



**Great Horwood  
Parish Council**

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014 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 50 people attended.

2. Approval of the minutes of the 2013 APM held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013

These were approved without modification.

3. Chairman's Report

Cllr Gilbey introduced the current six councillors on the Parish Council as well as attendees from both village organisations and external bodies. He explained there was a vacancy on the Parish Council due to the resignation of Marc Bennett-Coles and that if anyone was interested in joining they should speak to him or the Clerk.

Cllr Gilbey highlighted a number of projects the Parish Council had carried out over the past year:

- Registration of the Cricket Ground had finally finished after two years.
- Five planters have been placed at the entrances to the village.
- The mobile vehicle activated sign (MVAS) is now working at different sites in the village.
- The sundial was refurbished and presented to the school.
- New 'give way' signs were erected in Pilch Lane.
- A new handrail was built outside 2-4 Nash Road.
- Balance beams and pods have been added to the play equipment at Horwode Pece.
- 6 metal gates have been installed on footpath 9 thanks to contributions from D Jack Smith and BCC.

Last year Play Around the Parish took place three times and the fair came for Great Horwood Feast. This year Play Around the Parish will be taking place in the morning of 27<sup>th</sup> July and the afternoon of 21<sup>st</sup> August. Great Horwood Feast will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of August.

The five members of the Planning Committee had considered 29 planning applications. Of these the Parish Council had objected to 3 of them and of those three, two had subsequently been approved. Of the 29 applications 3 were withdrawn, 3 were rejected by AVDC, 4 are still pending and 19 were approved.

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

Funds have been provided from the Local Area Forum (LAF) in the past financial year. These are:

Balance beams and pods	£2,200
Outside activities for the Youth Club - paid centrally by the LAF.	

In the new financial year funds have once again been allocated to the Youth Club for outside activities. This time £2,375 has been made available.

During the year the Neighbourhood Watch representative has retired and Cllr Gilbey asked if anyone would be interested in taking this over.

The Neighbourhood Plan is making progress and Cllr Gilbey reminded attendees that there is a link on the PC website so that the Plan documents can be viewed. The plan is currently in a consultation period and he encouraged as many people as possible to make comments. The main documents are also being held in the Church, the Swan pub, The Crown pub and the Village Hall.

Donations had been made to a number of village organisations totalling £1,750. The same donations are to be made in the next financial year.

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 2014/15 include the development and finalisation of the Neighbourhood Plan, to resist unwanted large scale developments, provide TVP with speed data from the MVAS so that speed enforcement can be carried out and in addition a reserve is still being held so a WWII memorial can be included within the village.

4. Presentations from Other Organisation

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

- Great Horwood and Singleborough Youth Club – update provided by Monica Gilbey and 5 young people from the club.
- New landlords of the Swan Inn – update provided by Graeme Partridge
- Brownies – report provided by Clare Martin and read by Cllr Gilbey
- Rainbows – update provided by Jill White
- Thames Valley Police – update provided by PC Martin Siderman
- Great Horwood Silver Band – update provided by Len Goodwin
- Great Horwood School – update provided by Charlotte Nash, Chair of Governors
- St James Church – update provided by June Margerrison
- Village hall – update provided by Gill Wood
- Horwode Pece – update provided by Steve Brigden
- BCC Locality Services – update provided by Paul Hodson
- Jokers Wild – update provided by Margaret Michalski
- WI – update provided by Angela Mayne
- Focus Magazine – update provided by Dean White, Editor
- Post Office – update provided by Liz Nicholls
- BCC Prevention Matters – update provided by Simon Garwood
- Neighbourhood Plan Team – update provided by David Saunders

Cllr Gilbey thanked all the people who had been involved in the Neighbourhood Plan especially Rod Moulding, John Scholtens and David Saunders who have been instrumental in getting to the position it is at today.

5. Open Forum

David Bolton asked if the Old Mill could be considered as a site for development but it was explained that this was impossible as it didn't meet Government criteria

Mike Hobday asked what difference a Taylor Wimpey planning application would make to the Neighbourhood Plan and it was explained that the plan can be halted at any time.

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

No further points were raised, Cllr Gilbey thanks everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.30pm.