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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
8th December 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr John Scholtens (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Russell Margerrison, Cllr Angela Mayne, Cllr Ian Lamberton, Cllr Ann Elliott, Cllr Valerie Porritt
Karen Francis (Clerk)
5 members of the public including District Cllr Sir Beville Stanier

1. To receive apologies for absence
All Councillors were present.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th November 2014
No amendments were made.
3. To receive declarations of interest
No declarations of interest were received.
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
 - Published bus timetables have been amended to include information on concessionary passes and sent to BCC.
 - A response was submitted to AVDCs consultation on the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan arguing that Great Horwood has been wrongly classified as a large village in the Settlement Hierarchy published by AVDC in September 2012.
5. Public Participation Period
No issues were raised.
6. Planning Issues
 - 6.1. Councillors were provided with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. No new applications had been received but two applications had been determined. The planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
7. Report from the Recreation Committee
 - There are a couple of minor items which need repair over the Christmas break but generally the Rec is in good order.
 - Bucks University Technical College are still being pursued to lay some paving but nothing has been heard.
8. Footpaths Report
There is nothing to report this month.
9. Neighbourhood Plan
The Neighbourhood Plan hearing was held on Thursday 27th November and lasted 5 hours. All developers opposing the plan attended and responded to questions put by the examiner as did 3 residents who also oppose the plan. The examiner was planning on reporting back in December but subsequently a letter has been received in which he invites comments as to whether he should take into consideration a study which was undertaken for the, now defunct, Vale of Aylesbury Plan.

The NPT believe it is appropriate for the examiner to use this study as it is evidence that is still valid. Comments are to be received by AVDC no later than Wednesday 17th December and the NPT consultant is working on a response.

Cllr Gilbey also thanked Gill Wood who organised the logistics within the village hall for the hearing.

10. Chairman's statement to respond to an untrue submission in response to the publicity period of the Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan and published on the AVDC website.

Cllr Gilbey has been made aware of a submission that was made to AVDC during the public period of consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan. In response to this he issued the following statement.

During the AVDC publicity period for the Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan a submission was posted on the AVDC website apparently from somebody called David Timms which contained the following sentence.

"I also understand, that Mr Gilbey, sold his back garden in Willow Road for a single dwelling to be developed. It is interesting to note this, given if it benefits him he is happy to accept development."

This is an untrue statement as my wife and I actually opposed the planning applications for the property that is referred to and which is now known as 1A Willow Road. In fact, the land in question previously formed part of the

garden of 12 Little Horwood Road and when this property was sold to the current owners in 2002 the end of the garden had been fenced off and its ownership was retained by the descendants of the previous owner. The access to this area of land was obtained by the purchase from AVDC of the strip of land fronting Willow Road.

All of this information is easily verifiable by AVDC from its archives and will confirm that as the owners of 14 Little Horwood Road, my wife and I had no benefit from the development, in fact quite the reverse.

Cllr Gilbey, Chairman of Great Horwood Parish Council, 8th December 2014

11. Traveller Site in Nash and meeting with AVDC

On 26th November Cllrs Gilbey and Scholtens attended a meeting at the offices of AVDC to discuss the future of the traveller site on the edge of the Parish boundary towards Nash. The following personnel were present.

Neil Blake, Leader of AVDC,
Carole Paternoster, Cabinet member for Strategic Planning
Sir Beville Stanier
Tracey Aldworth Director
Susan Kitchen Manager Development Management
Andy Kirkham Forward Plans manager
Three representatives from Nash Parish Council

Neil Blake confirmed AVDC are no further with finding traveller sites than when temporary permission was granted in November 2011 and the expectation is that further temporary planning permission will be granted, or even permanent permission.

Cllr Margerrison asked if the PC could launch a legal bid if permanent planning permission was given and it was agreed that this was a possibility but would incur a great deal of expense.

12. Devolved Services from BCC

Further information has been provided from BCC regarding devolved services and it transpires that the budget being provided by BCC would not cover the contractor's costs to carry out the works. Additional clarification is also needed on how the calculations per Parish have been carried out.

Therefore it was agreed that the PC would not participate in any devolved services for the next financial year and the Clerk would write back to BCC confirming this. A decision on taking on responsibility for the services in the following years would be a question for the new Parish Council to be elected in May 2015.

13. Maintenance Contract for MVAS

A contract has been sent to the Parish Council for maintenance. The total annual cost is £187.73 and covers maintenance but not repairs. Two thirds of the cost is in the budget but the annual cost has increased since the signs were installed. Councillors agreed to pay this and discussion about increasing the budget for the new financial year would be discussed under item 16.

14. Defibrillators

Cllr Mayne had met with the project leader from Buckingham who provided lots of useful information. Cllr Mayne explained the costs involved and it was agreed she should order a defibrillator and get the process started for getting it installed.

15. Report from the Village Walk

Cllr Mayne met with TfB to talk about highway and transport issues within the village.

- The damaged sign will be replaced.
- White lines will not be repainted until at least Spring 2015.
- The repair of the path near the Rec is classed as non-urgent but will be completed eventually.

At this point Sir Beville Stanier, District Cllr, joined the meeting. Cllr Gilbey thanked him for arranging the meeting with Neil Blake as discussed in item 11. Sir Beville reiterated the views of Cllrs Gilbey and Scholtens that there was very little AVDC could do.

16. Second Draft of Budget 2015/2016

Prior to the meeting the Clerk circulated the second draft of the budget for Councillors to consider. A small number of amendments had been made. After discussion it was agreed to increase the budgeted amount for the MVAS maintenance to £700 (£200 for the maintenance contract and £500 for emergencies). The Clerk will make this change and will submit the precept request in January unless further changes emerge.

17. Vodafone Open Signal

The deadline for this has now passed so will be removed from the agenda.

18. To agree items for payment

- ABH Landscapes – £42.00
- Donation to Focus £250.00
- Donation to Winslow and District Community Bus £250.00
- Donation to Great Horwood Silver Band £250.00

- Donation to Great Horwood Village Hall £250.00
- Donation to Great Horwood and Singleborough Youth Club £250.00
- Donation to Medical Detection Dogs £250.00
- Heady Plants £180.00
- Expenses to John Gilbey from NPT Account – BACS - £43.48

Cllrs Scholtens and Lamberton agreed to authorise the online payments.

19. To receive and note correspondence

- Email from a resident thanking the PC for the new noticeboard in Singleborough.

20. Items for the next meeting

None detailed

21. Confirmation of date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th February at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.26pm.

Signed _____

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Date _____

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 8th December 2014

- Below are current and recent Planning Applications. 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

Date Received	Application Number	Applicant	Site Address	Details of Application	Parish Council Response	AVDC Decision
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Determined

25/09/14	14/02779/ APP	Mr & Mrs Wootton	Land off 9a Little Horwood Road	Erection of three detached dwellings with associated parking	Objection	Refused
30/10/14	14/03127/ ATC	Mr E Maddock	Park Lodge, Singleborough	Fell down one Beech Tree	Objection	Proceed with Works

Pending

24/04/14	14/01047/ ATC	Mr P Morris	Mulberry Cottage	Pollarding of two large Acer Saccharinum trees on side of boundary of site	No Objection
29/05/14	14/01255/ APP	Mr & Mrs Cook	2 Greenway	First floor rear extension, two storey extension and new garage to side of existing dwelling.	No Objection
05/06/14	14/01540/ APP	Taylor Wimpey	Land off Weston Road	The erection of 45 no. residential dwellings together with associated access, car parking, landscaping and open space provision.	Objection
29/08/14	14/02414/ AOP	Talbot Homes	Land at Willow Road	Outline application with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for the erection of up to 34 dwellings including associated infrastructure and work.	Objection
25/09/14	14/01540/ APP (Revised)	Taylor Wimpey	Land off Weston Road	The erection of 42 no. residential dwellings together with associated access, car parking, landscaping and open space provision.	Objection
20/10/14	14/03044/ APP	Mr & Mrs Elliott	Spring Cottage 28 Spring Lane	Change of use of 2 existing bedroom within Spring Cottage and conversion of existing detached annex and office buildings into an additional 4 bedroom suites to be operated as a bed and breakfast business with associated parking and new access.	Objection
04/11/14	14/03080/ APP	Mr E Maddock	Park Lodge, Singleborough	Construction of a hard surfaced tennis court with surround fencing	No Objection