & reposition existing dormer windows & new rooflight.

**Resolved to Support** the application

To **note** the following Discharge of Conditions application:

**P24/S1796/DIS - Vine Cottage, 23 Rectory Road, Great Haseley, OX44 7JQ**

Discharge of conditions 3 (tree protection) & 6 (ecology) on application P23/S4235/HH (New swimming pool to the rear garden of Vine Cottage with associated pool house, hard landscaping and planting).

#### **24/42 Financial Report**

Bank statements to 28 June 2024 had been circulated. The Current Account balance is £25,746.48 and Business Reserve Account £44,318.24. Allotment rents accounted for income received and expenditure was as previously approved.

The Clerk drew attention to the direct debit payment of £49.64 to Castle Water which was much higher than expected. This was due to an estimated meter reading of 00216 vs the actual meter reading of 00196. The matter has been raised with Castle Water. *{Post meeting note: Castle Water has confirmed a credit will be raised}*.

#### **24/43 Payments**

The following payments were approved: £798.00 Smith of Derby (3yr Service Agreement), £447.30 Parish Administration, £111.60 HMRC, £79.56 Shield Maintenance Ltd, £520.00 A & W Grounds Maintenance, £90.50 A & W Grounds Maintenance. Direct Debit – Castle Water £49.64.

A replacement cheque for £762.00 to A & W Grounds Maintenance was approved. The payee being incorrect on the cheque raised and approved previously (the original cheque will be returned to the Clerk).

#### **24/44 Village Hall Committee**

It was **resolved** to donate £500.00 to the Village Hall Committee towards the cost of organising a village apple press day at Millennium Wood on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

#### **24/45 Community Infrastructure Levy**

Possible projects on which Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds can be spent were discussed. These include: replacing wooden posts at the recreation ground with a more durable solution, replacing the shed roof behind the village hall, play area safety matting, a donation towards refurbishment of the path through the churchyard – including making the kissing gate more accessible and work to alleviate drainage issues and gully clearance.

Previously agreed projects to provide audio visual equipment in the village hall and refurbishment of the triangle area opposite the village hall remain on the project list.

The clerk reported that she was waiting for a response from the District CIL Officer as to whether current 'spend by dates' for monies held by the Parish Council can be extended.

#### **24/46 Village Maintenance**

It was agreed to clear the overgrown vegetation on the footpath between Horse Close and the Grove. It was noted that Biffa's Deep Cleanse Team will be working in the village on 18 July.

#### **24/47 Allotments**

It was agreed to write to an allotment tenant asking them to maintain and tidy their plot.

## **24/48 Projects**

### Public Art

The village consultation did not take place as planned in July as the Pop-Up Pub was cancelled. The consultation will now take place in August.

### Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS)

A meeting with District Planning Officers has taken place. NPSs are waiting for Government secondary legislation. Great Haseley NPS draft is expected to be ready in the autumn.

## **24/49 Reports from Committees / District and County Councillors**

District Councillor Georgina Heritage apologised that she had not circulated her monthly report which she promised to forward. Whilst Council business has been limited over the last few weeks, there has been a great deal of General Election fever. Cllr Freddie van Mierlo has been elected MP for Henley and Thame winning 45% share of the vote.

With the County Ward being split into three at the next election and costs associated with holding a By-election, Cllr van Mierlo feels it is right to continue as a County Councillor until the elections in May 2025. Although he may not be able to attend parish council meetings in person, he will be available for phone calls, emails and to respond to local issues. The Parish Council extended their congratulations to Cllr van Mierlo on his election to Parliament.

As Cabinet member for Communities, Cllr Georgina Heritage has attended several public safety meetings and been involved in the proposal for a shared CCTV room for Oxfordshire, located in Abingdon police station. This will improve efficiency and effectiveness of the monitoring and provide a more resilient service.

Millennium Wood – Cllr Sheehan reported grass cutting is due to take place in the next couple of weeks. Members of the Pumpkin Group are delighted with the new bench and will source a plaque to be fitted to it. Thanks was extended to Cllr Sheehan for procuring the bench.

Communication – Cllr Lindsay to update a couple of contact details on the website.

Playing Fields – Cllr Groves reported 5 rotten / missing wooden posts have been replaced.

Environment – Cllr Sheehan reported a funding application has been submitted to the Trust for Oxfordshire Environment.

## **24/50 Information Exchange**

It was noted that Thame Neighbourhood Plan was out for consultation. It was agreed Cllr Suter will read through the consultation documents and circulate a draft response, if needed.

## **24/51 Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on 9 September 2024 in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm

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Chairman  
9 September 2024