

TAYLOR WIMPEY WESTON ROAD PLANNING APPLICATION REFUSED

At long last, the Secretary of State at the Department of Communities and Local Government, Sajid Javid, has issued his decision and **turned down the planning application for housing at Weston Road** in Great Horwood which was originally approved in September 2015 by Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC).

A planning inquiry was held in March 2016. The proposal was opposed by Great Horwood Parish Council. AVDC appeared at the Inquiry alongside the developer in support of the proposal. A major part of the argument concerned the weight to be given to conflict with neighbourhood plans. This followed several decisions in the High Court about the correct interpretation of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) when dealing with this question.

The Inspector conducting the Inquiry recommended that the application be refused. He was concerned about the sustainability of the proposal, the poor housing mix, and the poor design of some of the plots. He also gave weight to the conflict with the Neighbourhood Plan. The Secretary of State agreed with the Inspector's reasoning and conclusion. In particular, he gave substantial weight to the conflict between the proposal and paragraph 198 of the NPPF, which states that permission should not normally be granted for applications in conflict with neighbourhood plans. The full Inspector's Report and Secretary of State's Decision Letter can be found on the Parish website.

Great Horwood Parish Council is delighted that the Secretary of State's decision will allow development to proceed in the village in accordance with the policies in its Neighbourhood Plan, and it hopes that AVDC will reassess its approach to neighbourhood plans. We are also delighted that the Secretary of State gave prominence to the results of the 'Housing Needs' Survey which was carried out in 2014 and which emphasises the need for smaller houses as starter homes or for downsizing.

Mary Saunders Chairman, Great Horwood Parish Council



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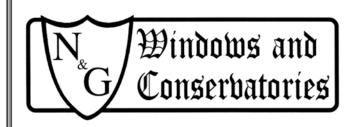
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Church Times

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13th Nov	10.30am	Remembrance Sunday	S Hemphill	-	-
20th Nov	11.00am	Holy Communion	J Margerrison	J Brigden	J Margerrison
27th Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	-	-	-
27th Nov	11.00am	Service of the Word	S Barfoot	D Brazier	Clergy
4th Dec	11.00am	Holy Communion	N Weir	C Finnemore	D Brazier

Church Key Rota: David Moore - 713281

Please note that the Remembrance Sunday Service will start inside St James' Church at 10.30am so we can observe the two minutes silence at the War Memorial at 11.00am in the usual way. There will be no breakfast served before the service on this day.

ROAD CLOSURE -Sunday 13th November

As in previous years, the road outside St James' Church will be temporarily

closed on Sunday 13th November. 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 and will be between The Swan Public House/ 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 and for the safety of the congregation of St James'.

Many thanks.

C.Finnemore

Secretary St James' PCC

FIREWORKS AT THE REC! -**Saturday 5th November**

After several years of no organised fireworks in the village, they are back!

Details are on the full-size ad on the back page of FOCUS and on posters around the village.

Please come and support this event and hopefully we will be able to make it an annual one once more. Please do not bring sparklers with you, for safety, enjoy them in your own gardens.

We would be grateful if parking is avoided for nonresidents down Spring Lane and Greenway as you will appreciate the need to keep an event like this as vehicle free as possible. We look forward to seeing the villagers of Great Horwood and Singleborough out in force!

Cathy Holland.

Committee member.

Great Horwood Silver Band

We welcome Lawrence Brody to our cornet section and hope he will have a happy and enjoyable time with us. We are also seeking further cornet players. if you can play a cornet or would like to learn please contact Beryl on 01908 510809. Other players and learners are always welcome.

Our current Musical Director has resigned due to personal reasons and we are currently seeking a new Musical Director. We thank Graham Saunders for his input to the band and wish him well for the future.

In September the band members met to enjoy a Dinner at the Bell Hotel in Winslow.

The Band's next engagements are as follows:

- The Royal British Legion Remembrance Parade in Winslow on Sunday November 13th.
- The annual Christmas Carol Concert in the Village hall, Great Horwood on Sunday December 4th. Entry to the concert is free and there will be a raffle, refreshments and a leaving collection. All proceeds from the concert will be for the Great Horwood and Singleborough Guides.
- · We will be playing at Tesco Buckingham on Saturday the 10th, Sunday 11th and Wednesday 14th December.
- A small group will play carols around the Christmas tree in Adstock on Thursday 22nd December from **6pm**, this is a great annual occasion with many of the Adstock Villagers attending and singing carols with the band.

Our new website has already had more than 5000 visits, you can read the latest band news on the website at www.greathorwoodband.com

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Established in 2015, The Artists Dozen group exhibit as part of Bucks Open Studios at Claydon Estate and Green Dragon Eco Farm in Hogshaw. Individual members also exhibit widely and sell their work nationally and internationally.

At it's upcoming exhibition at Green Dragon Eco Farm, the group will be showcasing the very best original art and limited edition works in a wide range of media including; painting, printmaking, photography, ceramics, stone sculpture, glass, felting, and silver jewellery. Throughout the three days there will be some exciting demonstrations by the artists. And whether you're picking out a present for that hard-to-buy-for friend or are simply looking for something unique for yourself or your home, discover the finest quality here!

Some of the artists also run courses throughout the year, so be sure to ask for further information if you would like to try something new. Courses may also be purchased as gifts.

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The evening will include presentations to our young people of Awards they have recently achieved, and an opportunity for you to hear about our plans for the coming year. All are welcome.

Hazardous Junction

The white line on the corner of Spring Lane was painted for a reason and at the request of residents. The Parish Council has taken a



softly, softly approach as they appreciate the parking problems in the lane, however, as a resident of Spring Close I feel that a small number of drivers have let them down.

Friday 14th October was a classic! Red car parked on white line. Blue car turning right out of Spring Lane. Silver estate turning left into Spring Lane blocked by red car. Back of silver car protruding into Winslow Road. Three cars driving up Winslow Road led by black car, three cars behind silver car. Black car crosses the road behind silver car blocking all the traffic. Result – gridlock. The blue car had to turn left to solve the problem.

PCSO Wendy Taylor has experienced something similar with the added complication of additional cars driving up Spring Lane. She has asked me to say that she is keeping an eye on the situation each time she drives by. She has been putting warning letters on cars and has noticed there are persistent offenders. Her next step is the promised £30 fine as highlighted in the warning letter. She has also asked me to remind drivers that the reason the white line has been painted this length is it matches the fact that the Highway Code says you must not park within 32 feet of the apex of the junction as it causes an obstruction for those using the junction.

Parking on the white line causes an obstruction, is selfish and potentially dangerous; exacerbated by speeding on the Winslow Road and the fact that the junction is on the brow of the hill. Please, for the safety of other drivers, do not park on the Spring Lane white line.

Mandy Cliffe





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W.I News

On the 11th of October we welcomed Graham Harrison who entertained us with his fact-filled talk entitled "Science and Superstition, Medicine and Surgery in the Roman Empire". He had brought along some interesting artifacts, including votive offerings representing various parts of the human anatomy, and surgical instruments, both genuine and reproduction. By the end of the talk we were all glad of the NHS, having heard how anyone could become a doctor in Roman times and how the instruments were used without

Our next meeting is **Tuesday 8th November, the AGM**. It won't be all business as Sally, who has an alpaca farm, will bring her spinning wheel and alpaca hats and gloves etc. for sale. Mary Nickols will again be joining us to collect donated items for the shoe boxes under the Operation Christmas Child scheme. Please contact Karen Wilkinson 01296 712933 for more information.

Ann Biggins

sterilizing.



Message from PCSO Wendy Taylor

Rural Crime

A successful equipment marking day was held at Newton Longville where items ranging from leaf blowers to drills, laptops, tablets and the Speedwatch camera were marked. Plenty of advice was handed out as

well. If any Great Horwood group wants to run such an event, call the Neighbourhood team on the usual number - 101 - so we can organise it.

The time is fast approaching where horse owners will be putting rugs on horses again. It can be a time when they are stolen from the horse's back but it's is not that rug they want, it is the new one you then replace it with. There is advice on www. thamesvalleyhorsewatch.org.uk on how to mark rugs with a postcode or freezebrand number, so don't wait until you are a victim. Also, check the security of the stables whether you live on the premises or not. There are loads of devices now to help warn you of unwanted people snooping around, such as movement sensors that will text you, so get looking on the internet. It was a device like this that stopped a gang on a yard who had to leave on foot because the owner arrived as a result of the text message. They left the owner with a white van and all their kit which Thames Valley Police disposed of after forensic examination.

Thefts and burglaries

Last month we saw a spike in burglaries in the area covered by our Wing Police Office which includes Stewkley, Soulbury, Ivinghoe and Marsworth. Increased daytime patrols are being carried out in the area as well as in this area now to prevent such incidents. However, a lot of anguish can be saved by being vigilant yourself and taking precautions against these crimes. The nights are also drawing in so whenever you leave your properties please ensure you

lock all doors and windows, do not leave valuables on show, put lights on timer switches and leave a radio on. Also lock side gates so gardens cannot be accessed, thereby allowing entry to your property by back doors without being seen from the road. All sensible things to do but there are those who still do not heed our advice.

Speeding

The Speedwatch teams, together with data provided by the Movable Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS) – yes, those signs that smile at you when you are not speeding – do record your speed but not who you are. It provides data to show us whether there is a speeding problem and in some villages there is. To this end our new team members, PCs Mary Winks and lan Carter, have had training to use the 'Ultralite' radar device so they can carry out enforcement in these areas.

Recently, several drivers have responded to letters warning them about their speed by saying 'we were not there'. Apart from the fact that the new Speedwatch devices take video of speeding vehicles, we are now using Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) to check as well. Several lorry companies have been written to about the speed of their vehicles and the implication of their drivers' actions and, believe it or not, a school bus company was also written to. This is very valuable work carried out by the villagers. We can do something for you when we have the evidence.

Wendy Taylor

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Funds For Worthy Causes From the Parish Council deadline extended until 14th November

Can I please remind Great Horwood residents that money is available to local organisations from Parish Council funds. Any local group is eligible to apply, even if they have applied before. The deadline line is being extended to allow more groups to respond. Please send any requests to me before the next PC meeting on 14th November. Don't be shy!

Mandy Cliffe (Parish Council Clerk)

Phone: 01296 715829

e-mail: clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk



Speeding in Great Horwood



As most of you will have noticed, a Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) has been in operation in and around Great Horwood and Singleborough for some time now. The MVAS monitors the speed at which vehicles enter the village at different locations and collects information which can then be analysed. The chart below gives the weekly

average numbers of vehicles passing the sign, in each case measured over a period of three weeks (except for vehicles leaving Singleborough, where measurements were taken for one week).

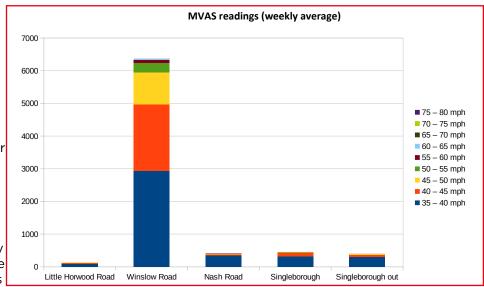
From this chart, it is clear that the highest volume

of traffic and the highest levels of speeding occur entering Great Horwood along the Winslow Road. It is terrifying to note that one vehicle was recorded travelling at between 75 and 80 mph within the 30 mph speed limit area and the large number of vehicles travelling at over 45 mph is a matter of great concern. The geography of the road is another factor in the speeding along this road, with the relatively straight downhill section before entering the 30mph area and the built-up area of the village.

The MVAS only records speed and the number of vehicles. The Thames Valley Police Community Speedwatch scheme (see Wendy Taylor's article on previous page) provides some other equipment for use by volunteers to identify vehicles which break the speed limit. This enables Thames Valley Police to contact the registered owners of speeding vehicles. There have already been a few sessions of Speedwatch in Great Horwood and more are planned shortly.

The Parish Council is very grateful to Mick Wood who co-ordinates the MVAS scheme, ensures that the equipment is operating and collates the data.

Mary Saunders (Chairman, Great Horwood Parish Council)

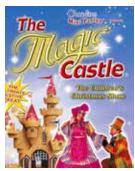


Great Horwood Church of England Combined School PTA



The new school year has begun and the PTA has accepted the challenge of raising £5k to fund the upgrade of the school's Wi-Fi. At the moment the school can only access the

internet from one room in the school. In order to take full advantage of some of the amazing learning opportunities that exist online the school needs to find £5k to extend internet access to all the classrooms. As you will know, school budgets only cover the basics these days, so in order to fund this they have turned to the PTA to help raise the money. The amazing Murder Mystery evening organised by Angela Gunn has already raised £660 for the Wi-Fi fund so we are off to a great start.



It's behind you!! We are delighted to announce that on **Saturday 26th November**, Chaplin's Mini
Pantos will be returning to Great
Horwood Village Hall with their
new Christmas show, "The Magic
Castle" Come along for a fun show
full of comedy, adventure and
laughter. Tickets are £10 each or
£35 for a family of 4 (children 2

and under are free). We only have a few tickets left so if you would like tickets please call Lynn on 713355 or email greathorwoodpta@gmail.com.

We are busily planning our Christmas Bazaar which will take place on **Saturday 3rd December between 12 & 2pm.** We have a good mix of gift stalls (including Body Shop, Beads & Sparkles...), our fabulous Jarbola, a luxury chocolate & alcohol stall, Children's craft stalls, Santa's Grotto plus a range of hot food including pork rolls and hot dogs. We will also be drawing the tickets for our amazing Christmas Raffle. We look forward to seeing you there.

I also wanted to say a huge thank you to Pauline Brown at Buckingham Nurseries & Garden Centre who kindly donated a large amount of compost to the school to go in the veggie and plant beds that the children take such delight in planting. There are so many benefits that come from linking children to nature: it helps them learn to work together; to understand where their food comes from; to understand weight and density; and makes them more likely to eat fresh fruit and vegetables.

Debbie Huskinson Great Horwood School PTA. Registered Charity No 1047149



Chairman's Monthly Report: Last Meeting - Monday 10 October 2016

Taylor Wimpey planning application to build 42 houses on land off Weston Road

- See front page.

Great Horwood Parish Council

Footpaths

As a runner? As a walker? Do you - or your dog - have difficulty climbing over stiles? Over the years several stiles have been replaced by gates thanks to the generosity of donors and this has made life easier for all the users of our footpaths. We have a good network of well-cared for paths but there are still quite a few awkward stiles on some of our parish footpaths. Have you considered sponsoring a replacement gate? If you wished, this could commemorate some significant personal event, such as a birthday or an anniversary, or it could be a practical memorial to a loved one. Alternatively, a group could get together to sponsor a gate.

Bucks County Council have a 'Donate a Gate' (DaG) scheme covering North Bucks, very similar to the scheme operated by the Chiltern Society in the Chilterns. The scheme invites individuals, groups, organisations, businesses and parish councils to 'Donate a Gate' to help rid the footpath network of some of the most awkward, difficult and derelict stiles that can turn an enjoyable walk into a nightmare. The scheme is operated by the wonderfully named North Bucks rRIPPLE (ramblers Repairing & Improving Public Paths for Leisure & Exercise) in conjunction with BCC & Transport for Bucks. Bucks County Council need to agree the change and seek the agreement of the relevant landowner. There is an application form to complete and send in. The cost is £250, and this includes an optional stainless steel "commemorative" plaque designed by the donor(s). The galvanised

steel gates are manufactured by Centrewire (www. Centrewire.com) and are either Marlow pedestrian gates or Woodstock kissing gates.

For an application form or more information, please contact the Parish Clerk. clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk 01296 715829.



One of the recently replaced styles on a Great Horwood footpath

School crossing Patrol

There is still a vacancy for a Crossing Patrol person or persons to assist school children crossing the High Street. Apparently, recruiting Crossing Control persons is widespread across the County and is not limited to Great Horwood. Have you considered whether this is something that you might be able to do or become part of a team carrying out this important task?

Miscellaneous items

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1. New Cottage behind The Grange: Jeremy West has informed us: "For information, the contractors





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start on our new build on October 17th. It starts with taking quite a large section of our existing wall down, in Singleborough Road. This is all as per the planning permission and method statement. The wall will be rebuilt as the cottage goes up. I hope it does not cause too much disruption - it is being managed by the Main contractor".

- 2. The Flashing Warning lights by The Swan are still out of phase but the problem has been reported (and re-reported) to Bucks CC.
- 3. Drivers travelling to Winslow should take care as bend warning signs on the B4033 are becoming obscured by vegetation, especially at Greenway Business Park and near the Washbrook bridge. The matter has been reported to Transport for Bucks.

Website and next meeting

For a more comprehensive report of the Parish Council meeting please read the minutes published on the website http://www.bucksvoice.net/greathorwoodpc/. This website also has updates of items on its latest news page.

If you have any items that you would like to bring to the Council's attention at any time please contact the Clerk or any Councillor. We are always pleased to welcome residents to our monthly meeting during which there is always a public participation period. The next meeting is to be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 14th November 2016 in the Village Hall.

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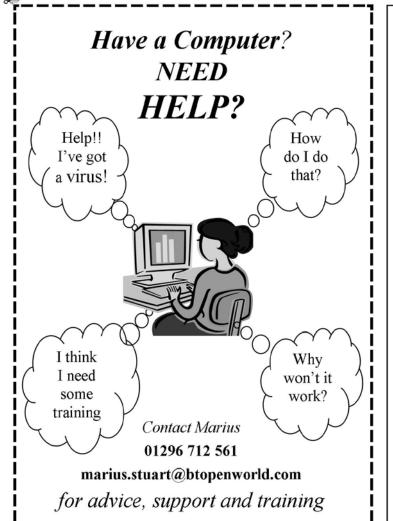


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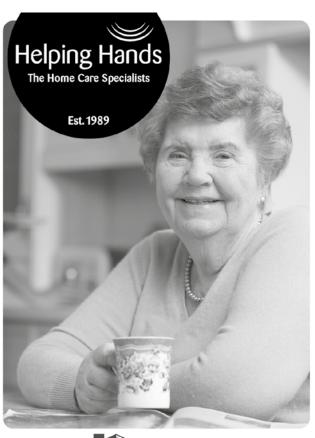




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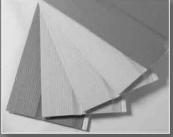
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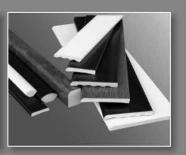
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