



**Great Horwood
Parish Council**

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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
10th February 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr John Scholtens, Cllr Valerie Porritt, Cllr Angela Mayne, Cllr Ian Lamberton
Karen Francis (Clerk)
9 members of the public including County Cllr John Chilver and District Cllr Sir Beville Stanier

1. To receive apologies for absence
Cllr Margerrison couldn't attend due to work commitments and Cllr Bennett-Coles couldn't attend due to family commitments.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th December 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
 - John the Barber has now retired.
 - The Conifer tree by the bus stop has been removed.
 - New batteries have been purchased for the MVAS but Cllr Porritt is still concerned about battery life. She will contact SWARCO to investigate further.
 - Cllr Mayne accessed data from the MVAS when it was on the Winslow Road. This shows the number of cars and their speed. In one week over 260 cars were doing 60mph or more when passing the MVAS. Cllr Mayne will write an article for FOCUS and advise this information will be passed over to Thames Valley Police.
 - Our County Councillor John Chilver has given Great Horwood Youth Club £250 from his discretionary fund.
5. Public Participation Period
 - Gill Wood explained there was a problem with the planter on the Little Horwood Road. The Clerk will contact Heady Plants to have this resolved.
 - Jane Holland asked why the public participation period was at the beginning of the meeting. Cllr Gilbey explained that other residents like to come to have their say and then leave and also by having it earlier on means Cllrs can take into account residents views.
 - Cllr Chilver explained that pothole repairs were currently on hold so that BCC can deal with flooding.
 - Duncan Trigg asked if the PC were supporting the proposal from the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust for development at the bottom of Willow Road. The PC are not supporting it and currently have no comment as they have not received any formal application. However all concerned residents are advised to provide feedback to the Trust as they see fit.
 - Mr and Mrs Berrill asked if the PC were going to canvas residents to get feedback on the plan. They were advised that the PC would take residents feedback into account.
 - Sir Beville Stanier reminded residents that the more letters that are written mean the more notice AVDC will take of resident's views.
 - Duncan Trigg asked if the PC had set up the Facebook page called Great Horwood Community. Although the PC and the NPT are aware of it they have not set it up.
6. Planning Issues
 - 6.1. Councillors were provided with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. Four new decisions have been made and two new applications had been received. The planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

Cllrs had also been made aware of a planning application in Pilch Lane but which fell into Adstock Parish. It was agreed it would be left to Adstock Parish to make comments.

Cllrs had also been advised of a licensing application at The Retreat on the A421. After discussion, it was agreed to object to the application and Cllr Scholtens would compose a reply.
 - 6.2. There is nothing to report from registering the Recreation Ground.
7. Report from the Recreation Committee
The report was read out at the meeting.
 - A detailed budget has been submitted to the PC for approval.
 - The BBQ's are purchased and due for a May installation.
 - A shelter is being investigated.

- The Picnic on the Pece will be on Sunday 8th June.
- Equipment maintenance and repairs continue on the Zip wire and the Nest Swing.
- Hedge trimming and tree pollarding are planned.
- Measures to prevent the ground pooling in the wet weather will be carried out at the earliest opportunity.
- A plaque is being acquired to thank BCC for their recent donation.
- Finally the Rec would welcome a donation of a used telegraph pole and some paving slabs.

8. Footpaths Report

There is nothing to report on the footpaths in the village.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

Since the last PC meeting the NPT have held three meetings as well as a meeting with AVDC Forward Plans team.

A housing needs survey needs to be carried out and will be distributed imminently. This will come with a Freepost envelope so that residents can send it back. It cannot be collected by members of the NPT due to the Data Protection Act. It is important that as many residents complete it as possible as there are no valid housing numbers to rely on since the withdrawal of the Vale of Aylesbury Plan.

The aim of the NPT is to have the plan presented to the PC at the April meeting. If approved this could then mean a partial plan is in place which could then be considered in applications.

The revised version of the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report has been completed and needs to be sent to Natural England, the Environment Agency and English Heritage. This will be sent via the Clerk.

A newsletter has also been prepared which will go out with the housing survey and at the end of March the PC are to have an exhibition in the Village Hall.

The PC were also advised that Taylor Wimpey are holding another public exhibition in the Village Hall on Thursday 27th March between 3pm and 7pm.

10. Revision to the operation and membership of the Planning Committee.

Prior to the meeting Cllr Gilbey circulated a document which detailed the changes to the planning procedure. AVDC have reviewed the evidence at the end of the trial and have confirmed that the changed procedure is now permanent. So although the views submitted by the Parish Council might be considered by the officer allocated to the planning application if he/she decides to recommend that the application is approved and the Parish Council has objected then the objection will only be considered by the Development Control Committee if a representative from the parish is sent to the hearing.

It was established that AVDC will take into account the comments from the PC but if their initial decision differs from the PC's then the application will go to the DCC.

Cllr Gilbey asked the three members of the Planning Committee present (Cllrs Scholtens, Mayne and Lamberton) if they were prepared, in principle, to give their commitment to attend the DCC if necessary. All Cllrs agreed.

Sir Beville Stanier offered his services if the PC struggled to find an attendee and Cllr Chilver reminded the meeting that it didn't have to be a member of the PC, just a representative.

11. Review of the pre-application Design and Access statement received from the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust and decide whether the PC should respond

The Parish Council have been sent a copy of the documentation from the VAHT and there was discussion as to whether the PC should respond.

Cllr Scholtens believed that the PC shouldn't do anything. The VAHT should go through the proper public consultation. Cllrs Mayne and Porritt also agreed with this.

Therefore it was decided the PC would not respond until they received a formal application. However that didn't stop residents providing feedback.

12. Report from the Chairman on meetings attended since the last PC meeting

Cllr Gilbey reported on three meetings. The first was the Winslow and District LAF which he attended with Cllr Mayne. Topics included reports on the MVAS and the New Homes Bonus. It was also revealed that Great Horwood Football Club had received some money from AVDC's Community Chest.

The second was the Local Council Planning Liaison Group where the withdrawal of the Vale of Aylesbury Plan was the main topic. It was also announced that John Byrne, Head of Planning at AVDC was retiring and would not be replaced and there was also to be a reduction in the headcount of the planning department.

The third meeting was the North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium where, again, the main topic was the Vale of Aylesbury Plan. There was also a presentation on fracking and it was stated it was unlikely that this will take place in Buckinghamshire in the near future.

13. Horwode Pece Budget

Prior to the meeting the Clerk sent out the budget request from the Horwode Pece Management Committee. This was very detailed and totalled £3149 whereas the PC budget had only allowed £2500.

After discussion it was agreed to amend the PC budget to allow for the increased Horwode Pece requirement and the difference would be taken from contingency.

14. Flooding on The Green

Since the last meeting it has been established that there is only a soakaway and not drains on The Green. The Clerk will talk to the LAT to discuss possible solutions for this.

Cllr Porritt stated that one of the bollards was loose. She will contact Roy Randles who installed the bollards in order to make it secure.

15. Mowing The Green

Discussion took place over who was going to mow The Green this year. Cllr Gilbey agreed to discuss the matter with Walt Whitehall and if he declines then the PC will ask Graham Burns.

16. Replacement of Singleborough Noticeboard

Due to the absence of Cllr Bennett-Coles there has been no progress with this item.

17. Online Bank Access

The Clerk discussed the possibilities of online access to reduce the work required by the Cllrs. Cllr Gilbey agreed to investigate reducing the signatories online to two to be in line with cheque signatories.

18. Bank Accounts

The Clerk advised that there are three bank accounts which are not used by the PC and have been dormant for at least 15 years. It was agreed these could be closed leaving just the main account and the Neighbourhood Plan Account.

19. Receipts

- VAT Repayment £1287.31
- Allotment Rent £20.00

20. Items paid since last meeting

- AVDC Dog Waste Service (BACS) £591.70
- BCC Legal Fees (BACS) £226.80
- Kompan (BACS) £2930.04
- John Gilbey (MVAS expenses) (BACS) £48.94
- Eon (Street Lighting) (BACS) £110.70
- BCC Legal Fees (BACS) £518.40
- Community Impact Bucks (from Neighbourhood Plan Account) £2810.00

21. To agree items for payment

- Clerks Expenses (BACS) £87.92
- SWARCO MVAS Batteries (BACS) £300.00
- Hire of Village Hall for 2013 meetings £120.00
- Hire of Village Hall for NP meeting on 13th May 2013 (from Neighbourhood Plan Account) £30.00

Cllrs Lamberton, Porritt and Mayne agreed to authorise the online payments.

22. To receive and note correspondence

- A letter regarding the Electoral Changes in Aylesbury Vale – passed to Cllr Gilbey.
- Information on the New Homes Bonus Scheme – passed to Cllr Scholtens.

23. Items for the next meeting

- Singleborough Notice Board

24. Confirmation of date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th March at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.58pm.

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Date _____

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 10th February 2014

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

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

11/10/13	13/02570/ ALB	Mr P Morris	Mulberry Cottage	Rethatching of cottage with a mixed heads and butts cereal straw spar coat in the long straw style and raising of eaves and raising left-hand side chimney	No Objection	Rejected
28/11/13	13/03195/ APP	Mr C Wright	6 Weston Road	Two storey side and rear extension. Single storey side extension.	No Objection	Approved
05/12/13	13/03182/ APP	Mr D Badham	Candleford, Singleborough Lane	Conversion of garage to annexe and construction of a detached garden outbuilding.	No Objection	Approved
31/10/13	13/02943/ AEL	Western Power	Land off Spring Lane	Rebuilding and Reconductoring Overhead Lines	No Objection	Approved

Pending

02/01/14	03/03489/ APP	Mr & Mrs Singleton	Old Swan House	Erection of rear extension and covered area	No Objection	
30/01/14	14/00118/ APP	Mrs S Rudd	13 The Green	Two storey rear extension.		