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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 9th September 2019 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (JWG) Chairman, Cllr Caroline Cousin (CC) Vice Chairman, Cllr Julia Day (JD), Cllr Jackie Goss (JG), Cllr Angela Mayne (AM), Cllr David Taylor (DT), Cllr Nigel Heywood (NH), Mandy Cliffe (MC Clerk), Sue Brazier (SB Clerk designate), and 14 members of the public.

At 7.00pm, David Coles Architects presented their plans for the land North of Little Horwood Road. This was attended by 23 members of the public, including Councillors. The company were able to informally answer any questions or concerns.

1.	To receive apologies for absence • Dist. Cllr Sir Beville Stanier and County Cllr John Chilver
2.	To receive declarations of interest • None
3.	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th July 2019 • The Minutes of the last meeting were approved without amendment.
4.	To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting (not otherwise included in the agenda) • A visit to the Archives has not taken place yet as material is still being collated. (Action Clerk) • Item 18 – There has been no update received from Corinne Randall about the recruiting of a School Crossing Patroller.
5.	Public Participation Period A member of the public thanked the PC for the replacement bridge on the intersection of footpaths 5 and 7. Another member of the public wished to voice their concerns about the siting of the new electricity substation.
6.	Horwode Pece Management Committee Report. • The Report from the Horwode Pece Management Committee is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
7.	Footpaths Report a). To receive the Footpath Report Mr Deuchar reported that the footpaths and only bridleway were pruned in the second half of July and since then he has walked most of them and will do the rest in the near future. On FP5, the new wooden gate at Bywater Meadow currently has a rope loop to secure it. This is because the suppliers of the new latch have advised the landowner that the latch should not be put on until the gate has been through at least one wet season to make sure all timber has settled. No sign of work starting on the proposed metal gate at the next hedge boundary to the east of the same footpath, to replace a stile. He is not aware of any problems or outstanding matters otherwise. b). To update progress on replacing the bridge on the intersection of footpaths 5 and 7 Bridge has been finished. Cllr CC reported that Mr Deuchar had told her at the weekend that a stile on Footpath 3 was in need of replacement. Cllr CC requested that funds for this be made available in next year's budget. This will be discussed at Item 21 Finance/Budget
8.	Roads Report a). To receive a report on local roads and any problems with signage. Road closure on Singleborough Lane between 11 th – 13 th September by Anglian Water. The work on Pilch Lane has not been completed but has been scheduled for between now and 18 October. The school sign on the corner of School End and the High Street has been repaired. b). To include a report on MVAS and speed watch. There was no MVAS Report given as there may be a slight fault with the appliance. The users are looking into the problem with the batteries, as the appliance is not always picking up radar and light detection. Speed Watch Co-ordinator is currently a vacant post. It has been advertised on Facebook and on the GHPC Information Sharing Group. It will also be advertised in Focus. (Action Clerk) c). To consider the problem of pavement parking in the High Street. Residents are making efforts to leave space for pedestrians. The PC will monitor the situation. A member of the public has noted that the hedge trimming by footpath 10 on Nash Road has still not been carried out. Cllr DT has offered to trim the hedges since the football season has started and this is the route taken from the village. (Action DT)
9.	Planning Report • The Planning Report was noted and ratified.
10.	Issues arising from the Planning Report • None
11.	Other Planning Matters

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on meeting with High Street Homes on 15th July has been superseded by the presentation at the start of this PC Meeting. • Report on VALP Presentation held on 23rd July, given by Cllr CC. • S106. An email from David Rowley at AVDC has confirmed receipt of S106 funds in connection with Land South of Little Horwood Road. A sum of £112,635 is currently being held to be spent on refurbishment of the Village Hall and play facilities on Land North of Little Horwood Road. The funding should be spent within the next ten years.
12.	<p>Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan Review Committee</p> <p>a). To receive a report from the committee meetings held on 9th and 19th July. A report was circulated and noted.</p> <p>b). Funding for the Neighbourhood Plan Visioning session was approved up to a maximum of £1500.00</p>
13.	<p>To confirm the site of the new electricity substation</p> <p>Cllr CC presented highlights of the report that had been circulated and recommended that the PC should not proceed with the purchase of the land north of Little Horwood Road to site the substation. Cllr DT felt that a further discussion should take place between the PC and the landowner, to explore whether he would be willing to reduce his asking price. (Action DT) A vote was taken on whether the PC should accept Western Power's proposed site. 2- to accept the proposed site, 4 – against, 1 - abstention</p>
14.	<p>Parish Maintenance</p> <p>a). To report progress on repairing/staining the Parish Council Noticeboard The noticeboard has been repaired and painted with thanks to the Taylor family, especially Amy. A letter of thanks has been sent to Amy.</p> <p>b). To report progress on trimming hedges on The Green Cllr DT has trimmed the hedges on The Green. The residents are now pleased with this.</p> <p>c). To update progress on GH Allotments All Allotments on Church Lane were rented until recently, but there is now a vacancy on Plot 3. There are however overhanging trees adjacent to this plot which are badly in need of trimming as they cast a lot of shade. (Action Clerk). Cllr Mayne was concerned about the poor state of one particular allotment which was not tended at all. Since the allotment holder has received letters from the PC raising this matter, it was agreed to terminate their allotment contract. (Action Clerk). Cllr DT has successfully mediated between two allotment holders on Willow Road with regards to keeping chickens on the site.</p>
15.	<p>To receive a report from any meetings attended</p> <p>a). WADLAF meeting held on 9th July 2019 The minutes were circulated and noted.</p> <p>b). Parish Liaison meeting held on 30th July 2019 The Powerpoint display was circulated and noted.</p>
16.	<p>Horwood Feast</p> <p>a). To consider feedback from the Horwood Feast Tom Smith's Funfairs have stated that the attendance was not good this year and they chose to leave on the Monday evening. They said that a number of people were asking about the dodgems but they will not bring them for less than three days. Next year they will not bring the Bomber either. The Silver Band's presence did not help either, they said, despite advertising (although when the Clerk mentioned the concert to villagers, they were not aware of it). Next year they would like to revert to the original arrangement ie. arrive on the Sunday and operate on the Monday and Tuesday, leaving on Wednesday. They would like the PC to consider reducing the rent next year. Their suggestion was between £159 and £180. They would like the Silver Band to play again, but would like the PC to negotiate a reduced fee. They would also like the PC to allow a bar. Although the Village Fete had a bar, this was erected on land belonging to The Crown. The Smith family are now aware of this. Next year's Fair would consist of just childrens' rides and side stalls.</p> <p>b). To consider dates for the 2020 Feast The suggested dates to fit in with the Charter requirements (after 6th and before 12th) would be to arrive on Sunday 9th August, operate on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th, leaving on Wednesday 12th August. It was agreed to delay a discussion until next month when this matter will be an agenda item.</p>
17.	<p>To consider the revised draft Allotment agreement</p> <p>After a brief discussion, it was agreed to consider this item next month.</p>
18.	<p>To review progress with Worthy Causes grants for 2019</p> <p>There are currently four bids, three of which have been circulated and a further one which the Clerk had received this evening : School – gazebo Cricket Club – rabbit proof fencing (first preference) Cricket Club – patio (second preference) WI – received this evening There will be a reminder of the 31st October deadline in Focus. (Action Clerk) The Clerk will contact the Cricket Club to clarify why it is still seeking funds for a rabbit proof fence when it has already received £750 from the PC and £2000 from the AVDC NHB grant and how it is seeking funding from other bodies since the completion of the 30 year lease. (Action Clerk)</p>
19.	<p>To update progress with the application for a New Homes Bonus grant for the Cricket Club</p> <p>The Cricket Club has been awarded a grant of £2000.00. Cllr Gilbey stated that as the Cricket Club had a thirty year lease, they should be able to apply for their own grants/funding.</p>
20.	<p>To receive and note correspondence</p> <p>a). Notification about the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway meeting on September 11th, Winslow Public Hall, 7pm</p> <p>b). Letter received about the two year Devolution T2 extension until March 31st 2022. There will be no increase in grant. BCC would like a</p>

	formal expression of interest by 31 st October 2019. This will be an agenda item for next month. c). Letter from the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government, about a consultation entitled Proposed reforms to permitted development rights to support the deployment of 5G and extend mobile coverage. NALC require a response by October 11 th . It was agreed that the Planning Committee will discuss and advise the Clerk accordingly.		
21	Finance a). To review the bank reconciliation, agree invoices for payment and to note funds received. Payments TA GH 19.035 Talk Talk wifi June DD 26.60 GH 19.036 Eon Street Lighting maintenance FPO 69.32 GH 19.036 Eon Street Lighting maintenance FPO 69.32 GH 19.037 Computer refund to Clerk FPO 139.98 GH 19.038 Computer (Barclaycard) Barclaycard 500.00 GH 19.039 Clerk's Salary August 1 SO 558.57 GH 19.040 Clerk's Salary August 1 SO 558.57 GH 19.041 Eon Street Lighting power August DD 124.43 GH 19.042 Talk Talk wifi July DD 24.95 GH 19.043 Public Works Loan Board Street Lighting DD 485.77 GH 19.044 Walker Grounds Care FPO 420.00 GH 19.045 Burgess Building disabled access FPO 7056.00 GH 19.046 Subscription to Dropbox Barclaycard 95.88 Receipts TA GHR 19.03 Clerk's repayment of tax 111.60 GHR 19.04 New Homes Bonus payment for village hall ramp 5880.00 GHR 19.05 Horwood Feast Funfair rent 300.00 Payments TA – Sept GH 19.047 Clerk's Salary September 1 SO 558.57 GH 19.048 Clerk's Salary September 1 SO 558.57 GH 19.049 Talk Talk wifi August FPO 24.95 GH 19.050 Eon Street Lighting power September DD 124.43 GH 19.051 Walker Grounds Care FPO 420.00 GH 19.052 BMKALC Subscription FPO 154.66 GH 19.053 PAYE tax FPO 111.60 GH 19.054 PAYE tax FPO 111.60 Receipts – BIA July Interest Credit 24.54 August Interest Credit 25.38 b). To review the draft budget Councillors discussed MC's suggestions, which will be continued next month. c). To report progress in opening an account for Cricket Club rents The account will be open as soon as the last signatory has given evidence of identity. d). To report progress in obtaining a debit/credit card for the Clerk The new Clerk now has her Barclaycard e). To report progress on opening a Dropbox account The Dropbox account has been opened and all files copied into it. f). To approve the purchase of a new computer for the Clerk.		

	This was agreed.
22.	Items for the next meeting Finance Regulation Review, the Budget, Horwood Feast, Autumn planting, to consider the extension to the devolution T2 contract and the contractor's terms, Allotment agreement, GHNP, Electricity substation.
23.	Confirmation of date and time of the next meeting Monday 14 th October at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed _____ **DRAFT** _____ Date 14th October 2019

Chairman

Horwode Pece Management Committee - Report to Parish Council September 2019

In July, I reported that we had applied for a AVDC Micro-grant, towards the costs of upgrading the toddler and teenage play areas down the Rec. This year was our tenth anniversary since opening and the woodwork around each play area was now showing its age. We applied for funding to undertake groundwork to provide sloping grassed, earth banks around each play area. The maximum we could ask for was £2,000 and we received notification that we been awarded this maximum.

So, through July, August and early September our major project was to manage the improvements to the Rec. in accordance with the grant conditions; this required that all the work be completed before the end of September, otherwise any unused part of the grant would have to be repaid. Here was the first hurdle, its summertime and all landscape gardening firms are very busy and fully employed. Only one of the companies we approached for quotes could do the work to the timescales required by AVDC, this was Tuckwells, and, even then, they could not start until early September. So, our three months to complete the work became one month!

Wednesday morning we learnt that they would start the work on Thursday, the 5th September, so that evening Cathy, Jane, my wife Liz and I were down the Rec. fixing weed barrier material to all of the wood surrounds before the earth was moved and they were buried below the soil ramps. Then on the 5th, work started, a digger and dumper truck arrived with two landscape gardeners and by that evening all of the soil, kindly donated by Croudace homes (we had to organise collection), was used.

We needed more soil – thanks once again to Richard Veitch at Croudace homes for coming to the rescue – providing and delivering a further mountain of soil, first thing on Friday. Over Friday, this was moved, spread, landscaped and seeded with grass. Thus everything was completed by 4pm. (see the photo below). My thanks must go to Andy, and Tuckwells, for completing the work so quickly and to such a high standard.



Additionally, three 6ft oak benches have been order. We can collect them from Lutterworth on the 12th September, then they will need to be installed, plus, two upgraded security cameras, that are able to record one month's movement, triggered by a PIR.

The Rec. continues to be checked weekly. All issues reported in July and August, relate to damage to the log surrounds; hopefully, this is now corrected now that the landscaping has been completed. The woodwork either side of the tunnel has still to be repaired.

When I completed the Rec. check for the first week in September, I found one of the picnic tables and the ramp to the teenage badly damaged. On Friday, I repaired both of these. It would appear that some of our youth may have been celebrating; I found 14 lager bottle caps around the table. The damage to the table looks like a number of teenagers had been jumping up and down on it, until it broke leaving the table planking entangled. In future we will be able to monitor 'over exuberant' teenage behaviour.

John Nicholls - Chairman
7/09/2019

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 9th September 2019 (as at 6th September 2019)

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						
10/01/2019	19/00086/APP Dale Jones 09/08/2018	Mrs Kirsty Asquith	17 Winslow Road Great Horwood Bucks MK17 0QN	Internal alterations to existing cottage with extensions, associated driveway and garage	No Objection	Refused 18/07/2019
01/03/2019 05/04/2019 (revised)	19/00732/APP 19/00734/ALB 29/03/2019 03/05/2019	Mr Mark Edmans	19 Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood, Bucks, MK17 0QE	Demolition of original flat roof extension, construction of new two storey side and rear extension. Erection of 1 metre iron rail fencing and drop curb	No Objection	Approved 23/07/2019
22/05/2019	19/01930/APP Alex Taylor 15/06/2019	Mr M Moyles	Woodleigh Cottage 16 Nash Road, Great Horwood Bucks MK17 0RA	Proposed side extension to converted barn	No Objection	Withdrawn 01/08/2019
15/10/2018	18/03578/APP David Wood 12/11/2018	Mrs Patricia Berry	Vine Cottage 3 Little Horwood Road Great Horwood Bucks MK17 0QE	Erection of 3 dwelling	No Objection	Approved 14/08/2019
20/11/2018	18/00076/REF Appeals Officer 21/12/2018	Mr Andrew Dewhurst	Land Rear Of Fir Tree Cottage S'borough Lane Singleborough Great Horwood Bucks	<i>"An appeal has been lodged with the Secretary of State against the Council's (AVDC) decision in respect of the above site".</i> Ref: 18/02410/APP	Objection	Appeal refused 14/08/2019
08/04/2019	19/01299/APP Alice Culver 06/05/2019	Mr & Mrs T Slade	Springfield Barn 20A Nash Road Great Horwood, Bucks MK17 0RA	Single storey side and rear extensions	No Objection	Application withdrawn 28/08/2019

Pending

17/03/2016 03/05/2018 Amended	16/00877/APP Clare Bayley 31/05/2018 Amended Plans	Mr Paul Flello	Land off Nash Road	Residential development of 14 dwellings with associated garaging and parking and formation of new access	No Comment	Awaiting decision
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	Awaiting decision
12/07/2018	18/02403/APP Dale Jones 09/08/2018	Mrs Kirsty Asquith	17 Winslow Rd. Great Horwood Bucks MK17 0QN	Demolition and replacement of the existing cottage and outbuilding.	No Objection	Awaiting decision
08/10/2018	18/03421/AOP 18/03422/AOP Nicola Wheatcroft	Gladman Developments	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 consultees	Awaiting decision
02/11/2018	18/03862/APP Dale Jones 30/11/2018	Mr M Moyles	Woodleigh Cottage 16 Nash Road, Great Horwood Bucks MK17 0RA	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 storey replacement dwelling	No Objection	Awaiting Decision
21/01/2019 revised	19/00210/APP 19/00211/ALB Rebecca Jarratt 28 May 2019	Mr G Grant	The Crown PH 1 The Green Great Horwood Bucks MK17 0RH	Change of use of Public House and ancillary buildings to 1 x 4 bed and 1 x 2 bed dwelling	Objection to latest application	Awaiting Decision
04/07/2019	19/02438/APP Not advised 01/08/2019	Mr C Mongan Green Planning Studio Limited	1 Nash Park Nash Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire	Variation of condition 2 on application 15/02233/APP dated 11 August 2016 to increase the number of pitches of the site from 11 to 12. "There shall be no more than 12 pitches on the site and on each of the 12 pitches hereby approved except Pitch 10,	Objection	Awaiting Decision

				no more than 2 caravans, as defined in the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 and the Caravan Sites Act 1968, shall be stationed at any time, of which only 1 caravan shall be a static caravan. On Pitch 10 no more than 4 caravans shall be stationed at anytime, of which no more than 2 shall be static caravans".		
23/07/2019	19/02372/ALB Alice Culver 19/08/2019	Mr S Terkelsen	Tudor Cottage 12 Little Horwood Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0QE	Addition of a bedroom and bathroom above the garage/workshop/utility room (retrospective)	Objection	Awaiting Decision
06/08/2019	19/02886/APP Megan Wright 03/09/2019	Mr A Carr & Mrs J Timmins	Fincorrie Farm, Nash Road, Great Horwood MK17 0	Single storey side porch extension	No Objection	Awaiting Decision
06/09/2019	19/03248/APP Not advised 06/09/2019	Mr & Mrs T Slade	Springfield Barn 20A Nash Road Great Horwood, Bucks MK17 0RA	Single storey rear extension	Passed to Planning Committee for consideration	

Key –

Colours

Blue = applications received in 2016

Pink = applications received in 2018

Green = applications received in 2019

Names are those of the AVDC application case officer

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