

GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CROUDACE HOMES PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP LAND NORTH OF LITTLE HORWOOD ROAD AND CHERRY LEAS

The proposal claims that the development will meet all local policy targets, which is clearly untrue. The Great Horwood Parish Neighbourhood Plan (GHPNP) was made in 2015 and covers the period to 2031. It is thus still the key planning policy for the parish together with the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) which was adopted in 2021 and covers the period to 2033. These two policies will be the overriding ones for Great Horwood until the Buckinghamshire Local Plan is made. This is not expected until 2027 at the earliest.

Policy 1 of the GHPNP states that the Neighbourhood Plan designates a Great Horwood Settlement Boundary, as shown on the Policies Map (see below), for the purpose of containing the physical growth of the village over the plan period.

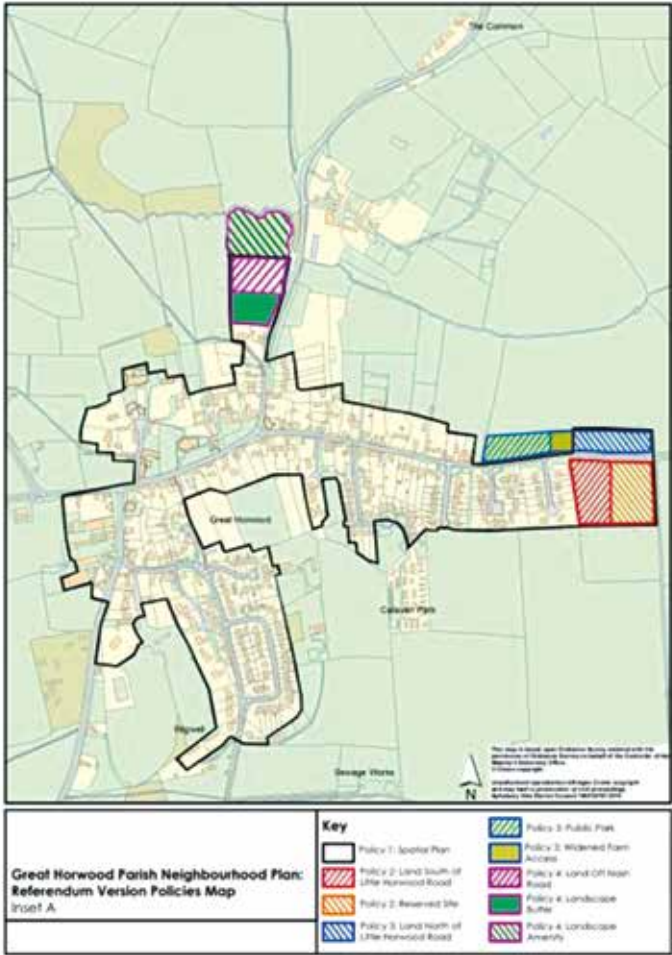
A further part of Policy 1 states that Development proposals on land outside the settlement boundary will not be permitted in the countryside unless it is necessary for the purpose of agriculture or forestry, or for enterprise, diversification or recreation that benefits the rural economy without harming countryside interests.

New development in the countryside should not result in the loss of open land that contributes to the form and character of Great Horwood and Singleborough.

So, as shown by the map, a Planning Application to develop the land proposed by Croudace contravenes the GHPNP. Given this it will be robustly opposed by Great Horwood Parish Council, and we trust that Buckinghamshire Council will refuse it.

We will let the residents know if such a Planning Application is submitted and you will all be able to make your own comments on the application direct to Buckinghamshire Council

Policies Map: Inset A





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St James' Services for November

All services start at 11.00 Refreshments and the chance to chat after every service

- 3rd **Holy Communion** - a traditional communion service with hymns lasting an hour
In Loving Memory - at 16.00 - at St Laurence Winslow - a half hour service with beautiful music and time to sit reflect and be quiet in God's presence. This is an opportunity to remember our departed loved ones. Followed by refreshments.
- 10th **Remembrance Service** at 10.30 - will begin in Church moving to the minute silence reading names of villagers lost and wreath laying at the War Memorial on the High Street.
- 17th **Creative Communion** - a more informal service
- 24th **Holy Communion**

CHURCH KEY: Tracy & Neil Taylor 712231

ROAD CLOSURE

As in previous years, St James' has been given temporary road closure on Sunday 10th November 2024. This is for a wreath laying ceremony during the Remembrance Service at St James's Church, Great Horwood.

The road closure will be in force between 10:45am and 11:15am.

The road in question is as always, between The Swan Inn/Pilch Lane and the corner of Nash Road/Little Horwood Road.

Please could you try to avoid using your motor vehicles in this area at this time, as a mark of respect, as well as for the safety of the congregation of St James'.

Many thanks

C. Finnemore

Secretary to St James' PCC

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who supported and came to the Coffee morning.

You raised £519.50 congratulations. Well deserved especially if you came out in the rain.

Sadly, this is the last year we do this. (we have done it for 11 years) next year we are handing over to the pub, The Swan Inn, Great Horwood.

Well done all of you.

kind regards

Georgina and Colin Pacitti

WINSLOW SURGERY 3W HEALTH

3W Health is introducing a new single telephone number from 1 January 2025. This will replace the 3 individual numbers they currently have for each site at Wing, Whitchurch and Winslow.

The new number is: **01296 711150** and will be our main surgery number.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY @ ST JAMES

Now up and running do come and visit your community library and we invite you to donate recently read books, children's books and books of general interest. Please - no ancient and dusty tomes.

WINSLOW AND DISTRICT ART SOCIETY

You would receive a very warm welcome if you decided to join us at 10 a.m. on a Tuesday morning in the Padbury Village Hall or at the same time on a Thursday in the Winslow Bowls Club to meet up with WADAS members who, like you, enjoy drawing and painting. Why not contact one of the people included below to gain more information.

As well as these weekly meetings we also enjoy monthly demonstration evenings.

Our most recent demonstration was given by Chris Church, who demonstrated using watercolour pencils to draw pictures from his photos of wildlife. His style creates an accurate interpretation which became very obvious as he demonstrated his ability of drawing an elephant's eye sharing his skill of ensuring every tiny detail, including the animal's eye lashes.

Chair : Cheryl Wilyman 01296 640755

Treasurer : Jackie Chambers 01296 713607

Secretary : Monica Gilbey 01296 711915

Evening Demonstrations.

26 September Chris Church...Animal Drawing.

31 October Anne Blankson-Hemans...TBC.

21 November Mat Waruszynski.... Portrait in Oils

30 January Jan Gaska

Topic and medium T.B.C.

And don't miss our Exhibition in the Public Hall Winslow on 16th November 11am to 4.30pm and 17th November 10am to 4.30pm.

As well as a chance to enjoy the art and craft work we serve refreshments which everybody seems to enjoy immensely and there will be some great raffle prizes.

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RECTORS VOICE

I don't know about you, but I always feel rather sad at this time of the year once the clocks go back one hour at the end of October, and nightfall, which was already drawing in more quickly day by day, suddenly occurs much sooner.

It is that time of the year when I begin to stock up my kitchen cupboards not only with the 'essentials' we will need for Christmas this year (though none of them are truly essential, and many will still be languishing in the cupboards come February), but also add to my stock of winter comfort foods: tinned soups, porridge oats, honey, maple syrup, and even the odd bottle of something warming for a winter nightcap after giving our dog her last walk of the evening. These seldom languish as long as the Christmas non-essentials in my store cupboard; and make the drab onset of winter so much more bearable as the weather turns and we begin our semi-hibernation, only venturing out in the evening if we really have to, which, since gaining our dog, is harder to avoid than one would really like.

There is something magical about the night sky at this time of year though, as the darkness deepens, and on a cold, clear night, you can see myriad stars and the occasional bright satellite high above thanks to the relative absence of light pollution here in Winslow, and I dare say it is even clearer in Great Horwood! I always stop at some point to look up and wonder at the brilliant canopy of heavenly bodies above us - a sight I probably would not notice were it not for my

enforced night-time walk with the dog. And there is something too, about the quiet stillness of the cool evening air which feels fresher, cleaner, and more life giving than that in the daytime. In my night-time perambulations I meet many a cat, but sometimes come across badgers, deer, and of course, the ubiquitous fox, who seems completely unperturbed by my presence, inquisitive even, and is so much better adapted to the dark stillness than I am.

For me, my late walk with the dog gives me opportunity to take stock of my day and consider all that has happened, whether happy or sad, mundane, challenging, or completely unexpected. It gives me chance to call to mind the people I have spoken to, families I have met at funerals or baptisms, and those who have specifically asked for prayer in addition to the other business of the day: correspondence, emails, and meetings! It is a time to take stock, to clear my head, look up in wonder, and consider what tomorrow holds, not only on a daily basis, but a seasonal one too, as autumn deepens into winter, the stars shine more intently, and look ahead to November's remembrance services and to Advent and Christmas beyond. November is a time to take stock, replenish our spiritual store cupboards, huddle into the warmth of our memories, and give thanks for all that we have, knowing that the one who set each star in its place knows and cares for each of us, even in the winter's darkness.

Revd Steve O'Connor

1ST GREAT HORWOOD SCOUTS

The Group is in need of the following help:

•Vice Chairperson

Outline: The Chair will lead the Trustee Board, ensuring that it fulfils its responsibilities within the Group, District or County/Area/Region. The Chair will work closely with the Group Scout Leader/relevant Commissioner to achieve the purpose of The Scout Association through the development of local Scouting, in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Responsible for: Trustees.

Responsible to: The relevant Scout Council.

Appointment requirements: Must successfully complete the appointment process (including acceptable personal enquiries and acceptance of The Scout Association's policies).

It's expected that whilst volunteering for this role you will undertake regulated activity.:

•Treasurer

Outline: The Treasurer will provide sound financial administration, support and information to the Trustee Board and Group, District or County/Area/Region in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Responsible to: The relevant Scout Council.

Appointment requirements: Requirements: Must successfully complete the appointment process (including acceptable personal enquiries and acceptance of The Scout Association's policies).

•Team Member for 8-11-year-olds

Outline: Manage and lead the operation of the Section. In particular, the planning and delivery of the Balanced Programme, with the help of Assistant Section Leaders, Section Assistants, Young Leaders and members of Scout Active Support as appropriate. Some of the tasks for which the Section Leader is responsible may be delegated to others in the Section, including other Section Leaders, Assistant Section Leaders and Section Assistants.

Responsible to: Group Scout Leader

Responsible for: Young Leaders whilst they are working in the Section

Main Contacts: Young people, parents/carers, Assistant Leaders, Section Assistants, other Section Leaders within the Group, Group Scout Leader, Assistant District and County/Area Commissioners (Section), Explorer Scout Leader (Young Leaders), Young Leaders, Group Trustees, sponsors of the Group.

Appointment requirements: Must successfully complete the appointment process (including acceptable personal enquiries and acceptance of The Scout Association's policies). During the five months of Provisional Appointment the relevant Getting Started modules must be completed.

All groups come with a DBS requirement and online training to be completed, but you will be fully supported by myself at all times.

If you or you know someone who could help with these roles, or you would like further information on



GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Useful contact details

Members of the Parish Council:

Please note that councillors now have a dedicated Parish Council email address. This is in order to comply with new Data Protection Regulations that came into force in 2018. It is good policy to keep council emails separate from private emails.

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Parish Council Website		www.e-voice.org.uk/ghpc/
Great Horwood Village Hall Bookings		01296 715968
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Winslow Market Service 54abc - runs every Wednesday morning.

This service picks up in the surrounding villages and then into Winslow, (Swanbourne, Mursley, Great Horwood, Whaddon, Nash and The Claydons). Pick up times vary according to village. Bus passes accepted, otherwise £3.00 return.

Buckingham Bus Service - Picking up in Winslow and surrounding villages. 1 hour in town then 1 hour in Tesco, or 2 hours in Tesco. Door to door service. Bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return. **Tuesday 5th November Tuesday 3rd December**

Westcroft Shopping - Picking up in surrounding villages. Morrisons, Boots, Aldi, etc. Bus passes accepted, otherwise, £4.50 return. Ring to book. **Thursday 14th & 28th November Thursday 12th December**

Asda - Bus passes are not accepted on this trip and will cost £5.00. Picking up in Winslow and surrounding villages Asda Shopping with the option to drop at Stadium MK1 for M&S, Primark, Next and more. Drop off at Westcroft on request.

**Monday 25th November
Monday 23rd December**

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responsibilities and skills then please contact me; as without these vital roles the group will struggle to function correctly.

Yvonne Taylor MIO L - **Lead Volunteer (Group Scout Leader)** E: ddcbwd@gmail.com M: 07931 585926

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Your Local Classes

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We're not just an exercise class though... our Jazzercise Community has grown strong over the years, especially during Covid when we all "got together" online to continue with our classes and connect with each other. Customer friendships have developed, group lunches and Christmas meals organised!

So, if you want to come along to see for yourself - pick a class see:

www.jazzercisebbh.com/jazzercise-schedule

For more information on Jazzercise contact Keri

Donnellan on 07900 987230 or

jazzercise1@hotmail.co.uk

About Class Owner, Keri Donnellan

I became a Jazzercise instructor in March 1993, over 30 years ago, after finding an exercise program that I loved and suited me down to the ground. No-one cared what I looked like, nor did they care if I got it wrong. Everyone was there to have the same fun and get fit. I became a substitute instructor, which meant I covered for other class owners when they were on holiday or ill, sometimes travelling up to an hour and a half to go and teach class. After 15 years

of working for other people, I had my daughter, and decided to become a class owner myself. My classes opened in Tring & Aylesbury in September 2006, with me teaching 6 classes a week. No mean feat with a year-old baby to look after too! Very quickly I trained up my first substitute instructor, who could then help me out and I could open more classes. Since then, I've trained up 20 instructors, with 8 currently on the team. Between us, we teach 24 classes a week in Aylesbury, Bierton, Leighton Buzzard, Tring, Wilstone & Winslow. I have also achieved top rank status within the Jazzercise community due to the level of success I have had with my fantastic team. One of the achievements I am most proud of, is the money raised for charity over the years. Our biggest was back in 2017, when over 150 Jazzercisers got together and did 5 classes to raise money for the Epilepsy Society. We raised almost £9000 to this amazing charity. Other events have seen us raise money for Sport Relief, Children in Need, Cancer Research, Macmillan, Young Minds Mental Health and local charity, Hectors House.

About Jazzercise

Jazzercise is currently celebrating it's 55th Birthday and was THE FIRST Fitness Franchise to be set up, way back in 1969. They are still one of the world's leading dance fitness companies with 8,300+ franchisees teaching 32,000+ classes per week in 32 countries around the world. And to be this successful they have moved with the times, becoming stronger than ever, now offering Cardio, Interval, Fusion, Sculpt & Stretch classes. Jazzercise really is for everyone, no matter age, fitness level or ability and we really do have a wide range of people at our classes. Plus, with a huge variety of great music in every class, there really is something for everyone.

NEWS FROM NOOK PARK

Last month there was an article in the Bucks Free Press about how Joe Burns thinks that everyone on the park is incredibly happy, and everything is back to normal. We have been wondering what cloud he lives on. It's nearly all incorrect and lies.

We are not happy as he thinks that all the work is done etc. This is not correct as we are not hooked up to the new electricity which is needed for all new homes plus our twelve homes on site. Yes, the cabling is up to our homes, but we all have thick black coiled cabling up against each home. The problem with the electricity is that it must come down from Little Horwood Road. It can come two ways.

1. Down Western Road and Joe Burns would like the cables under the field owned by Nick Hanson. Now considering Joe Burns ripped up the hedge belonging to Nick, Nick does not want the idea of electric cabling under his land and has said no twice.

2. Down Willow Road. The lovely residents of Willow Road have had to put up with an awful lot of disruption in these past three years what with huge lorries, noise and the last thing to come was the new home which took eight hours from the top of Willow Road down to where it is now sited. That's just the first home we have been told 16 altogether. Now they could see more if the electric come down Willow Road. We do feel for the residents as it has been just as disruptive

for them as it has for us. The current electric feed is sufficient at the moment as it is the old feed when the Tapsells owned the park.

The BT lines for the broadband etc is all in the cabling but again we are not connected. As for water this is fun all homes except one is connected to the new water system and that home is one of the original 12. We have SOME of the so-called street-lights on, some have been taken away to allow the new house to be taken down through the park, some have no bulbs in them and in the early hours of the morning they go off.

Originally Joe Burns was going to rent the new homes now we hear he is going to sell them. We are still waiting for our new Site Manager to be named by the council as Joe Burns was deemed not a fit and proper person to run the site, not just by the council but also a Tribunal Judge.

Of course, Joe Burns has put a new park sign up that

shows the name of Willow Park! He has tried to change the name of the park without submitting an application to the council for change of name. The council are not happy, rightly so, as they would not allow Willow Park as it's so close to Willow Road and get very confusing. So, we are STILL NOOK PARK. There is a lot more going on behind the scenes - watch this space!


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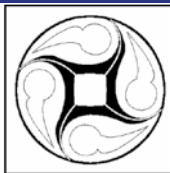
Contact Carolyn 07876 566065

Please note that the St Laurence Christmas Fair is on Thursday 28th November

PARISH PUMP

CROUDACE HOMES PROPOSAL

The Parish Council have written an article in this edition of Focus (*front cover*) concerning the above. As you will see, development proposals on land outside the settlement boundary will not be permitted. Details of the existing Great Horwood Parish Neighbourhood Plan are on the Parish Council website.



Great Horwood
Parish Council

FUNDS FOR LOCAL CAUSES

As in previous years, Great Horwood Parish Council will once again be donating up to £3,000 to local causes. Applicants must be from organisations associated with the village. Winning bids will be announced at the December 2024 Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL "SURGERY"

As you know, the Parish Council have, for the past few months, set up a drop in point at the Village Hall every 2 weeks. This is held every other Wednesday at 10am when the Village Hall is open for the Post Office/ coffee morning. If you are unable to get to the monthly meetings but wish to chat to the Parish Council, this is your opportunity.

Dates for the rest of 2024 are as follows: -

6th and 20th November and 4th and 18th December

CALLUM ANDERSON MP FOR BUCKINGHAM AND BLETCHLY

Please see listed below the dates for his constituency advise surgery dates for the rest of 2024. These are also available on his social media pages and his website: www.callumanderson.org.uk

Friday 8 November, 9.30 - 11am

Winslow Public Hall, MK18 3DG

Friday 22 November, 9.30 - 11am

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DOG WASTE

I am sure that you will have seen the various posts on the Great Horwood Facebook page concerning the amount of dog litter around in the village that is being left and not picked up.

As I am sure we are all aware, not only is this unsightly but it presents a health hazard to everyone.

There are 8 dog waste bins within the village - please remember if you are taking your dog for a walk, please pick up after them and place the waste in the designated bin - thank you.

FIX MY STREET

Just a reminder to everyone that "FixMyStreet" is an online facility where anyone can make a public report for things like graffiti, fly tipping, broken pavings slabs, and potholes that they see in the Village. This information gets passed to Buckinghamshire Council for them to action. The website address is <https://www.fixmystreet.com>

WELCOME PACK

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NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11th November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There is always a public participation period when members of the public can have their say - please feel free to attend. The Notice of the meeting is advertised on the Parish Council website and the noticeboard in the High Street. Minutes of meetings can be found on the noticeboard and the Parish Council website.

Cllr. John Gilbey : Chairman of the Council
johnwgilbey@gmail.com

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MEN IN SHEDS

A small group of Sheddors went back to school for the start of the Autumn Term and were lucky enough to arrive just in time for a story!

The occasion was the delivery of new library furniture, bug hotels, Planters and mud kitchens all completed at the Shed over the summer and all made from recycled material. The project had been an enjoyable teamwork exercise for us and was made especially rewarding by having such enthusiastic and appreciative customers! Many thanks to Justine Dudley and her team at Steeple Claydon School for allowing us to deliver in person and meet some of the children.

Now that Autumn is well and truly with us, we have, once again, registered as an official 'Warm Welcome Space' for the winter months (www.warmwelcome.uk). We won't be changing what we do but if being registered encourages anyone to venture out, enjoy a bit of social time and have a warm-up and a hot drink on us then we think it has to be a good idea. Keeping warm will be a priority later this month too when we'll be in Market Square for the annual Town Christmas Fair on the 28th of November. Preparations are well under way and a range of seasonal goodies for sale are already in production. Hope to see you there!

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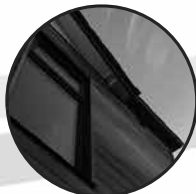
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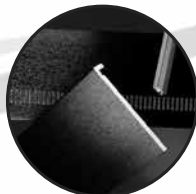
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