



Great Horwood Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 10th April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

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Present: Cllr John Gilbey (JWG) Acting Chairman, Cllr N Heywood (NH), Cllr Jane Holland (JH), Cllr John Huskinson (JRH), Cllr Angela Mayne (AM), Mandy Cliffe (Clerk), County Cllr John Chilver, Dist. Cllr Sir Beville Stanier and 5 members of the public.

1.	<u>To receive apologies for absence</u> Apologies were received from Cllr Mary Saunders. Cllr Heywood advised that he would be late arriving at the meeting.
2.	<u>To receive declarations of interest</u> No new declarations were made.
3.	<u>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th March 2017</u> The Minutes were approved without amendment.
4.	<u>To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting not otherwise included on the agenda</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. There has been no response to the Parish Councillor vacancy. 6. The sunken drain on the A421 near the Thornborough turn is still giving cause for concern as the bollards have been moved to the side of the road and there was no warning of the hazard. The Clerk was asked to contact Transport for Bucks (TfB) to check the progress of the repair. (Action Clerk) 12. Cllr JWG advised that there would be no response to the letter sent to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (an acknowledgement has been received) on proposals for modernising local Government as no announcements would be made until after the local elections in May. 16b. The Clerk was asked about progress on the repair to the village sign. As no response has been received from the carpenter, she was asked to follow this up. (Action Clerk)
5.	<u>Public Participation Period</u> Cllr Chilver asked whether the flashing school sign and broken hidden dip sign had been repaired. The Clerk reported that the school sign had been repaired and then become unserviceable again. Bucks County Council (BCC) had been asked to look at it and as far as we can tell this has been successful. The Hidden dip sign on the A421 junction with Pilch Lane was reported twice. TfB are aware of the problem and it will be attended to on a priority basis. Mrs Gill Wood asked that the contractor be advised of the problem of grass being left on the pavements after mowing. The Clerk will speak to him. (Action Clerk)
6.	<u>Horwode Pece Management Committee Report</u> The Management Committee Report is attached to these Minutes. It was noted that chippings had been over ordered this time and that too large a digger had been used to move the material, resulting in soft turf being damaged. Lessons had been learned.
7.	<u>Footpaths Report</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Footpath Monitor Mr Robert Deuchar (RD) reported: "All the Parish's footpaths have been pruned between mid-February and 20 March 2017. I did not find any major problems". b. The Clerk reported that she has had no response from BCC about the new footpath gate. Additionally, Dist. Cllr Sue Renshell had offered to provide a gate under the "donate a gate" scheme in memory of her mother. Robert Deuchar has identified a possible location on Footpath 6 for this gate and the Clerk was asked to contact the land owner. (Action Clerk)
8.	<u>Roads Report</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. No roadworks have been reported in the local area. b. The Clerk reported that the flashing school sign had been causing problems again as already discussed in item 5.
9.	<u>Planning Report</u> Councillors were provided with a Planning Report which was ratified. The Planning Committee resolved not to object to application 17/00874/APP (The Retreat). The clerk was asked to send a response on behalf of the Planning Committee to 16/03132/ADP (Winslow station car park). (Action Clerk)
10.	<u>Issues arising from the Planning Report</u> Cllr JWG reported that he had contacted AVDC Assistant Director Mr Will Rysdale in respect of the expired dates and late determination of planning applications. Mr Rysdale's response is attached to these Minutes. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Rysdale for further information. (Action Clerk)
11.	<u>To receive reports from</u> Cllr JWG summarised events of a meeting he attended of the Parishes Liaison Meeting on 22 nd March. The Minutes of the meeting have already been circulated.
12.	<u>To consider traffic in School Lane</u> Cllr Holland reported that her contact with the Police Commissioner had been unproductive, however, she was continuing to pursue it. Cllr JHR advised that the school was working to discourage parents from entering School Lane. Mrs Angela Gunn has written to local MP John Bercow.
13.	<u>To receive updates on</u>

	<p>a. The sentinel campaign is currently on hold awaiting further volunteers. The Clerk will arrange a further session in order for the two volunteers that have come forward to be trained.</p> <p>b. The School Crossing Patrol vacancy has, in common with other vacancies across the county, still not been filled.</p>
14.	<p><u>Village Green</u></p> <p>Cllr AM reported that she had received two quotes for the refurbishment of the Village Green. As three quotes are required by financial regulations she will continue her search. It was decided to have a display board at the Annual Parish meeting so residents could see what has been proposed so far.</p>
15.	<p><u>Parish Maintenance</u></p> <p>a. The concrete bench on the green is in need of urgent repair. The Clerk has been making enquiries about finding a carpenter to undertake the work. (Action Clerk)</p> <p>b. Cllr AM requested that the ash tree on the Nash Road layby be reported to AVDC and to ask them to check to ensure that it is safe. (Action Clerk)</p>
16.	<p><u>Cricket Club Lease renewal</u></p> <p>There has still been no response from the Cricket Club about the new lease. Cllr JRH has arranged to meet the chairman Alan Sirett. The Clerk has asked the Council's solicitors, H B Public Law to serve the section 25 notice formally ending the current lease agreement.</p>
17.	<p><u>To discuss arrangements for the 2017 Annual Parish meeting 18th May 2017</u></p> <p>The arrangements made to date were confirmed and Cllrs' JWG and AM informed the meeting that they would be unavailable on the night.</p>
18.	<p><u>To consider plans for installing the Internet connection in the Village Hall</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that BT would soon be confirming a date for installing the internet connection in the Village Hall shortly. She is awaiting receipt of the router.</p>
19.	<p><u>To receive and note correspondence</u></p> <p>No new correspondence has been received.</p>
20.	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>The high cost of funding the Cricket Club lease was discussed. Cllr JRH asked how much money could be realised from selling the charity's investment. The Clerk advised that this would be approximately £300 which currently provided £3.35 per quarter in dividends. She was asked to check with Black Rock to see how easy it would be to cash in the investment. (Action Clerk)</p> <p>The following items were agreed for payment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lynch Garden Services - FPO - £100.00 Information Commissioner's Office data protection renewal fee - SO - £35.00 (for payment 12/05/2017) Subscription NBPPC (North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium) – FPO - £20.00 Eon power – DD - £81.07 Brookside Engineering (HP woodchip replacement - to supply labour and machinery, to move and spread play bark.) - FPO £680.00 Clerk's Salary – SO - £421.58 <p>a. The following payments were received:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Brim Dividend £3.35 Business Instant Access Acct interest April - £0.95 Allotment rents various £50.00 Devolution T2 Payment £1933.43
21	<p><u>Items for the next meeting</u></p> <p>No items were added. The agenda is likely to be full as the next meeting is the Annual Parish Council meeting.</p>
22	<p><u>Confirmation of date and time of next meeting</u></p> <p>The Annual Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 8th May 2017 at 7.30pm. The Annual Parish (Village) meeting will take place on Thursday 18th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Signed _____

Date_ **8th May 2017**

Horwode Pece Management Committee - Report to Parish Council April 2017

The major item this month is the delivery of the woodchip to top up the play areas. Last month an order for 80 cu-metres of 'Cushion Fall' woodchip has been placed with Giffords. The proforma invoice was paid by the Parish Clerk and I contacted David Spooner (Digger Dave) confirming the delivery date to be the 30th March, so we were all set to go.

The woodchip was delivered on the 30th, with Jane Holland, Mike Hobday and Steve Brigden agreeing to be down the Rec. to meet the delivery lorry (I was away on business). Originally planned to arrive circa 9am, it did not finally arrive until after 11.40am!

Here is Steve Brigden's commentary. 'Firstly, thanks to Jane and Mike for turning up promptly to welcome the truck. Dave the digger was in place, too, from 08:00. Mike stayed for the handover at 08.50, when I arrived (shortly after Jane had to go). Finally, we got through on the phone to Giffords. 09:35 - the truck was just leaving Birmingham. ETA 11:30! I left. Dave the Digger left sometime later. I returned at 11:20, spoke with the driver who was twenty minutes away. 11:40 – a 16 ton truck with 12 metre trailer arrives with 80 cubic feet of woodchip. The tarp would not be enough. He tipped, then, half load on and half load off of his truck, he is stuck in the mud. No forward movement, no backward movement, only down. Digger Dave is now busy elsewhere but will return tomorrow at 08.00. Fifty minutes later, more tarp, shovels, rakes and man-power (they were all male) the truck moves. The rest of the load is lowered onto the spare tarp; big sigh of relief. Moments later the second large trailer is hauled in and tipped on the second pile...on the gate...on the hard standing and almost onto the road. There was so much, there was no containing it. The driver did his best.'

This gives you an idea of the work our intrepid three were overseeing and involved in. At 08.00 on the 1st , David Spooner with tipper truck moved this heap of woodchip and spread it to all play areas – it filled them, bulging – all the play areas had a good covering - and still there was some left over; next time – probably in two years' time – we must consider ordering less.

I visited at the weekend, the grass areas around the teenage and toddler play areas has some deep furrows – left by Digger Dave's dump truck in the water logged soil. The ground by the gate has a covering of chippings, that will need a working party with brooms, rakes, shovels and barrows to move it; a task for the Spring working party. Some work has started; thanks to Jane Holland and Steve Brigden.

We believe it is worth buying some mixed gravel to mix with the soil that will be lifted, plus a generous handful of woodchip, which can be used to fill the furrows and should also improve drainage. This material can be used to fill the many furrows created by the digger so that they do not scar the Recreation ground for the rest of the year.

Some of the excess wood chippings will also be used as mulch, under the roses and also can be spread alongside the path under the hedge-line. Other items of maintenance for this spring working party include: installation of new goal nets when the old ones finally fail, replacement of some plastic caps on items of equipment, fixing fall-matting and infilling with top-soil around the zip-wire and installing new posts for the Rec. noticeboard, as reported last month.

I have received from the Parish Clerk the Asset Register and will update this to reflect the current equipment and condition.

John Nicholls - Chairman
9/4/2017

Planning Applications for Great Horwood awaiting determination.

App. No.	Place	Validated	Expiry Date
16/00877/APP	Land off Nash Road	11 March 2016	20 September 2016
Case officer: Claire Bayley This application had an extension of time until 28-11-16. This case has currently been referred to the District Valuer in terms of viability.			
16/01664/AOP	Land North Of Little Horwood Road	14 June 2016	4 August 2016
Case Officer: Phillipa Jarvis. Application has a current extension of time agreed to 30-4-17 Delegated report is signed but subject to completion of a S106 agreement which is in progress in terms of affordable housing and sports and leisure requirements			
16/03538/AOP	Land South of Little Horwood Road	29 September 2016	29 November 2016
Case Officer: Sue Pilcher. Application has a current extension of time agreed to 10 April 2017. Draft S106 is in circulation in terms of affordable housing and sports and leisure requirements.			
16/03527/APP	9A Little Horwood Road	3 October 2016	4 November 2016
This application is in conflict with the Neighbourhood plan and is ongoing. Was extended until 31/1/2017			
Planning Application where a submission by the developer was not published. 14/02414/AOP – now withdrawn Planning Application where objection by agent to Highways decision not published on AVDC Planning Portal and only came to light from a Freedom of Information request.			
Case Officer: Claire Bayley This case was subject to two consultee comments by BCC highways, the latter of which objected to the application. During the course of this application the 5 year land supply position changed. Had this application not been withdrawn it would have been recommended for refusal.			

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 10th April 2017

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						
21/02/2017	17/00477/APP Bibi Motuel 17/03/2017	Mr & Mrs Richard Edwards	April Cottage Singleborough Lane Singleborough Great Horwood, Bucks MK17 0RF	Single storey rear extension	No Objection	Approved
Pending						
17/03/2016	16/00877/APP	Mr Paul Fello	Land off Nash Road	Residential development of 14 dwellings with associated garaging and parking and formation of new access	No Objection (subject to qualifications in letter)	Awaiting decision
14/06/2016	16/01664/AOP	Brendan O'Neill rCOH Ltd	Land North off Little Horwood Road Great Horwood Bucks	Outline Application with all matters reserved for a residential development of 15 dwellings on 0.5ha of land north of Little Horwood Road along with the allocation of 0.4ha of land as a public park to serve both the new development and the existing local community.	No Objection (subject to qualifications in letter)	Awaiting decision
05/10/2016	16/03527/APP Simon Dunn-Lewin 04/11/2016	Mr & Mrs T Wootton	9A Little Horwood Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0QE	Demolition of 9a Little Horwood Road and construction of five detached dwellings.	Objection	Awaiting decision
06/10/2016	16/03538/AOP Sue Pilcher 04/11/2016	Agent Mr James Yeoman of Savills	Land South of Little Horwood Road	Outline planning permission with access to be considered and all matters reserved for a residential development of up to 30 dwellings with associated amenity green space and sustainable drainage.	No Objection, (qualified by letter)	Awaiting decision
02/03/2017 NEW	17/00488/ADP 30/03/2017	Mr Peter Dean	Horwood Mill Spring Lane Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0NY	Application for reserved matters pursuant to outline permission 15/00774/AOP relating to access, appearance, landscaping, scale and layout for 7 no. detached dwellings with associated garaging and parking	Objection	Awaiting decision
14/03/2017 NEW	17/00874/APP Amit Patel 20/04/2017	Ms T McIntosh	The Retreat Bletchley Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0PX	Two Storey Front & Rear Extensions & Raising Of Roof	No Objection	Awaiting decision
2016	16/03132/ADP	Network Rail	Land at Buckingham Road Winslow	Approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline permission 13/02112/AOP relating to access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the provision of the rail station building, associated parking and internal road. Land At Buckingham Road Winslow Buckinghamshire	Open to all for comment. Of 68 documents on the site, 34 are objections.	