

Great Horwood Parish Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 12th December 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood

Present:

Cllr John Gilbey (JWG) Chairman, Cllr Caroline Cousin (CC) Vice Chairman, Cllr Jackie Goss (JG), Dave Taylor (DT), Cllr Andy Waller (AD), Cllr Robert Davies (RD), Cllr Jonathan Evans (JE), Sue Brazier (SB Clerk), and eleven members of the public.

Prior to the Parish Council meeting, cheques and certificates were awarded to the recipients of the Worthy Causes grants:

Great Horwood Art & Craft Group, Great Horwood C of E School and Great Horwood Silver Band. Other organisations that were unable to attend will receive their cheques shortly.

1.	To receive apologies for absence
	Sir Beville Stanier, Worthy Causes recipients Mrs Monica Gilbey and Mrs Ann Biggins (Great Horwood and Singleborough
	WI), Mrs Yvonne Taylor (Great Horwood Scouts and Guides) and Miss Sheila Cadge (Winslow and District Community Bus)
2.	To receive declarations of interest
	Cllr Andy Waller wished to declare an interest in item no. 17.
3.	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th November 2022
	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without amendment.
4.	To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting (not otherwise included in the agenda)
	• The Clerk had written to BC requesting costings for an additional dog waste bin near the Cricket Club. No response has
	been received. The Clerk will chase this matter up. (Action Clerk)
	• The Clerk had written to BC Building Control to report the sewage smell at the top of The Close. No response has been received. The Clerk had liaised with Mr Charlton and will chase this matter up. (Action Clerk)
	• The Clerk had written to Matt Whincup, BC Local Area Technician, about the state of Willow Road due to the works taking
	place at Nook Park. The response was that whoever created the mess should clear it up. He did mention that if the problem
	was excessive, a report could be submitted on Fix My Street which he would forward onto his colleagues so a road sweeper
	could be sent out. Cllr Gilbey suggested that the road be checked in the first instance to ascertain the current situation.
	(Action Cllr Waller)
	• The Clerk has moved Review of Risk Management Policy Statement to March on the Standing Order agenda items.
	• Cllr Davies said that there was still a sewage smell in Church Lane and asked the Clerk to look into the matter.
	(Action Clerk)
	Overgrown hedge bordering the footpath at the bottom of Spring Lane – the Clerk has written to the landowner and the
	overgrown hedge has been partly cut back. There is a possibility that the remainder of the hedge is the responsibility of the
	PC. The Clerk will look into this matter. (Action Clerk)
5.	Public Participation Period
	• Mrs Sarah Biswell mentioned that the school would be singing carols in St James' Church on Wednesday 21st December
	and everyone was welcome to attend.
6.	Horwode Pece Management Committee Report
	a). To receive the Management Committee Report
	Cllr Gilbey briefly mentioned that the rubber chippings had been purchased and successfully installed at the Rec. The Hor-
	wode Pece Management Committee have also taken delivery of a composite bench made from recycled plastic from
	Volkswagen-Audi's manufacturing plant. Thanks go to Syed Rooman Ali for organising this generous donation made by
	Volkswagen-Audi.
	Horwode Pece budgetary requirements for the following year to be considered and agreed.
	Cllr Gilbey confirmed that sufficient funds were available to meet the Horwode Pece budgetary requirements. It was therefore resolved to accept the Horwode Pece budgetary request for 2023/24.
7.	Footpaths Report
	To receive the Footpaths Report

Mr Alan Biggins informed the Clerk that he has walked all the footpath and all was well.

He had in mind longer term plans:

- -. He suggested the possibility of footpath gates on one of the paths on the other side of the A421 towards Nash. He knew two of the three landowners and will make some enquiries in the new year.
- -. He mentioned that on the bank down towards Winslow where the North Bucks Way comes out, he felt there should be proper steps cut up the bank as the way up is steep and overgrown. He offered to write to the Clerk in more detail and present his ideas at the next PC meeting in February. The Clerk will liaise with Mr Biggins. (Action Clerk)

8. Roads Report

To receive a report on local roads and any problems with signage.

It was noted that there had been temporary road closures in Nash Road and Spring Lane. Great Horwood Road would be closed from 19th December 2022 to 4th January 2023.

9. Planning Report

• The planning report was noted and ratified.

10. Issues arising from the Planning Report

Cllr Cousin mentioned that planning application 22/03506/AGN Land to NW of junction of School End and Singleborough Lane had been refused for the erection of an agricultural storage building. Another very similar application had been submitted (22/03671/APP) to which the PC have also objected. It is likely that planning permission will not be granted.

11. Other Planning Matters

Nash Road Development

Bucks Highways have accepted that the southern crossing will pass through the parking bays in Nash Road. The layout of the parking bays has been revisited by Lodge Park Homes and they have now managed to fit in 16 bays, each 2.7m wide. Bucks Highways have accepted this proposal. The borders of the bays will be marked by T s so that the parking will be orderly and all 16 bays can be utilised. The dropped kerb by the existing crossing through the bays will be removed.

At the last meeting it was agreed that Cllr Cousin would explore with Bucks Council what was needed to enable the transfer of the S106 money for maintaining the land at Nash Road to be transferred to the Parish Council in due course. Bucks Council was happy that, given the minimal planting in the land to be transferred, they would not require a Land Management Plan. They also agreed that the money could be transferred direct to the PC at the appropriate time with no need to fill in the S106 application form.

12. Winslow and Villages Community Board

Cllr Gilbey wished to inform the Council that he had only recently received the minutes of the Community Board meeting that took place on 2nd November. This was five weeks after the meeting and not acceptable.

13. To receive a report from any meetings attended

Cllrs Gilbey and Cousin attended a Village Hall meeting on 30th November to discuss scaled down plans for the refurbishment of the Village Hall

Cllrs Gilbey and Cousin met Community Board co-ordinator Sophia Comer on 1st December to discuss funding for the Village Hall refurbishment. It is possible that up to £15,000 could be available towards a disabled WC and baby change unit. Cllrs Gilbey and Cousin met Ian Walker on 1st December to discuss taking on the extra work of the Nash Road verges and Cricket Club hedge.

Cllr Cousin attended Shenley Park SPD Engagement meeting on 9th December.

14. Parish Maintenance

Cricket Club hedge

The Clerk had received two quotes, one from Green Trees and the other from Ian Walker. Mr Walker's was considerably cheaper and so it was agreed that he would be awarded the contract. The Clerk will contact Green Trees and Ian Walker (Action Clerk).

15. The Green Upgrade Project – Cllr Taylor

Since no progress had been made, it was agreed that no changes would be made in the foreseeable future apart from any necessary maintenance. It had been noted that the bushes adjacent to both entrances/exits needed trimming back to aid visibility. The Clerk will ask lan Walker to liaise with Cllr Taylor who will explain what needs to be done.

(Action Clerk/Cllr Taylor)

16. The Provision of Traffic Calming in the village – Cllr Davies

The Clerk mentioned that she had received an email from residents of Spring Lane who reported that cars were travelling fast from Horwood Mill. The Clerk had written to Matt Whincup asking what could be done about traffic calming measures. He felt that there was often a perception of speed and cars were allowed to travel up to 30mph, although in some locations this would not be appropriate. He said that traffic calming would be expensive and the cost would have to be borne by the PC. A feasibility study would be the first stage of any potential project and the PC have funds earmarked in reserves for this. Cllr Davies did not attend the previous PC meeting and had nothing to report this time. He is in the process of liaising with Bucks Council regarding traffic calming measures and will report back at the next meeting. (Action Cllr Davies)

17. Nook Park

The Clerk had not received a response to the email she sent to Steve Bambrick on 1st December, chasing up her previous

email which was also sent to Martin Tett and copied to Bucks Councillors. After a discussion it was agreed that a further email would be sent to Steve Bambrick's superior and copied into Bucks Councillors. (Action Clerk)

18. Fox Covert Solar Farm

The Clerk had received an email from Low Carbon stating that early construction activities would commence in January 2023. A high-level project plan would be shared with the PC, hopefully before Christmas, outlining the timeline of key activities. They would also be writing to the nearest neighbours, providing key information and contact details. A community benefit payment of £22,000 had already been agreed in December 2020.

19. Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors

The Clerk had circulated the document and it was resolved to make the following amendment:

Cllr Evans had expressed an interest to join the Planning Committee bringing the total number of members to four. Cllr Cousin as Chair of the Planning Committee had offered guidance in this respect. All other responsibilities remain unchanged. The Clerk will update the document and circulate to Councillors. (Action Clerk)

20. The King's Coronation

The Great Horwood Silver Band had written to the Clerk offering to provide musical entertainment for the Coronation weekend. The Clerk will liaise with the band regarding timings and it is hoped that further events in the village can be organised at this time. (Action Clerk)

21. To agree PC meeting dates for 2023

The Clerk had circulated proposed PC meeting dates for next year. All meetings will take place on the second Monday in the month apart from the April Ordinary PC meeting on 3rd April and the Annual Parish Council meeting on 17th April. The Clerk will book the Village Hall with the bookings clerk. **(Action Clerk)**

22. Queen's Green Canopy

Cllr Cousin informed the Council that a black poplar tree to commemorate the Queen's Green Canopy initiative had been donated and planted by Roger Jefcoate CBE DL. Cllr Cousin attended the planting ceremony with members of the Horwode Pece Management Committee. The PC had funded the plaque and Cllr Cousin has written an article for Focus with photos.

23. To receive and note correspondence

The Clerk had received an email from a resident of the village who had an interest in bonsai trees. He had noticed an interesting specimen on The Green and wondered if he could have the tree if he offered a replacement. This was agreed and so the Clerk will write to the resident. (Action Clerk)

24. Budget, Precept and Review of Reserves

a). To agree and approve the budget for the financial year 2023/24

It was resolved to approve the draft budget presented at the meeting with one minor adjustment.

b). To agree the precept

The tax base had increased from 480 to 497 in view of the new housing occupancy in the village. After a discussion it was resolved to set the precept at £31,000. This would reduce the Band D equivalent Parish Precept by -.0.18%

c). To agree the reserves

It was agreed that the earmarked reserve for The Green Upgrade Project would be abandoned and a new earmarked reserve of £15,000 set aside for the Refurbishment of the Village Hall. Cllr Cousin agreed to redraft the Reserves document and to prepare a draft earmarked reserves document for the Village Hall refurbishment. Both would be presented to the February 2023 meeting of the PC for adoption. (Action Cllr Cousin).

25. Finance

a). To review the bank reconciliation, note invoices which have been paid and to note funds received.

Payments –	Payee	Type	Payment £	
GH 22.055	Walker Grounds Care	FPO	585.50	
GH 22.056	E.on	FPO	36.00	
GH 22.057	Mrs J Holland	FPO	42.50	
GH 22.058	HMRC 120PE01842813	FPO	51.00	
GH 22.059	Mrs S Brazier	FPO	364.00	
GH 22.060	Npower Commercial Gas Ltd	DD	51.32	
GH 22.061	Clerk's salary	FPO	767.00	
GH 22.062	Great Horwood Art & Craft Group	FPO	500.00	
GH 22.063	Great Horwood Football Club	FPO	500.00	
GH 22.064	Winslow & District Community Bus	FPO	636.00	
Receipts				
I GHR 22.30	HMRC 120PE01842813		51.00	

	GHR 22.31	Allotment rent – CL Plot 10		5.00					
	Horwode Pece								
	Payments								
	HP 22.08	Walker Grounds Care	FPO	150.00					
	HP 22.09	Mr J Nicholls	FPO	231.48					
	HP 22.10	Terraflex	FPO	2400.00					
	Business Instant	Access							
	Receipts	December interest		27.53					
	b). To agree payments that require authorising The Council duly authorized the following payments: From Horwode Pece account –								
1	Terraflex – rubber chippings - £2400.00 (retrospective)								
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The meeting closed at 8.45pm



Date 13th February 2023

Horwode Pece Management Committee - Report to Parish Council December 2022

Following the November Parish Council, a revised budget was submitted and the rubber chippings purchased. I contacted Terraflex, the company providing the rubber chippings, to see if they had more green rubber chippings available, given the decision to purchase the full 6,400kg required. In reply they said that the 4,000kg was the last of the green rubber chippings available this year, although more should be available in the Spring next year. Following this, we decided

to proceed with an order for 4,000kg to top up the play areas and Sue then raised this order.

In the meantime, while waiting for the delivery, we had two further items of note.

On Friday 2nd Dec., the second 'black poplar' tree was planted down the Rec. and a plaque installed commemorating the 'Queen's Green Canopy'.



Then, on the following Monday, the 5th, we took delivery and installed the new picnic bench. This was organised by Syed Rooman Ali and donated by Volkswagen - Audi (UK) (see the picture). I would like to thank both Syed Rooman Ali and Volkswagen – Audi (UK) for their generous offer of this composite picnic table, which has been installed between the two black poplars at the top of the Rec. The composite bench is made from recycled plastic from Volkswagen-Audi's manufacturing plant.

On the 7th Dec. we received a phone call saying the rubber chippings were to be delivered that afternoon. Liz went down the Rec. to meet the driver. He unloaded one pallet – they were 1 tonne pallets, not 500kg pallets as first expected – then decided it was unsafe to proceed and took the remaining pallets away. Some phone calls later, by Liz, they agreed to deliver the remaining 3 pallets on Friday 9th. I met this delivery, along with Mike Hobday, and we unloaded the further 3 tonne pallets.

Over this long weekend, Friday through Monday, we will have installed 4 tonne of rubber chippings – 2 tonne on the toddler area, plus 2 tonne on the teenage area – and racked them level. My thanks to the team that helped me: on the Friday, Liz Nicholls, Mike Hobday and John Gilbey; on Saturday, Steve Brigden, Cathy Holland and Syed Rooman Ali; and on Sunday, Steve Brigden and Cathy Holland.

Find also attached, the revised 'Horwode Pece' recreation ground budget.

John Nicholls - Chairman 11/12/2022

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 12th December 2022 (as at 7th December 2022)

Below are current and recent Planning Applications. The Parish Council is invited to ratify the comments made to Buckinghamshire Council 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	BC Decision
Determined			1	1	1	
09/08/2021	21/03148/APP Kirsty Elloitt 06/09/2021	Mr & Mrs Walker	Fox Hollow Farm, Pilch Lane, Great Horwood MK17 0NX	Retention of log cabin as permanent agricultural workers dwelling	No objection with condition	Refused 18/11/2022
27/07/2022	22/02380/APP Anna Shah 24/08/2022	Mr & Mrs A Barrett	Croft Farm, 33 Nash Road, Great Horwood MK17 0RA	Householder application for construction of a pool within rear garden	No objection	Refused 21/11/2022
05/10/2022	22/03299/APP Naim Poptani 02/11/2022	Mr & Mrs J Romer-Lee	11 The Green, Great Horwood MK17 0RH	Householder application for 3 storey rear extension. Conversion of outbuilding into ancillary accommodation and internal configurations/adaptions	No objection	Approved 29/11/2022
13/10/2022	22/03300/ALB Naim Poptani 10/11/2022	Mr & Mrs J Romer-Lee	11 The Green, Great Horwood MK17 0RH	Householder application for 3 storey rear extension. Conversion of outbuilding into ancillary accommodation and internal configurations/adaptions	No objection	Listed building consented granted 29/11/2022
12/08/2022	22/02042/APP Faye Hudson 09/09/2022	Miss J Taylor	Land off Singleborough Lane, Singleborough, Great Horwood	Proposed alterations to existing menage, welfare accommodation and replacement stables	No objection	Approved 30/11/2022
26/10/2022	22/03245/APP Anna Shah 23/11/2022	Mr C Cook	Beaufort House, 2A Spring Lane, Great Horwood MK17 0QW	Householder application for installation of 14 solar panels on the rear roof of the property	Support	Approved 02/12/2022
28/09/2022	22/03336/APP Faye Hudson 26/10/2022	Mr A Clark	Rookery Farm, Bletchley Road, Great Horwood	Erection of agricultural building	No objection	Approved 05/12/2022

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05/02/2020	20/00409/APP Alice Culver 05/03/2020	Ms M McCarthy	Land off Little Horwood Road, Nash MK17 0EJ	Variation of condition 2 – change condition to permanent planning permission/consent relating to application 14/00107/APP (allowed on appeal)	Objection	Awaiting decision
01/09/2020	20/02755/APP Michael Davey 29/09/2020	Mr T Reilly c/o Agent Ruston Planning Ltd	Land at Nash Park, Nash Road, Great Horwood, Bucks	Change of use of land to 13 Gypsy/traveller pitches with associated works including 13 no. mobiles homes, 13 no. touring caravans, 13 no. day rooms and 13 no. cesspits	Objection	Awaiting decision
21/01/2021	21/00221/APP Kirsty Elliott 18/02/2021	J Hanson & Son	Home Farm, 4 Winslow Road, Great Horwood MK17 0QN	Erection of 16 new residential dwellings and the refurbishment and extension of the existing farmhouse, with associated access landscape and parking	Objection	Awaiting decision
21/01/2021	21/00222/ALB Kirsty Elliott 18/02/2021	J Hanson & Son	Home Farm, 4 Winslow Road, Great Horwood MK17 0QN	Erection of 16 new residential dwellings and the refurbishment and extension of the existing farmhouse, with associated access landscape and parking	Objection	Awaiting decision
23/09/2021	21/03776/APP Karen Fossett 21/10/2021	Messrs Corcoran, Cawley and Nevin	Plots 2,4,6 & 7 Nash Park, Nash Road, Great Horwood MK17 0PD	Change of use of land to use as a residential gypsy and traveller site, including an increase in the number of caravans to a total of 15 of which no more than 8 shall be static caravans/mobile homes occupied for residential purposes, together with retention of existing ancillary building	Objection	Awaiting decision
22/2/2022	22/00580/APP Faye Hudson 22/03/2022	Mr R Jones	9 Greenway, Great Horwood MK17 0QR	Householder application for part single, part two storey rear and single storey front extensions	No objection	Awaiting decision
19/04/2022	22/01196/APP Richard Castro- Parker 17/05/2022	Mr & Mrs A Barrett	Croft Farm, 33 Nash Road, Great Horwood MK17 0RA	Householder application for loft extension to convert attic over store to guest bedroom and replacement garden building	Loft extension – No objection Replacement garden building – Objection	Awaiting decision
07/06/2022	22/01776/APP Catherine Dickson 05/07/2022	Ms S Isseyegh	The Farmhouse, Fair Winter Farm, Singleborough Lane, Singleborough, Great Horwood MK17 0RB	Erection of a replacement dwelling together with associated development	No objection	Awaiting decision
29/06/2022	22/02114/APP Kirstie Elliot 27/07/2022	Mr I Sutton	Great Horwood Service Station, High Street, Great Horwood MK17 0QL	Demolition of existing service station buildings and erection of 4 dwellings	No objection	Awaiting decision
09/08/2022	22/02490/APP Emma Mumby 06/09/2022	Mr F Engel	The Crown Public House, 1 The Green, Great Horwood MK17 0RH	Householder application for the erection of a single storey rear glazed link extension, reinstatement of window of the front elevation, reinstatement of the attic timber casement window in the northern gable and the insertion of two conservation rooflights to the west facing roof slope.	Objection	Awaiting decision
09/08/2022	22/02491/ALB Emma Mumby 06/09/2022	Mr F Engel	The Crown Public House, 1 The Green, Great Horwood MK17 0RH	Listed building application for the erection of a single storey rear glazed link extension, reinstatement of window of the front elevation, reinstatement of the attic timber casement window in the northern gable and the insertion of two conservation rooflights to the west facing roof slope. Internal alterations to include removal of partitions and alterations to internal layout, installation of staircase, ensuite at first floor level and new fixture and fittings.	Objection	Awaiting decision
22/08/2022	22/02704/APP Faye Hudson 19/09/2022	Mrs and Mrs Dawson	15b Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood MK17 0QE	Demolition of existing stables and aviary and erection of a stable block and allweather riding arena	No objection	Awaiting decision
07/09/2022	22/03046/APP Kerby MacInnis 05/10/2022	Mr D Grainge	Eastfield Farm, Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood	Construction of bund	No objection	Awaiting decision

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08/09/2022	22/03117/APP Faye Hudson 06/10/2022	Ms J Coleman	Land to the east of Singleborough Lane, Singleborough, Great Horwood	Change the use of agricultural land to a dog exercise area including laying an area of hardstanding for parking and manoeuvring	Objection	Awaiting decision
14/10/2022	22/03413/APP Emma Mumby 11/11/2022	Mrs & Mrs H Elliott	28 Spring Lane, Great Horwood MK17 0QW	Demolition of the existing dwelling and the erection of a detached dwelling with access, parking and amenity space	No objection	Awaiting decision
14/10/2022	22/03506/AGN 28/10/2022	Mr I Sutton	Land at School End, Great Horwood Bucks	Erection of an agricultural storage building	Objection	Awaiting decision
21/10/2022	22/03542/APP Kerby MacInnis 18/11/2022	Mr & Mrs A Grimditch	The Maltings, Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood MK17 0QE	Householder application for alterations of garage roof space to habitable space	No objection	Awaiting decision
01/11/2022	22/03218/APP Emma Mumby 29/11/2022	Mr O Negrea Sub Blue Ltd Grange Park Northampton	Land to rear of Vine Cottage, 3 Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood MK17 0QE	Erection of 3 dwellings	No objection	Awaiting decision
17/11/2022	22/03671/APP Emma Mumby 15/12/2022	Mr I Sutton, 8 Manor Close Mursley MK17 0RW	Land to north west of junction of School End and Singleborough Lane, Great Horwood MK17 0RG	Erection of barn for storage of vehicles and hay	Objection	Awaiting decision
18/11/2022	22/03862/APP Naim Poptani 16/12/2022	Mr I Holloway	Five Hedges, 37 Nash Road, Great Horwood MK17 0RA	Householder application for single storey side extension		
01/12/2022	22/04010/AGN 15/12/2022	Mr D Burton Piglets Bottom Farm, Pilch Lane, Singleboroug h	Field to the west of Singleborough, Off Singleborough Lane, Great Horwood	Erection of agricultural building	Objection	Awaiting decision
05/12/2022	22/03926/APP Emma Mumby 02/01/2023	Mr J Gunn	4 Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood MK17 0QE	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling with detached garage	No objection	Awaiting decision
07/12/2022	22/02776/APP Matthew McKane 04/01/2023	Mr B Reddrop	Sunnyhill Farm, Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood MK17 0NZ	Demolition of the existing stable building, carport/barn and removal of hardstanding. Conversion of existing rural building to 3 no. residential dwellings (Class use C3), creation of new access and associated parking areas.		

Key – Colours Orange = applications received in 2020
Light blue = applications received in 2021
Yellow = applications received in 2022
Names are those of the AVDC application case officer
Dates are when the application was received (column 1) and by when comments must be made (column 2).