



**Great Horwood
Parish Council**

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 30th April 2013 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 44 people attended. Apologies were sent by Cllr Bennett-Coles.

2. Approval of the minutes of the 2012 APM held on 2nd April 2012

These were approved without modification.

3. Chairman's Report

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Cllr Gilbey introduced the current seven councillors on the Parish Council as well as attendees from both village organisations and external bodies.

Cllr Gilbey highlighted a number of projects the Parish Council had carried out over the past year including the a second new bus shelter in Little Horwood Road, the replacement of the concrete bollards on The Green, a new short footpath on The Green and a new footpath at the top of Nash Road.

In 2012 one of the main events in the village had been the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. AVDC also donated a tree to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee which had been planted on Horwode Pece. There had also been a review of the conservation areas within the village and both of these had been extended considerably. Play around the Parish attended the village three times over the summer holidays and the Great Horwood Feast had taken place in August.

The five members of the Planning Committee had considered 36 planning applications. Of these the Parish Council had objected to 9 of them and of those nine, three had subsequently been approved. Cllr Gilbey explained that a new policy had now been introduced meaning Councillors now have to attend a committee meeting in Aylesbury if an application is objected to.

Horwode Pece had been supported by the Parish Council in the last financial year with £3500 of funds put aside for maintenance and support. Cllrs Mayne and Porritt are members of the Recreation Committee.

Donations had been made to a number of village organisations totalling £1,700. The same donations are to be made in the next financial year except that the donation to Focus will be increased to match the others made.

Funds have been provided from the Local Area Forum (LAF) for improvements around the village. These are:

Bus Shelter	£4,500
Salt Bins	£ 900
Nash Road Footway	£8,500
Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs	90% of total cost
Youth Club	£1,850

Footpaths in the village have been monitored over the year by Robert Deuchar who is quick to arrange improvements when needed. Five new gates have been installed this year, three of which have been sponsored by residents. The Parish Council thanked Robert for his work and the three sponsors.

Cllr Gilbey highlighted a number of organisations where the Parish Council is represented including:
Bucks County Council Local Area Forum
North Bucks Parish Planning Consortium
Neighbourhood Action Group
Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils
Aylesbury Vale Association of Local Councils
AVDC Local Planning Liaison Group

The Parish Council plans for 2013/14 include the refurbishment of the sundial which will then be donated to the school, developing and finalising the Neighbourhood Plan, finalising the registration of the Cricket Ground land, installing a moveable vehicle activated sign (MVAS) which can be sited at four points within the village (1 site on each approach to the village and 1 site on the entrance to Singleborough from the A421), planters at the entrances to the village and possibly a World War 2 memorial.

The next event will be the neighbourhood plan consultation on Saturday 18th May in the village hall between 10am and 12noon.

Cllr Gilbey finished by thanking the WI for providing the tea and biscuits and reminding everyone that the Parish Council website is <http://www.bucksinfo.net/greathorwoodpc>

At this point Jane Moulding and Gill Wood spoke about Monica Jones who passed away earlier that week. Monica had been an active member of many village organisations during the time she lived in Great Horwood and also had the idea of the Great Horwood book. She will be sadly missed.

4. Presentations from Other Organisation

A number of presentations took place providing updates from village organisations including:

Rainbows – report provided by Jill White and read by Cllr Gilbey
Great Horwood School – update provided by Paul Adams, Headmaster
Focus Magazine – update provided by Dean White, Editor
Thames Valley Police – update provided by Sergeant Zoe Hardy
Winslow Community Bus – update provided by Sue Marchant
Great Horwood Silver Bank – update provided by Roy Lack
Medical Detection Dogs – update provided by Anne Mills
BCC Prevention Matters – update provided by Simon Garwood
Brownies – update provided by Sheila Gurnett
Village hall – update provided by Jeannie Marshall
Recreation Management Committee – update provided by Liz Nicholls
Youth Club – update provided by Monica Gilbey
Scouts – update provided by Andrew Fuggle
Football Club – update provided by Steve Bennett
WI – update provided by Karen Wilkinson
Cricket Club – update provided by Norman Ellison

5. Open Forum

Rod Moulding offered his services in assisting finding names if the WW2 memorial was to go ahead.

Cllr Gilbey mentioned that the East/West rail link might provide an opportunity to develop a footpath between Great Horwood and Winslow.

Dean White thanked the Parish Council for all their time attending to council matters which is voluntary.

John Scholtens reminded the audience of the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation on Saturday 18th May.

No further points were raised, Cllr Gilbey thanks everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.10pm.