



# Great Horwood Parish Council

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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on  
11th February 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr John Scholtens, Cllr Ian Lamberton, Cllr Mayne, Cllr Bennett-Coles, Karen Francis (Clerk)  
5 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence  
Cllr Porritt gave apologies due to illness and Cllr Margerrison gave apologies due to holidays.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013  
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 two meetings
  - Precept submission has been made and acknowledged.
  - An application for LAF Funding of £1000 for 2013/14 which has been made by the Youth Club is very likely to be successful and due to the failure of the Youth Forum project it is possible that further funding will be available. The request for funding to go towards the provision a 2<sup>nd</sup> world war memorial has been refused and the funding for the extended footway in Nash Road has been referred to Transport for Buckinghamshire.
  - No update on the positioning of the water butts.
  - The discarded car seat has been removed.
  - AVDC have agreed that 15% of its allocation of New Homes Bonus will be allocated to schemes proposed and delivered by parish and town councils. Parish and town councils will be invited to submit proposals for spending money in their individual areas and a panel of 3 district councillors and 2 parish council representatives will be set up to consider the applications and their views will be passed to the AVDC Cabinet for final decision. AVALC will be asked to nominate the parish representatives.
  - The small area on The Green has been paved and the Oak Tree planted.
  - There is no update on the Sundial.
  - The Clerk now has access to the bank accounts online. Cllrs Gilbey and Scholtens are in the process of setting up access in order to test the system.
  - Only basic handrails will be able to be installed in Nash Road. Cllr Mayne agreed to investigate further and the Clerk will contact the Local Area Technician to find out more information.
  - At the previous meeting Cllr Scholtens asked if the April meeting could be changed so it didn't fall in the holidays but unfortunately the hall is already being used on alternative dates.
5. Public Participation Period
  - The closure of the road was discussed with Cllr Gilbey giving an update. Although it is scheduled to be closed for four weeks this allows some contingency and it is hoped it will be shorter. The official diversion will be through Padbury although local traffic is likely to find its own route.
6. Planning Issues
  - 6.1. Cllr Gilbey provided Councillors with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. Five new decisions and three new applications had been received, and the planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
  - 6.2. Cllr Gilbey has signed the statutory declaration and it has been returned to AVDC for forwarding to the Land Registry.
7. Report from the Recreation Committee  
The Rec inspections appear to have continued over the winter with the feature of rain, snow and cold conditions falling upon sodden ground. The conditions have not been appropriate to accomplish much, however the purchase and delivery of the floor matting will enable the football area to be prepared in the next few weeks. Thanks must go to the Parish Council for arranging the purchase of the matting.
8. Neighbourhood Planning Team Update  
This report was circulated amongst Councillors prior to the meeting. Owners of the potential development sites have been contacted. AVDC Forward Plans is in the process of re-packaging the information from the draft Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and a public presentation is unlikely to take place before April.
9. Sustainability Appraisal  
An update will be provided at a future meeting.

10. Footpaths Report

The report received this month is as follows:

*All the footpaths in the Parish have been inspected and pruned between 8<sup>th</sup> December and 31<sup>st</sup> January.*

Cllr Bennett-Coles asked for an update on the sponsored gates and the Clerk agreed to find out in time for the next meeting.

11. Report from the Winslow and District LAF held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013

Cllrs Gilbey and Porritt attended this meeting. The first part of the meeting was a question and answer session on the East/West rail project and the summary report on this topic had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Network Rail is now going to take responsibility for this project and a consultation will be carried out in the next 12 to 18 months. It is anticipated that much of the rail will be electrified and therefore the route will be used by both passenger and freight trains with the first trains scheduled to run through Winslow in December 2017. Other documents had previously been circulated prior to the meeting including the answers to 3 questions that had been submitted to the LAF by Cllr. Gilbey and a report from Bucks Fire and Rescue.

12. Report from the 'Meet the AVDC Cabinet' meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2013

Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting which was the first one of its kind which had been held for many years. The first part of the meeting was taken up with a presentation from the Local Government Boundary Commission which is in the process of carrying out a review of the number of Councillors and the ward boundaries in AVDC. The presentation had previously been circulated to all Councillors by the Clerk. A report on the rest of the meeting was also circulated to Councillors prior to the Parish Council meeting. Notes from the Question and Answer session are awaited which will be circulated once received. It was agreed to hold these meetings twice yearly.

13. Update on MVAS Application

Cllr Porritt provided an update which was read out. We are currently waiting for site visits so until these happen no further progress can be made. Cllr Gilbey understood that the equipment had now been purchased by BCC so it is hoped the site visits will happen soon.

14. Proposal for Old Mill

A letter had been received from possible developers of the Old Mill site asking the Parish Council to support the development. After a previous meeting the Parish Council had refused to support it as any development in Spring Lane increased road use. The possible developers have replied stating access would be via Greenway onto the Winslow Road with pedestrian access to the village.

After lots of debate Councillors agreed that they still couldn't support the development as it would be detached from the main area of the village. Cllr Scholtens agreed to draft a letter to this effect which would be passed to the Clerk for sending.

15. To agree items for payment

- AVDC – Scoping Report Work (Neighbourhood Planning Team) £150.00
- Andrew Harsey expenses (Neighbourhood Planning Team) £40.00
- AVDC – Fitting of litter bin £7.30
- ABH Landscapes £432.00
- Bucks Playing Fields Association Subscription £20.00
- John Gilbey – Swearing of Oath £5.00
- Great Horwood Village Hall £120.00
- Fenland Leisure Products (Horwode Pece) £1596.00
- Nick Vinden £64.80
- BCC Legal Fees £129.80
- EON £110.70
- John Nichols (Horwode Pece Expenses) £44.65

16. To receive and note correspondence

- An email was received from a resident asking why the pavements hadn't been cleared. The Clerk responded stating it wasn't a Parish Council responsibility and the goodwill of householders was relied upon.
- An email on the Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment has been received. This is to be forwarded to Cllr Gilbey.
- An email regarding a 'Local List'. The Clerk will respond.
- An email from a resident asking for two grit boxes on The Green. After discussion it was decided not to purchase anymore at this time as grit boxes are usually only installed in an area where there is an incline and for traffic.
- A letter from the Citizens Advice Bureau requesting donations. The Parish Council have turned this down.

17. Items for the next meeting

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18. Confirmation of date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.56pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**Draft**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

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**

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	Approved
08/11/12	12/02335/ APP	Mr A Hearsey	9 Nash Road	Retention of replacement fence (retrospective)	Support	Approved
08/11/12	12/02439/ ATC	Mr J Whitehead	16 Winslow Road	Fell No 2 Ash and No 1 Sycamore	No objection	Proceed with works
15/11/12	12/02470/ APP	Mr A Clark	Land between six lords	Temporary siting of mobile home	No objection	Withdrawn
07/12/12	12/02584/ APP	Mr J Hanson	11 The Green	Erection of detached dwelling	Objection	Refused

**Pending**

17/01/13	13/00097/ ATC	Mr Ahern	Chestnut House	Works to one Horse Chestnut	No objection
01/02/13	13/00085/ APP	Mr & Mrs Knill	Worth House, Nash Road	Single storey front extension and two storey rear extension	
07/02/13	13/00223/ ATC	Mr R Deuchar	Dean Farm, Singleborough	Fell No 1 Leylandi, 10% Crown reduction of Cherry and Ash	

2. The application at Hedgerows, although refused by AVDC, went to Appeal and at this point the application was approved.