

Great Horwood Parish Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting conducted as a virtual meeting via Zoom held on 12th October 2020 at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr John Gilbey (JWG) Chairman, Cllr Caroline Cousin (CC) Vice Chairman, Cllr Angela Mayne (AM), Cllr Jackie Goss (JG), Cllr David Taylor (DT), Cllr Julia Day (JD), Cllr Robert Davies (RD), Sue Brazier (SB Clerk), Buckinghamshire Councillors Sir Beville Stanier, John Chilver and Sue Renshell and three members of the public

1.	To receive apologies for absence None
2.	To receive declarations of interest None
3.	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 th September 2020 • 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 dog fouling signs have been purchased. The Clerk has chased for the replacement litter bin for Little Horwood Road bus stop (near Townsend Cottages) The new bin for Horwode Pece should be chased again. (Action Clerk). The Clerk has emailed the Cricket Club requesting that they resume paying their quarterly rent starting from the December premium. The Clerk has emailed Jane Holland to thank her for the winter planting and informing her that the PC would like her to continue looking after the planters and also the area of The Green she tends. The Litter Pick has been organised and advertised. Cllr Cousin has checked with the Land Registry and there is no record of the purchase of land for 23 Greenway (planning application 20/02729/APP) Cllr Cousin has ordered the roses to be planted either side of the substation which will be delivered week beginning 9 November. Cllr Taylor will be contacting Mr and Mrs Churchill and had offered to help Cllr Cousin plant the rose bushes in
	November. (Action Clirs Cousin/Taylor)
5.	 Public Participation Period CIIr Renshell informed the Clerk that there was a street light not working outside their property. Mrs Sarah Biswell wished to mention the following The cheque and paperwork for the School directional sign has been sent. She will send the Clerk copies of the documents. Greg Smith MP will be visiting the School on 9 November at 11am. The Parish Council would be more than welcome to send a representative to speak to him if they would like to. The School has sent in their application for the Worthy Causes grant. Mrs Biswell asked if it would be possible for the School to have a designated clothing recycling bin, possibly located on The Green. Cllr Gilbey requested that Mrs Biswell write to the Clerk so this matter could be properly considered. Mrs Biswell mentioned that the bin on The Green was extremely full and wondered when it might be emptied. Cllr Taylor said he believed it was emptied monthly and so he will try to empty some of the waste this week. (Action Cllr Taylor) Cllr Chilver mentioned that he had called in the two planning applications for Pilch Farm (20/02771/APP and 20/02810/APP). The storage container application (20/02771/APP) has since been withdrawn. Buckinghamshire Council's response to the Government's Planning White Paper has been published. The first meeting of the EWR/HS2 Community Board sub-committee has taken place with over sixty questions being raised. The Community Board are still looking for volunteers to join the Youth and Health sub-committee. Mr David Saunders mentioned that the Pilch Farm storage container application was in fact a full planning application and he did not believe this would be resubmitted. Mr Dhana wished to mention the number of vehicles and the speed of traffic passing through the village. Cllr Gilbey explained that the Council were doing all that they could at this time. The MVAS did produce
	highlight any issues. However, the Speedwatch has been suspended at this time due to Covid 19, but also because the

equipment needs upgrading as the data produced can no longer be analysed manually. Cllr Gilbey and Sir Beville Stanier

mentioned that they had seen the Police van recording speed in a number of places and wondered if this could be organised for Great Horwood. (Action Clerk)

6. Horwode Pece Management Committee Report.

• The Report from the Horwode Pece Management Committee is attached to and forms part of these minutes. Cllr Taylor mentioned that the Great Horwood and Singleborough Recreation Trust had decided not to hold the annual fireworks display.

7. Footpaths Report

To receive the Footpath Report

Mr Deuchar reported that he had pruned and strimmed all the footpaths and the bridleway in the six weeks to 1 October. There were no problems to report. Cllr Gilbey mentioned that one of the outstanding gates on Footpath 5 had recently been installed and access was now much easier.

8. Roads Report

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

b). To receive a report on the MVAS

Mr Mick Wood has sent a report stating that data from the last download showed that over a period of 30 days there were 69976 vehicles counted, 3 of which recorded 80 mph. The average percentile speed at 85% was 40.1mph. Although the percentile speed is still high, for the last 2 downloads they have been slightly lower than usual. Cllr Taylor will contact Mr Wood to arrange to move the MVAS to another position in the village. (Action Cllr Taylor)

9. Planning Report

• The planning report was noted and ratified.

10. Issues arising from the Planning Report

- 20/02582/APP Fox Covert Solar Farm Bucks Highways revised comments state that construction traffic through Great Horwood should be avoided and the site access off the A413 will be widened to cater for all movements by construction traffic. The PC has requested that a revised Construction Traffic Management Plan be submitted by the applicant. If the current one is allowed to stand there would be nothing to stop the construction traffic going through the village even if the widened access allowed it to do otherwise.
- 20/03233/APP Change of use of land to form gardens of 11,13,15,19 & 21 Greenway Cllr Cousin explained that since the additional parcels of land purchased were outside the settlement boundary, the PC would be objecting to this application.

11. Other Planning Matters

- Cllr Gilbey explained that there are two Government Consultations on Planning.
- a). 'Changes to the Current Planning System' Cllrs Gilbey and Cousin had studied the detailed BC response and developed a viewpoint on behalf of the PC that the Clerk had sent to MHCLG.
- b). 'Planning for the Future' Cllrs Gilbey and Cousin had again looked at the response by BC and drafted a more simplified view which will be circulated to Councillors for comments.

12. To receive a report from any meetings attended

- a). Village Hall meeting on 15th September.
- b). Transport Sub Committee Group on 17th September.
- c). Community Board meeting on 24th September.
- d). A meeting with Nash PC, Greg Smith MP and Buckinghamshire Councillors to consider the expansion of the gypsy/traveller site 20/02755/APP on 9^{th} October.

Cllr Gilbey gave a brief summary of the meetings attended.

13. Parish Maintenance

a). Update on works to trees at Church Lane Allotments

The tree trimming will take place on 26th and 27th October. Cllr Davies had offered to be on site to offer assistance. The Clerk has written to allotment holders requesting that they refrain from using their plots at this time for their own safety.

Cllr Mayne mentioned that she and the Clerk had received complaints about the state of one particular allotment which was not being kept in line with the Allotment Agreement. Since there was now a waiting list for allotments, it was agreed that

- The Clerk will write to all allotment holders informing them that there was now a waiting list should they wish to relinquish their plots (Action Clerk)
- The Clerk will write to the allotment holder with the untidy plot requesting that they maintain their plot in accordance with the Allotment Agreement. This work should be carried out in the next four weeks, otherwise their contract may not be renewed next year (Action Clerk)
- b). Repair of the roof of the bus shelter in Little Horwood Road, near The Green.

It was agreed that this repair should be done and the Clerk will arrange to gather quotations for the works. (Action Clerk)

14. **LED Lighting**

Cllr Cousin reported that approval by Salix Finance for the loan required for the upgrading of the streetlights to LEDs would be received shortly. A response from BALC regarding the approval by MHCLG was still awaited.

Further to the report in the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on 14 September 2020, Cllr Cousin requested that it be minuted that at that meeting it was resolved to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to apply for a Salix finance loan of £4,057 over a borrowing term of 5 years for the replacement of the village's 30 street light lamps with energy efficient LEDs.

15. Worthy Causes

The Clerk has received one application so far from the School. Other organisations have expressed an interest and all previous recipients have been sent an application form.

16. **Vegetation on The Green**

Cllr Taylor requested that this item be deferred until the next meeting. Cllr Cousin reminded Cllr Taylor that there was funding allocated in the budget for the maintenance of The Green, so he may prefer to organise a contractor to do the works rather than relying on volunteers. (Action Cllr Taylor)

On another matter, Cllr Gilbey mentioned that the parking area on The Green might need to be repaired. He requested that Councillors take a look before the next PC meeting when the matter could be discussed again. (Action all Cllrs)

17. To consider whether to proceed with updating, completing and publishing the Parish Plan 2016 or to develop an Emergency Response Plan

It was agreed to delete the item from the agenda at this time.

18. To consider whether The Swan pub should be registered as a Community Asset

Cllr Gilbey stated that since there was now only one pub in Great Horwood, it might be worth considering the idea of registering The Swan pub as a community asset. Application forms and advice had been sought in connection with The Crown in the past. As the village will increase in size due to the new developments, a pub may be more viable in the future. It was agreed to build a case and start the process. (Action Cllr Gilbey)

19. To receive and note correspondence

- a). The Clerk has received the November newsletter of the Winslow and District Community Bus. This has been posted on the noticeboard.
- b). A letter has been received from Hewitsons Solicitors, regarding the Purchase of Land off Little Horwood Road. The PC resolved to accept the in principle offer for the transfer of the Open Space Land. Cllr Cousin offered to draft a response for the Clerk to send off. (Action Cllr Cousin/Clerk)

20. To review Salary of The Clerk

It was resolved that with effect from 1st November 2020 the weekly paid hours of Sue Brazier, the Parish Clerk will increase to 12 and her pay level will be adjusted to SCP20 on the NJC national pay levels for part time Clerks.

21. Finance

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

Payments - July	Payee	Type	Payment £	
GH 20.044	Cllr Cousin	FPO	28.78	
GH 20.045	Walker Grounds Care	FPO	861.00	
GH 20.046	PKF Littlejohn	FPO	240.00	
GH 20.047	Jane Holland	FPO	76.47	
GH 20.048	BMKALC	FPO	83.10	
GH 20.049	E.on street lighting	DD	124.43	
GH 20.050	Cartwright Landscapes	FPO	1920.00	
GH 20.051	Clerk's Salary	SO	558.57	
GH 20.052	Barclaycard	DD	30.76	
GH 20.053	HMRC 120PE01842813	FPO	68.40	
GH 20.054	Talk Talk – October	DD	24.95	
Receipts				
GHR 20.09	Allotment rent – CL Plot 4 – Na	sh	5.00	
GHR 20.10	Allotment rent – WR Plot 8 – La	IW	5.00	
GHR 20.11	Buckinghamshire Council - Pre	cept	14601.00	
GHR 20.12	Allotment rent – CL Plot 3 – Ma	yne	5.00	
GHR 20.13	Allotment rent – WR Plots 1,4 8	4a – Wood	15.00	
GHR 20.14	Allotment rent – various cheque	es	25.00	
GHR 20.15	Allotment rent – various cash		20.00	
GHR 20.16	HMRC 120PE01842813		68.40	

Business Instant Access 12.41 Receipts October Interest b). To agree payments that require authorising The Council duly authorised the following payments: From Treasurer's Account -Walker Grounds Care - £430.50 - October Cllr Cousin - £12.00 - Land registry fees Cllr Cousin - £14.39 - Zoom subscription October Cllr Gilbey - £49.44 - Welcome Pack supplies Barclaycard - £30.76 – Ink cartridges and dog fouling signs (retrospective) E.on street lighting maintenance - £110.70 Cllr Cousin - £74.50 – Roses (amount claimed differs from invoice – one rose not for the PC) Cartwright Landscapes - £1920.00 - Cricket Club works (retrospective) 22. Items for the next meeting Agree funds to be allocated from Worthy Causes budget; Review of Risk Management policy statement; Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors; Finance – Report on verification of bank reconciliations 23. Confirmation of the date and time of the next meeting Monday 9th November at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

SignedDRAFT	Date 9th November 2020
Chairman	

Horwode Pece Management Committee - Report to Parish Council October 2020

We now entering Autumn and are preparing for our Autumn Working Party. This is planned for the weekends of the $17^{th}/18^{th}$ October and $24^{th}/25^{th}$ October. Some of the major project work will start on the 17^{th} , weather permitting — that is replacing the wood surrounds to the tunnel, to check and maintain other Rec. equipment, including the parallel bars which need tightening and spits in the balancing beams that need to be closed to less than 8mm. Also, the wood-chip needs to be cleared of weeds and raked level, while the wood surround needs to be checked for rot and any damage and repaired/ made good where necessary. Hopefully, much can be done on the Saturday, we know that working on the Sunday will clash with the litter pick but help later with tidying the hedgerows and repairing one of the rose supports would be appreciated. If it is wet that weekend, then it is planned to defer the working party to the $24^{th}/25^{th}$.

With the Rec. now opened and operating in a 'Covid safe' manner, Rec. checks have continued; they were re-started last month. Most reports now comment that the 'wood chip is low', we are aware of this – it is still at a safe level from a fall perspective; our future plan – next Spring – is to purchase and install new rubber chippings as cushion fall and this will be a major Rec. cost on next year's budget. There is no point in starting this type of ground work with the winter coming.

Some repairs to the goal nets have been completed this month, before the working party, to secure the netting to the wire supports, so that the netting is not further damaged whilst playing football.

Apart from the repair work above, the Rec. looks in very good condition. It appears that users have respected the 'Covid-19' requirements for 'social distancing' and we have seen no evidence of the teenage 'social gatherings' that we reported last month.

Again, as a last item, the shelter has been further damaged by an animal chewing the woodwork. Some remedial repairs have been undertaken, to remove major splinters etc., but we would ask that all users keep an eye open to confirm the culprit – we think it could be the large dog again!

John Nicholls - Chairman 9/10/2020

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 12th October 2020 (as at 10th October 2020)

Below are current and recent Planning Applications. 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
Determined						
09/04/2020	20/01212/APP Alice Culver 07/05/2020	Mr Dablin c/o Steeple Industries Limited	Old Chapel, Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood MK17 0QE	Conversion and change of use to form residential dwelling including single storey rear extension and new car parking	Support application	Approved 15/09/2020
19/02/2020	20/00601/ACL Megan Wright 18/03/2020	Mr & Mrs Lewis-Evans	Barns adjacent to Cakeford, Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood MK17 0NZ	Application for a lawful development certifi- cate for an existing use of B1 light industrial – Barns A and B having been used as a me- chanical/engineers workshop for vehicle re- pairs uninterrupted since Dec 2006	No objection	Certificate issued – existing use 09/10/2020
21/08/2020	20/02771/APP Alice Culver 18/09/2020	Mr B Hay	Faccenda Chicken Thornhill Poultry Farm, Pilch Farm, Great Horwood MK17 0NX	Change of use of land to permit the creation of a container storage facility	Objection	Withdrawn 01/10/2020
Pending						
03/05/2018	18/01455/APP Colm McKee 31/05/2018	Mr T Reilly & Ruston Planning Ltd	Nash Park Nash Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire	Change of use of land to 13 Gypsy / Traveller pitches with associated works including, 13 no. mobile homes, 13 no. touring caravans, 13 no. day rooms, and 13 no. cesspits	Objection Appeal lodged 19/00061/NON DET	Awaiting decision
08/10/2018	18/03422/AOP Nicola Wheatcroft	Gladman Develop- ments	Land Off Great Horwood Rd Winslow Buckinghamshire	Outline planning application for the erection of up to 235 (215) dwellings with public open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access points from Great Horwood Road. All matters reserved except for means of access	Not statutory consultees but objected	Awaiting decision
07/11/2019 (updated Application dated 18/12/2019)	19/03990/APP Alice Culver 05/12/2019	Mr R Margerrison	PCC of St James' Church, 5 Wigwell Gardens, Great Horwood MK17 0QX	Replacement of lead roof material to zinc to the Nave and South and North porch roofs	GHPC supports the application but note with regret that the proposals include the replacement of the lead roof on the South Porch which dates back to the George Gilbert	Awaiting decision

					Scott restoration in 1872-1874	
20/11/2019	19/04060/APP David Wood 18/12/2019	Mr B Reddrop	Sunnyhill Farm, Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood MK17 0NZ	Temporary stationing of storage container, site welfare static home and accommoda- tion home, associated with the permission 19/00780/COUSR	No objection	Awaiting decision
09/01/2020	19/04272/APP Scott Hackner 06/02/2020	Ms J Smith, Smith Jenkins Ltd (Agent)	Land between Nash Road and Cross Roads Kennels, Nash Road, Great Horwood	Demolition of existing barns and replace- ment with office buildings and storage (B1/B8 use) with associated parking and landscaping	No objection	Awaiting decision
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
20/02/2020	20/00600/APP David Wood 19/03/2020	Mr T Harris (Agent)	Land to the South of Great Horwood Road, Winslow	Erection of an alternative temporary construction access road to construct works in association with East West Rail Phase 2	GHPC has no objection subject to sight of the Construction Traffic Management Plan, which has yet to be agreed.	Awaiting decision
22/06/2020 (Updated Application dated 09/09/2020	20/01997/APP Alice Culver 20/07/2020	Mr & Mrs N Hawes	Greenway Farm, Winslow Road, Great Horwood MK17 0NY	Change of use from agriculture to B1/B8 use class	No objection	Awaiting decision
29/06/2020	CM/0033/20 20/07/2020	Churchill Waste Management Ltd	Park Hill Farm, Bletchley Road, Great Horwood MK17 0NT	Recontouring of agricultural land using inert clays and soils	Not consultees (Whaddon Parish)	
22/07/2020	20/02298/ALB Hollie Renney 19/08/2020	J Hanson & Son	Home Farm, 4 Winslow Road, Great Horwood MK17 0QN	Erection of 16 new residential dwellings and the refurbishments and extension of the ex- isting farmhouse; with associated access, landscape and parking	Objection	Awaiting decision
23/07/2020	20/02297/APP Hollie Renney 20/08/2020	J Hanson & Son	Home Farm, 4 Winslow Road, Great Horwood MK17 0QN	Erection of 16 new residential dwellings and the refurbishments and extension of the existing farmhouse; with associated access, landscape and parking	Objection	Awaiting decision
12/08/2020	20/02582/APP Hollie Renney 09/09/2020	Mr J Hartley- Bond, c/o Pegasus Group	Land to the east of Fox Covert, Great Horwood, Bucks	Construction of a solar farm together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure	Objection	Awaiting decision
18/08/2020	20/02729/APP Alice Culver 15/09/2020	Mr D Chandler	23 Greenway, Great Horwood MK17 0QR	Change of use of agricultural land to residential and erection of ancillary garden buildings	Objection	Awaiting decision
24/08/2020	20/02810/APP Danika Hird 21/09/2020	Mr B Hay	Faccenda Chicken Thornhill Poultry Farm, Pilch Lane, Great Horwood MK17 0NX	Demolition of 11 no. existing poultry houses and erection of 2 no. replacement poultry houses and associated infrastructure	No 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
23/09/2020	20/03017/ALB Megan Wright 21/10/2020	Mrs C Charik	The Old Farmhouse, 2 Spring Lane, Great Horwood MK17 0QW	Renew insulation, floors and electrics in existing loft office space and fire door to bring in line with current standards	No objection	Awaiting decision
23/09/2020	20/03233/APP Alice Culver 21/10/2020	Messrs. Pacitti, Paterson and Sirett, Mmes. Godwin and Needs	11, 13, 15, 19, 21, Greenway, Great Horwood MK17 0QR	Change of use of land to form gardens for nos. 11, 13, 15, 19 and 21 Greenway, Great Horwood (retrospective)		

Key –
Colours
Pink = applications received in 2018
Green = applications received in 2019
Orange = applications received in 2020
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).