

Great Milton Parish Council

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DRAFT Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Great Milton Parish Council (GMPC) held at the Pavilion on Friday 11th July 2025, at 6pm

Present: Stephen Harrod (Chair), Bill Fox (Vice Chair), Councillors Andrew Noble (AN), Malcolm Horsley (MH) and Sarah MacMahon (SM).

In attendance: Jacqueline Wren (Clerk).

52/25 Apologies for Absence
Councillor David Harms

53/25 Declarations of members' interests
No members declared an interest in items on the agenda.

54/25 Haseley Trading Estate
The Council discussed the following planning application;

[P25/S1653/FUL](#)

Haseley Trading Estate

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.

It was noted that a local Planning Consultant has agreed to advise the Council and review the objection before it is submitted, as well as assisting with representation of the Council at the SODC Planning Committee.

The Clerk reviewed what Planning Consultant has offered to do and the associated costs:

- 1. review the final draft wording of objection(s).*
- 2. advice on potential conditions.*
- 3. more detailed review of the proposal, perhaps focussing on transport and environmental assessments.*
- 4. researching the site's planning history and relevant planning policies/guidance.*
- 5. review of statutory consultee responses as they are uploaded onto the SODC website.*
- 6. advising on GMPC's lobbying of SODC Ward Councillors and the MP to try to get the planning application reported to SODC Planning Committee if the Case Officer intends to approve under delegated authority (possible leak to/liaison with/use of Oxford Mail too).*
- 7. assisting with any GMPC presentation/speech to the SODC Planning Committee in due course.*

...suggest a time-based fee estimate in the order of £2,000 + VAT, capped at and not exceeding £2,625 + VAT, based on a maximum of 7 hours of input on and for Items 1 - 7.

AN raised concern as to whether there was sufficient strength of feeling from residents to warrant the expense. It was noted that some may feel it is a foregone conclusion but since it will have a significant material impact on the village and residents the Council resolved to sign the letter of appointment.

MH asked whether we know how much the SODC purchased the site for and it was agreed that the Clerk would search for this information. If unavailable MH to submit an FOI for same.

It was noted that the consultation period for the planning application has now been extended until 25th July for all since the planning portal has been unavailable.

Meeting closed at 6.30pm.