



# Great Horwood Parish Council

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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on  
10th December 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr John Scholtens, Cllr Ian Lamberton, Cllr Angela Mayne, Cllr Marc Bennett-Coles, Cllr Russell Margerrison, Cllr Valerie Porritt, Karen Francis (Clerk)  
7 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence  
All Councillors were present.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012  
These were approved without modification.
3. To receive declarations of interest  
No declarations of interest were received.
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
  - Water Butts at the allotment in Church Lane – These are still waiting to be put into place.
  - An old car seat has been abandoned in Pilch Lane. The Clerk will arrange for this to be cleared.
  - The letter regarding the New Homes Bonus was sent.
  - The letter giving comments of the Conservation Area review was sent.
  - No response has been received from BT regarding discarded branches in Pilch Lane.
  - ABH are still in line to tarmac a small area of The Green and plant the oak tree but neither of these projects have been completed.
  - The top of the sundial is on order and should be delivered early in the New Year.

5. Public Participation Period  
Mr Mick Walker raised an issue with the white line at the top of Spring Lane. His view was that if the line was extended cars will park on Winslow Road. He also asked whether the Parish Council were planning on installing double yellow lines.

Cllr Gilbey explained that the Parish Council had been trying to resolve this issue for many years and always objected to planning applications in Spring Lane and roads off because of the issue with parking and the junction.

Cllr Scholtens explained that in the recent Community View Questionnaire the issue of parking at the top of Spring Lane was a major concern. He also explained that the junction has been flagged as a safety issue for some time which is why BCC want to extend the white line. This was not requested by the Parish Council. Cllr Gilbey also stated the Parish Council had not contacted BCC to request double yellow lines.

It was agreed that parking at the top of Spring Lane and pulling out of the junction is an issue but there is no easy solution and it was currently down to car owners to ensure they park safely.

The District Councillor for Steeple Claydon, John Chilver, introduced himself to the Parish Council as he is planning on standing for the County Councillor elections for this ward next May.

6. Planning Issues
  - 6.1. Cllr Gilbey provided Councillors with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. Four new decisions and one new application had been received, and the planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
  - 6.2. The Clerk is still waiting for an updated statutory declaration for Cllr Gilbey to sign so the land can be registered.
7. Report from the Recreation Committee  
Steve Bridgen provided an update from the Recreation Committee:

Throughout November water has been a prominent factor in the management of the Pece. Despite the manual efforts of Adrian Buck and his adeptness at securing a digger to carve ditches and lay drainage pipes, the recent weather loaded the Pece soil with much rain. It is vastly better than it was and more works are due to be carried out. The very same matting that surrounds the goals has been sourced and plans are afoot to purchase and install the same between the goal areas. The wet and cold are beginning to have their effect upon the benches and timbers and the process of treatment is being undertaken. The 'pole cap' was continue and John Nichols strives to replace them before the rain threatens to rust the supporting metal work from inside out. The committee decided on the favoured position for the gifted oak tree – close to the fallen willow. Finally the Picnic on the Pece will return in 2013.

The Management Committee would like to wish all members of the Parish Council, supporters and visitors to the Rec, a very Merry Christmas.

8. Neighbourhood Planning Team Update

The update was circulated to the Parish Council before the meeting and Cllr Scholtens provided a summary.

- The owners of the two remaining potential development sites have been identified and the initial analysis of the 5 sites has now been completed.
- Due to delays, the public presentation of the draft Sustainability Appraisal will not take place until February next year and the draft will be circulated to Councillors in January.

9. Footpaths Report

There was no further update from the report given at the previous meeting.

10. Dispensations for precept setting

Cllr Gilbey explained that an apparent flaw in the drafting of the legislation concerning Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI's) means that any Councillor who has an interest in land (ie their own residence) in the parish will have a DPI when voting on setting the precept and therefore requires a dispensation from the Clerk.

Consequently all Councillors provided an Application for Dispensation under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 which was accepted by the Clerk and allows all those Councillors to vote on the precept setting.

11. LAF Funding 2013/2014

Cllr Gilbey explained that bids or suggestions for using the LAF funding should be submitted by the end of March. The LAF is focusing on three areas:

- Speeding
- Facilities and activities for young people
- General community facilities and activities

One suggestion had already been received which was to provide a small distance of footway in Nash Road. Councillors were asked to inform the Clerk of any other suggestions.

12. Budget 2013/2014

The budget was circulated prior to the meeting and it was unanimously approved subject to any changes by AVDC to the precept base calculations.

13. Dates for 2013

These were circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Scholtens requested the April meeting was moved by a week to avoid the school holidays so Cllr Gilbey agreed to find out if the Youth Club would be meeting on the proposed night.

14. Online Banking

The Clerk explained that Lloyds Bank are now offering online banking to businesses where payments are made which require more than one signatory. In order to set this up, three Councillors signed the form which allows the Clerk to have delegate access.

15. Payments

- BCC – Legal Fees £1134.00
- Wettons (Mowing at Horwode Pece) £60.00
- Roy Randles £130.00
- AVDC – Freighter Service - £175.00
- BCC – Legal Fees £356.40

16. To receive and note correspondence

- Letter from BCC explaining Minerals and Waste Core Strategy has been adopted.
- Letter from AVDC advising the planning application at Sunnyhill Farm has gone to appeal.
- Letter from residents in Spring Lane complaining about the development at 2 Spring Lane.
- Letter from PSCO advising residents to call 101 when there are cold callers/charities collecting in the village so they can check whether they are legitimate.
- Email from Mick Walker regarding the parking at the top of Spring Lane.
- Letter from a resident in Nash Road asking if a rail could be installed on the entrance ramp to numbers 2, 4 and 6. The Clerk will contact BCC to investigate.

17. Items for the next meeting

- Budget
- Sustainability Appraisal

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.21 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**Draft**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

1. The customary listing of current and recent Planning Applications follows. The Parish Council is invited to ratify the comments made to AVDC on behalf of the Planning Committee since the last meeting.

**CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Application Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Site Address</b>	<b>Details of Application</b>	<b>Parish Council Response</b>	<b>AVDC Decision</b>
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**Determined**

31/10/12	12/02322/ APP	Mrs Cook	B5 Greenway Business Park	Change of use to MOT testing station	No objection	Approved
01/10/12	12/01901/ APP	Ms McIntosh	The Retreat, Bletchley Road	Equestrian Menage	No objection	Approved
31/10/12	12/01863/ APP	Mr Douglas	13 Nash Road	Retention of 1.8m fence	No objection	Approved
31/10/12	12/02199/ ATP	Mr N Hanson	11 The Green	Crown Lift No 1 Yew Tree	No objection	Approved

**Pending**

02/08/12	12/00862/ APP	Mr D Price	The Hedgerows	Retention of existing agricultural dwelling and agricultural buildings with amendments as proposed and erection of agricultural building	Objection
08/11/12	12/02335/ APP	Mr A Hearsey	9 Nash Road	Retention of replacement fence (retrospective)	Support
08/11/12	12/02439/ ATC	Mr J Whitehead	16 Winslow Road	Fell No 2 Ash and No 1 Sycamore	No objection
15/11/12	12/02470/ APP	Mr A Clark	Land between six lords	Temporary siting of mobile home	No objection
07/12/12	12/02584/ APP	Mr J Hanson	11 The Green	Erection of detached dwelling	