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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
9th February 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr John Scholtens (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Angela Mayne, Cllr Ian Lamberton,
Cllr Valerie Porritt
Karen Francis (Clerk)
6 members of the public including County Councillor John Chilver and District Cllr Sir Beville Stanier

1. To receive apologies for absence
Cllrs Elliott and Margerrison were unable to attend due to holiday and work commitments respectively.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th December 2014
No amendments were made.
3. To receive declarations of interest
Cllr Porritt declared an interest in planning application 15/00033/APP
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
 - The bus timetables sent to BCC have not yet been put up in the village. Cllr Gilbey asked Cllr Chilver if he could follow this up and agreed to send Cllr Chilver the information which he had sent to BCC in December 2014.
 - Cllr Chilver stated he had written to the Chief Constable of TVP and the Crime Commissioner to object to the closure of Winslow Police Station. It was agreed the Clerk would also prepare a letter on behalf of the PC to both parties.
5. Public Participation Period
No issues were raised.
6. Planning Issues
 - 6.1. Councillors were provided with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. Three new applications had been received and three applications had been determined. The planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
 - 6.2. A number of problems have been highlighted with the new online planning system used by AVDC. The Clerk has contacted AVDC but has yet to receive a response. Anyone using the system does not yet have an inbox, applications are not tracked, not all documentation is available and any comments are sent directly to AVDC and cannot be retracted. There is also confusion around the process for consulting the parish for tree lopping or felling applications in the Conservation Areas.

The Clerk also highlighted the slow circulation of the Planning book and questioned the use of it as no additional information is included because all applications are now viewed online. It was agreed to continue using it but all Cllrs are asked to circulate the book quickly. Additionally, **all members of the planning committee were asked to ensure they had registered on the new online system** and they were also asked to please respond to all emails relating to planning where a decision was needed quickly.
 - 6.3. An application has been made to build 1855 homes to the east of Whaddon Road, Newton Longville (15/00314/AOP). Cllr. Gilbey confirmed that although the development was entitled South West Milton Keynes it did in fact lie wholly within Aylesbury Vale and so would be determined by AVDC. He proposed that the Clerk should ask AVDC Planning Department for a copy of the traffic impact assessment that must have been submitted with the planning application.

Cllr Scholtens didn't think that the views of GHPC would add much weight to the argument but Cllr Mayne stated she was happy to give support to other parishes concerns on the proposal.

Karen Oddey, Clerk to Little Horwood Parish Council, had contacted GHPC to see if it was viable to arrange a cross parish meeting. Other parishes had responded to state a meeting may be more useful later on and therefore it was agreed to respond asking to be kept informed of any response.

It was also agreed that the Clerk at Newton Longville would be contacted and asked to keep us informed with their response and Cllr Stanier offered to forward the draft response that has already been prepared by Whaddon Parish Council.
7. Report from the Recreation Committee
No report was provided but Cllrs Mayne and Porritt gave a quick update. Bucks Technical College have now been in touch and will hopefully be carrying out some work soon.

8. Footpaths Report

There is nothing to report this month.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

9.1. Cllr Gilbey read out the summary from the Examiner's Report on the Neighbourhood Plan who commended the Parish Council on its production. A small number of amendments were recommended and subject to these being made, the Examiner decided the plan meets the basic conditions and can be submitted for referendum.

9.2. These amendments have now been made. The referendum version of the Neighbourhood Plan is now available online and paper copies are also in the Village Hall, St James Church and a copy is with the Clerk. The referendum will be held on 5th March and residents have started receiving their polling cards.

9.3. A draft information leaflet was circulated amongst the Councillors for approval for delivery to all the households in the parish. This provides information on the Neighbourhood Plan and the referendum process but does not promote voting either way. Any campaigns are organised and funded by individuals or groups which are separate from and independent of the Parish Council.

It was agreed that Councillors would help to deliver the PC leaflets and a separate email will be sent advising Cllrs of their distribution routes.

10. Report from the Chairman on meetings attended since the last PC Meeting

Since the last meeting Cllr Gilbey has attended three meetings:

- AVALC Executive Meeting on 22nd January. Cllr Gilbey is the Vice Chairman of AVALC. AVALC are currently supporting a petition to provide a direct public transport link from Northampton to Wycombe which would serve Silverstone, Buckingham, Winslow and Aylesbury. It was noted that AVDC is investigating the possibility of it becoming a unitary authority but had not so far contacted Bucks County Council or the other 3 district councils in the county,
- North Bucks Parish Planning Consortium (NBPPC) on 28th January. At this meeting the development known as SWMK was discussed. It was also highlighted that Gladmans have submitted an appeal to the Court of Appeal over the dismissal of its Judicial Review on the Winslow Neighbourhood Plan.
- BCC Parish Liaison Meeting on 4th February. The meeting was addressed by Chris Williams – Chief Exec of BCC. He explained that the settlement from central government for the county for the forthcoming financial year has been reduced by £11million and that there is a £60m gap in its budget over the next four years. He also explained that head office staff numbers had been reduced from 4500 to 2500 over recent years and that further reductions would be necessary.

Rebecca Carley reported that around 60 of the 169 local councils in the county had agreed to take up the offer of being responsible for grass cutting etc within the 30/40mph boundaries of their parishes from April 2015. She also indicated that the offer that may be available for future years to encourage parishes to take on devolved services may not be as good as the one currently on offer.

Cllr. Gilbey offered his view that in 2 to 3 years time the County will completely withdraw from providing this service within the speed limit areas and parishes will then be forced to pay for and arrange for the work to be done.

11. Winslow and District NAG Meetings

Cllr Porritt advised that the NAG meetings would no longer be taking place in Winslow as the content is low key and can be discussed via email. There has been no contact with TVP or crimestoppers in the past 12 months. If the chairman is contacted for a specific topic that requires a meeting, this will be arranged.

The NAG will continue to add pressure to the decision made by TVP that the Winslow Police Station is to close in May 2015.

12. Letter from Nash PC re Nash Park

An email had been received from Nash PC asking whether GHPC would like to do a joint letter to John Bercow MP regarding the dissatisfaction over the current situation of traveller sites. After discussion it was agreed the Clerk would contact Nash PC asking for a copy of the letter so that their stance can be supported.

13. Defibrillator

We are still waiting for some of the equipment to arrive but once it does the defib will be installed on the side of the Village Hall. It was suggested that a demonstration was carried out at the APM and Cllr Mayne agreed to arrange this.

The Parish Council thanked Cllr John Chilver who has donated £360 from his discretionary fund towards the cost of the defibrillator.

14. Date for Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting date has been agreed as 13th April at 7.30pm. A short Parish Council meeting will take place before this at 6.30pm.

15. Date for Fair

Great Horwood Feast cannot be held before the 6th August or after the 12th August. Therefore it was agreed it would be held on 10th and 11th August and the Clerk will contact the fair to advise them of these dates.

16. To agree items for payment

- Community Impact Bucks Subs – BACS - £50.00
- Village Hall Hire – BACS - £120.00
- Turtle Engineering (Defib cabinet) – BACS - £612.00
- Eon – BACS - £110.70
- SWARCO for MVAS – BACS - £225.28
- Evac Chair (Defib) – BACS - £1194.00
- BMKALC – Cheque - £1.50
- Holland Engineering (Horwode Pece) – Cheque - £92.86

Cllrs Mayne and Porritt agreed to authorise the online payments.

17. To receive and note correspondence

- Thanks have been received from GH Youth Club, GH Silver Band, Focus, Medical Detection Dogs and GH Village Hall for the recent donations from the PC.
- Notice of a road closure on 22nd March for the Great Horwood Fun Run.
- An invitation to partake in Community Speedwatch which was declined.
- An email from Thornborough Parish Council regarding a new committee set up to manage Thornborough and Coombs Community Woodlands.

18. Items for the next meeting

None detailed

19. Confirmation of date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th March at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed _____

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Date _____

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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
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Determined

29/05/2014	14/01255/APP	Mr & Mrs Cook	2 Greenway	First floor rear extension, two storey extension and new garage to side of existing dwelling.	No Objection	Refused
04/11/2014	14/03080/APP	Mr E Maddock	Park Lodge, Singleborough	Construction of a hard surfaced tennis court with surround fencing	No Objection	Approved
28/01/2015	15/00280/ATC	Mr J Gates	2 Spring Lane	Cutting back one Yew tree (approx 2 metres); Prune one Beech tree (on the right) and remove one tree (unknown tree name); Removal of a group of 5 Cyprus tees; trim back one Cyprus tree; remove one Ash tree; prune back one Yew tree located at the front of property.	No Objection	TPO to be served

Pending

24/04/2014	14/01047/ATC	Mr P Morris	Mulberry Cottage	Pollarding of two large Acer Saccharinum trees on side of boundary of site	No Objection	
05/06/2014	14/01540/APP	Taylor Wimpey	Land off Weston Road	The erection of 45 no. residential dwellings together with associated access, car parking, landscaping and open space provision.	Objection	
29/08/2014	14/02414/AOP	Talbot Homes	Land at Willow Road	Outline application with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for the erection of up to 34 dwellings including associated infrastructure and work.	Objection	
25/09/2014	14/01540/APP (Revised)	Taylor Wimpey	Land off Weston Road	The erection of 42 no. residential dwellings together with associated access, car parking, landscaping and open space provision.	Objection	
20/10/2014	14/03044/APP	Mr & Mrs Elliott	Spring Cottage	Change of use of 2 existing bedroom within Spring Cottage and conversion of existing detached annex and office buildings into an additional 4 bedroom suites to be operated as a bed and breakfast business with associated parking and new access.	Objection	
06/01/2015	15/00033/APP	Mr & Mrs Porritt	1a Willow Road	Single Storey Rear Extension	No objection	
28/01/2015	15/00081/ATC	Mr P Taylor	Stagsden, Singleborough Lane	x 1 Oak tree, rear garden, Reduce crown by approx 2 metres overall and lift crown by approx 2-3 metres of one Oak tree; Reduce crown of one Bird Cherry by approx. 2-3 metres overall and Reduce crown of one Acer tree by approx 2 metres over all.	No objection	
31/01/2015	15/00384/ATC	Mr E Maddock	Park Lodge, Singleborough	Fell two Ash trees		