



**Great Horwood
Parish Council**

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 5th April 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

1. Chairman's Report

Cllr John Gilbey, Chairman of the Parish Council, opened the meeting by welcoming so many residents from Great Horwood and Singleborough. Approximately 40 people attended.

Cllr Gilbey introduced the current seven councillors on the Parish Council and explained that a new Parish Council would be elected on 5th May. However, as only six nominations have been received the new Councillors will automatically be elected and will attend their first meeting on May 9th 2011.

Cllr Gilbey also highlighted a number of projects the Parish Council had carried out over the past year including the development of Willow Road allotments, the planting of the tree on The Green, organisation of the litter pick and helping to set up the pub lunch club. Donations had also been made to a number of village organisations including the Silver Band, the Football Club, the Village Hall and Focus.

Possible future projects of the Parish Council include replacing the bus shelter in Little Horwood Road, installing salt or grit bins, adding a second notice board, setting up a Parish Youth Council and establishing a footpath from Little Horwood Road to Horwode Pece.

The next Parish Council meeting is to be held on 11th April and all residents are welcome. Updates can also be found on the website <http://www.bucksinfo.net/greathorwoodpc>

2. D Jack Smith Annual Charitable Awards

D Jack Smith is an American lawyer who holds the title Lord of the Manor. Each year he has donated \$5000 to village organisations for 'fun' projects which benefit the village. This year the sterling equivalent of the donation was £3015. Five applications were received and the final awards were as follows:

Great Horwood Silver Band £276 to improve their PA system
Inspire Explorer Scout Group £570 to purchase tents and cookers
Great Horwood School £614 to purchase fun signs for the playground
Mark Seddon £555 for implementation of a project entitled 'Replanting our lost elm trees'
'A Book for the Village' £1000 to assist in the production of a book on Great Horwood and Singleborough.

3. Presentations by Village Organisations

- Recreation Committee – Michael Brocklehurst
- Great Horwood & Singleborough Youth Club – Monica Gilbey
- Neighbourhood Watch – Ted Hadlow
- Replacing our lost elms project – Mark Seddon
- Parish Plan – Rod Moulding
- Inspire Explorer Scouts Group – Claire Stewart and Martyn Smith
- Great Horwood Silver Band – Roy Lack
- Great Horwood Cricket Club – Norman Ellison
- A book for the village project – Monica Jones
- Women's Institute – Liz Hobday
- St James Church – Rev Belinda Searle-Barnes
- Music in Quiet Places – Rod Moulding
- Medical Detection Dogs – Susie Poole

4. Open Forum

No questions were raised. Cllr Gilbey reminded residents that if there were any questions subsequent to the meeting they could be raised during the public participation session in any Parish Council meeting.

At the end of the meeting Cllr Gilbey reported that Cllrs Rod Moulding, Michael Brocklehurst and Moya Berrill will be stepping down from the Parish Council and he thanked them for their time and contribution to the Parish Council over the past number of years.

Finally Dean White thanked Cllr Gilbey for arranging the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm