



**Great Horwood  
Parish Council**

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr John Gilbey, Chairman of the Parish Council, opened the meeting by welcoming so many residents from Great Horwood and Singleborough. Approximately 32 people attended. Apologies were sent by Cllr Scholtens and Cllr Bennett-Coles.

2. Approval of the minutes of the 2011 APM held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2011

These were approved without modification.

3. Chairman's Report

Parish Council

Cllr Gilbey introduced the current seven councillors on the Parish Council and explained that a new Parish Council had been elected in May 2011 with one councillor being co-opted onto the Council in June 2011.

Cllr Gilbey also highlighted a number of projects the Parish Council had carried out over the past year including the installation of 8 grit bins and 2 additional dog bins, legal registration of The Green, the completion of a new bus shelter with a bench donated by the Doctors Car Service and a second notice board. Focus has also started being distributed to business within the Parish and there is now an electronic copy available of the Parish Council website.

Additionally donations had been made to a number of village organisations totalling over £1,400.00

Of the objectives listed from the previous year, the footpath between Little Horwood Road and The Rec had not been completed due to objections from the landowners and the Parish Youth Council had not been set up.

Future projects of the Parish Council include a second new bus shelter in Little Horwood Road, refurbish and re-site the sundial, develop a Neighbourhood Plan, complete registration of the Cricket Ground and introduce some form of speed monitoring.

Planning Committee

Cllr Gilbey also introduced the 5 members of the Planning Committee. Over the past 12 months 25 planning applications have been considered and of these 6 were objected to. When submitting objections to AVDC the Parish Council always provide an associated letter giving the reasons behind the objection.

Vale of Aylesbury Plan

The current members of the Steering Committee were introduced and an update given on the Community Consultation. It has been agreed that further to the Community Consultation a Neighbourhood Plan is to be developed which will become the legal document for all development within the parish. An application has been successful for funding to support this work and the Parish Council have been awarded £20,000.

However, more volunteers are needed in order for this work to be carried out.

Additional Reporting

Cllr Gilbey thanked Liz Nicholls of the Recreation Committee and Robert Deuchar for their monthly reports they provided to the Parish Council giving updates on Horwode Pece and the footpaths in the Parish.

Dates for the Diary

4<sup>th</sup> June Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

16 <sup>th</sup> June	Public Consultation in the Village Hall on development behind 12 High Street
30 <sup>th</sup> July	Play Around the Parish (pm)
6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> August	Great Horwood Feast
14 <sup>th</sup> August	Play Around the Parish (am)
30 <sup>th</sup> August	Play Around the Parish (pm)

The next Parish Council meeting is to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> May and all residents are welcome. Updates can also be found on the website <http://www.bucksinfo.net/greathorwoodpc>

4. Report from PCSO Alex Trivino

PCSO Alex Trivino and PC Martin Siderman addressed the meeting. PC Siderman is joining the Buckingham North team. The message from both Police Officers was that Great Horwood is a low crime area and that crime had decreased from the previous year.

The main issue for most villages including Great Horwood is speeding and TVP are making their speedwatch equipment available free of charge for volunteers to use. Cllr Porritt is to follow this up.

The audience were also reminded of the non-emergency police number – 101 – which can be used to inform police of issues taking place.

5. Presentations by Paul Adams – Headmaster of Great Horwood C of E Combined School

Unfortunately Paul Adams was unable to attend this event.

6. Diamond Jubilee celebrations – presentation by Jo Dicken

The Diamond Jubilee celebrations are progressing well. Residents have been asked to apply for tickets but the organisers are still waiting on many responses. The aim of the day is to bring families and community together and to do this a wide variety of entertainment has been organised.

The first part of the party day will see children's entertainment. This will be followed by a street party and then the evening will be aimed at adults. Volunteers are still required to help the organisers set up and take down equipment on the day and the Committee are also asking for any spare gazebos should there be inclement weather.

The majority of the funding has been provided by the Lord of the Manor, D Jack Smith, with some contributions from some businesses within the Parish.

7. "Great Horwood Past and Present" – A book for the village

Liz Nicholls provided an update from the book organisers. The book is progressing well although some further decisions are needed. Its title will be "Great Horwood Past and Present".

An open morning is to be held in the next month or so to give people the opportunity to order the book at a pre-publication price. At the moment the cost of the book is not known but it is anticipated to be in the region of £12 - £14. The organisers are not aiming for a profit and the initial print run will be approximately 500.

8. Open Forum

Liz Nicholls provided a short update on Horwode Pece. There appears to be a small problem with owners not cleaning up after their dogs but generally there are very few problems. The consensus from the audience was that The Rec was a great asset to the village. Liz also explained that volunteers would be needed soon to move the woodchip when it arrives.

Cllr Gilbey was asked whether the Parish Council had heard any more about the review of the conservation area and he confirmed the Parish Council had received no information.

It was asked whether Music in Quiet Places was happening this year and while the Parish Council had passed the information to the PCC it had been decided by the PCC not to participate this year.

A question was asked about what was happening with the old Mill next to Horwode Pece and it was explained that the Parish Council had no responsibility for this. The owner is asked to keep the fence in good condition to stop children going into the mill and it was also stressed children should not play in the old mill as it could be dangerous.

It was confirmed the white line at the top of Spring Lane would be continued and car owners found to have parked on the white line would then be fined.

No further points were raised, Cllr Gilbey thanks everyone for attending as well as Jeannie Marshall for providing the refreshments and the meeting closed at 8.37pm.