



Great Horwood Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 12th December 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

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Present: Cllr Mary Saunders (MS) Chairman, Vice Chairman Cllr John Gilbey (JWG), Cllr Jane Holland (JH), Cllr John Huskinson (JRH) Cllr Angela Mayne (AM), Mandy Cliffe (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

1.	<u>To receive apologies for absence</u> All Councillors were present. Sir Beville Stanier sent his apologies.
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 14th November 2016</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> 5b. The Clerk obtained 3 quotes for the trimming of the hedge outside 4 Little Horwood Rd. The Clerk was asked to write to the resident with this information requesting that the hedges be trimmed. (Action Clerk) 16. Cllr MS reported that the post of outreach postmaster/mistress was being advertised.
5.	<u>To declare a Casual Vacancy</u> A casual vacancy was formally declared although no expressions of interest in the position have yet been received.
6.	<u>Public Participation Period</u> Mrs Gill Wood kindly offered her thanks to the Parish Council for their hard work over the past year.
7.	<u>Horwode Pece Management Committee Report</u> The Management Committee Report is attached to these Minutes. It was reported that anti slip strips were now in place at the Pece. Cllr MS offered the Parish Council's thanks to the Management Committee for their hard work in maintaining Horwode Pece.
8.	<u>Footpaths Report</u> a. Footpath Monitor Mr Robert Deuchar (RD) had nothing to report. b. It was agreed, on the recommendation of RD, that the first stile on Footpath No. 2 North Bucks Way would be the next stile to be replaced with a gate. The Clerk was asked to action this. (Action Clerk)
9.	<u>Roads Report</u> a. Bucks County Council (BCC) have not notified any major roadworks for the local area and nothing has been reported on roadworks.org. b. Having studied the BCC Transport Strategy for Aylesbury and Buckingham Consultation, Cllr MS felt it was not applicable to parishes. c. A letter of complaint was sent to BCC street lighting concerning the flashing school warning sign that had still not been repaired. BCC responded saying that a new programming unit would be fitted before Christmas. d. Cllr NH asked whether white lines in the village could be repainted and whether a 20mph zone could be created through the village. He was advised that BCC had only one team to paint lines over the whole of Buckinghamshire. The Clerk was asked to investigate the feasibility and cost of a 20mph zone through Transport for Bucks (TfB). (Action Clerk) e. The Clerk reported that 3 volunteers had been trained on the Sentinel speed watch video equipment. It was decided to have a concerted campaign to recruit volunteers in the New Year. (Action Cllr JH & Clerk)
10.	<u>Planning Report</u> Councillors were provided with a Planning Report which was ratified without amendment.
11.	<u>Issues arising from the Planning Report</u> a. 16/00877/APP (Land off Nash Road). Cllr AM advised that there were problems with a potential footpath linking this development to the village. Cllr JWG was asked to contact the developer and clarify the situation. (Action JWG) b. 16/03538/AOP (Land South of Little Horwood Rd). Correspondence from Mr Alan Marlow about this development has been circulated to the Parish Council. c. 15/00774/AOP (Horwood Mill). The complete removal of trees on the site was reported to AVDC Planning Enforcement as no discharge of conditions had been submitted for the development. John Nicholls, chairman of the Horwode Pece Management Committee, also expressed concerns that a gate leading directly into the Pece had been placed on the plans for the development without the consent of the landowners (GHSRT). d. Comments on the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) are available on the AVDC website. The Great Horwood Parish Plan has been mentioned on a number of entries.
12.	<u>Parish Plan 2016 update</u> It was decided to postpone discussion until a later meeting and potentially until April 2017 as it would be necessary to examine the final version of the draft VALP before finalising the GH Parish Plan 2016.

13.	<p><u>S106 payments</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that correspondence from Joe Houston (Senior Parks Officer AVDC) confirms that he has agreed to put forward the Parish Council's requests for the use of S106 funds as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16/03538/AOP - Land South Of Little Horwood Road Great Horwood - The refurbishment, improvement or rebuild of Great Horwood Village Hall, High Street, Great Horwood, Milton Keynes, MK17 0QL and/or the provision of equipped play facilities at Land North of Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood. 16/03527/APP - 9A Little Horwood Road Great Horwood - The refurbishment, improvement or rebuild of Great Horwood Village Hall, High Street, Great Horwood, Milton Keynes, MK17 0QL.
14.	<p><u>To receive reports from</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> NBPPC meeting of 19 October AVALC AGM of 5 November BMKALC meeting of 11 November <p>Reports from these meetings are attached to these Minutes.</p>
15.	<p><u>Devolution of Services update</u></p> <p>A survey form has been received from BCC. Cllr JWG will complete and return to BCC. (Action JWG)</p>
16.	<p><u>Focus</u></p> <p>The PC had received an email of thanks from Focus for the donation of £500</p>
17.	<p><u>School Crossing Patrol</u></p> <p>There are no still no applications for the post of school crossing patrol officer. BCC will re advertise the post in January.</p>
18.	<p><u>Village Green update</u></p> <p>Cllr AM has obtained two quotes for landscaping the village green to improve safety for residents entering and leaving. This includes reducing the height of any planting. Proposals will need to be promulgated in the next edition of Focus (deadline 15th January 2017). (Action AM)</p>
19.	<p><u>Cricket Club Lease renewal</u></p> <p>A response to the draft lease is still awaited from the Cricket Club.</p>
20.	<p><u>Battle's Over commemoration</u></p> <p>The Council expressed their support for this event which will take place on 11th November 2018 to commemorate the end of World War I. The Clerk was asked to respond to the Pageant Master to this effect. (Action Clerk)</p>
21.	<p><u>Bench for the Green</u></p> <p>Cllr Ms advised the Council that there was no alternative funding for the Blane memorial bench. Cllr JRH was asked to include the cost of replacement in the 2017/2018 budget. (Action JRH)</p>
22.	<p><u>To review Council documents</u></p> <p>The review of Council documents was postponed until February 2017.</p>
23.	<p><u>Discuss Arrangements for the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting</u></p> <p>It was decided that two meetings on one day (Parish and Annual meetings) was not ideal and it was resolved to hold the meetings on separate days. The April meeting would therefore be a Parish Council meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Thursday 18th May. The format would also be revised in accordance with residents' requests for a shorter and more informal meeting. (Action Clerk)</p>
24.	<p><u>Budget</u></p> <p>The revised draft of the 2017/18 budget prepared by Cllr JRH and the Clerk was considered. It was resolved that new precept request would be £28590. It was further resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Place an item in Focus to explain how the money will be spent. Provide an Internet connection to the village hall. Reclaim money allocated for the Horwood Pece slide as it has been decided not to purchase a slide.
25.	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To approve the purchase of an SD card to use for data storage for the Sentinel Speed Watch equipment. – this was approved, although Cllr JRH may have a spare we can use. The following items were agreed for payment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Eon - £78.46 - DD Eon maintenance - £28.08 Clerk's Salary November - £281.84 SO AVDC election payment - £125.00 Grant for school benches and tables – Chq £500 Grant for Football Club security – Chq £500 Grant for Scouts hut renovations – Chq £500 Horwode Pece anti slip strips – Chq £198.90 Tool for MVAS – chq - £7.99 Village Hall rent - £120 – FPO Bucks CC Cricket Club Lease legal fees - £442.80 - FPO The following funds were received <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Business Instant Access acct interest £0.89p Allotment rents £40.00
26.	<p><u>To receive and note correspondence</u></p> <p>A grant request has been received from the Winslow and District Community Bus service. It was resolved to award them £500 from the money</p>

	allocated for worthy causes.
27	Items for the next meeting Clerk's remuneration, formalise the PC appointment of Cllr NH to the GHSRT, Spring litter pick, revision of Council Standing Orders, Parish Plan 2016 update, Sentinel volunteer campaign.
28	Confirmation of date and time of next meeting Monday 13 th February 2017 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Signed **DRAFT** Date **13th February 2017**

Horwode Pece Management Committee - Report to Parish Council December 2016

As stated in last month's report, the one remaining maintenance item that must be completed before the winter is the addition of non-slip strips to the two ramps – the money to purchase these is included in the Rec. maintenance budget.

50 x 1.2m long fibre glass anti-slip strips had been ordered at £198.80. They arrived Saturday and I have installed sufficient to make the ramp on the toddlers' play area slip free and will complete this and the ramp to the teenage area as soon as I can.

As to the woodchip, although a major item that needs to be topped up, it was decided at the Horwode Pece management committee in October to delay this to the New Year as this would effectively give us another season. I reported this last month and although low, it still provides adequate protection against a fall; we will aim to top up the woodchip in March, which would allow us to purchase it out of this financial year's budget.

Apart from these two items and a small section of wood surround that needs replacing the Rec. is in good condition. Recent Rec. inspection reports state 'it looks great', whilst noting the outstanding work to be done, reported above.

We have researched maintenance on alder trees and they do not need pruning. They were initially planted to form a screen between the Rec. and development on the airfield and are good at taking up excess rainfall.

One final thing to note: some of the trees, within the Mill area, that border the Rec. have been cut down. Does this mean that the outline planning permission has been granted? Because in those outline plans, they showed an access from the proposed new houses directly onto the Rec. and, as far as I am aware, this was never agreed to, so I would like to make the Parish Council aware of this. Also, when first installing the Rec. we were required, as part of planning permission, to put a security fence along the two sides of the Rec. that boarder the Mill, thus, it is double fenced and we should make sure that our fence is not damaged when any demolition is undertaken or the new builds started.

John Nicholls
Chairman
05/12/2016

Report on the NBPPC meeting of 19 October

The meeting was attended by 18 Councillors from 14 parishes in the Vale.

Weston Road

Cllr. Mary Saunders explained that Great Horwood PC had passed a resolution noting its concern about the amount of public money that had been expended in fighting and ultimately winning the Weston Road public inquiry.

Cllr. Llew Monger advised that in the light of the Weston Road result that AVDC were proposing to declare their revised policy relating to the weight to be given to Neighbourhood Plans and there was some discussion of what action NBPPC could take. I suggested that it could write to AVDC backing the resolution submitted by GHPC.

This was approved by a substantial majority of those present and so was agreed subject to the full wording of the resolution and annexe being circulated to all NBPPC members for their confirmation of support.

The letter from NBPPC in support of the Great Horwood resolution was finally sent to the following personnel at AVDC on 4th November: Neil Blake, Carole Paternoster, Andrew Grant and Tracey Aldworth.

VALP

There was full agreement on the submission to the consultation on the VALP that had been submitted by NBPPC and it was reported that there had been over 3,500 responses to the consultation.

Other issues discussed were

Major Development Issues

Such as:

South West Milton Keynes Development

Winslow New Settlement

Verney Junction Garden Village

There were also reports from various parishes about events in their areas including:

Winslow

Padbury

Thornborough

Buckingham

And finally some discussion on the current situation with the development plan for Milton Keynes.

A copy of the minutes of the meeting is available on request.

Report on AVALC AGM held on Saturday 5th November in Watermead Village Hall

The formal part of the meeting took place first and the second part of the meeting was a brief talk by David Lidington MP for Aylesbury and Leader of the House followed by questions from the floor.

The meeting was attended by approximately 15 representatives of parishes in the Vale and invited guests.

Cllr Jenny Hunt (Stoke Mandeville) had been chairman for 8 years and had advised that she wished to stand down from this role and so the other members of the executive committee had clubbed together to provide her with a thank you card and some theatre vouchers in recognition of her tremendous effort over the years.

Elections then took place for the officers and committee and the following were appointed.

Cllr. John Riches (Middle Claydon) Chairman

Cllr. Jemmy Hunt (Stoke Mandeville) Vice Chairman

Cllr. John Gilbey (Great Horwood) Treasurer

And other members of the executive committee were appointed from

Buckingham/Maids Moreton, Winslow, Pitstone, Quainton, Aston Clinton, Padbury and Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell.

There was one outstanding vacancy on the committee.

Appointments were also made for AVALC representatives on the MKBALC executive and the ADVDC New Homes Bonus panel.

David Lidington MP then gave a brief talk on

“The Role of Parish and Town Councils in Local Governance Arrangements – Opportunity or Threat ? “

He gave a clear talk in which he was supportive of the first level of local councils and stressed the need for additional housing.

He expressed the view that a single unitary authority for the whole of Buckinghamshire would be the best solution but claimed no power over the various district and county councils despite the fact that they all belonged to the same political party. There were several questions from the floor about the Government's possible intentions to cap the precepts of first tier authorities and he advised all parishes to send their representations into their local MP although the official consultation period had ended.

Full minutes of the meeting will be available in due course.

Report on the MKBALC AGM held on 11th November 2016

The meeting was held in the Judges' Lodgings in Aylesbury and was attended by Cllr. Mary Saunders and myself.

The meeting re-elected Paul Harvey as Chair and representatives from the district organisations were appointed to the Executive Committee.

The AVALC representatives are Cllr. Jenny Saunders, Cllr John Riches, Cllr Nick Heirons and Cllr John Gilbey.

In discussions on the budget to be set for the next financial year it was noted that grants that had previously been received from Buckinghamshire County Council and Milton Keynes Council had been reduced over recent years.

In the case of Bucks CC it had gone from £17500 in the year ended 31 March 2015 to zero in the current year and in the case of MK it had gone from £18000 in 2015 to £5000 in the current year – although the cheque had not yet been received.

About a third of the subscription income received by MKBALC from the parishes and towns goes directly to NALC and for the next financial year NALC is increasing its subscription by 1.9%. After discussion it was approved that as the subscriptions to MKBALC had not been increased for a number of years it would increase the subscription rate for parishes by 1p per elector in addition to the 1.9% being imposed by NALC. This means that the new subscription rate will be 18.1254 pence per elector compared with the present 17.0 pence resulting in increase of 6.62%

Following the formal part of the meeting we enjoyed a very informative and amusing talk from Judge Francis Sheridan – Aylesbury Crown Court.

Cllr. John Gilbey
14 November 2016

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 12th December 2016

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						
13/10/2016	16/03620/APP Sonja Crawford 10/11/2016	Mr & Mrs M Bennett -Coles	Abbey Cottage Singleborough Lane Singleborough GH MK17 0RF	Increase in height of two chimney stacks	No Objection	Approved
13/10/2016	16/03621/ALB Sonja Crawford 10/11/2016	As above	As above	As above	No Objection	Consent granted
Pending						
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	Awaiting Decision
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-Lwin 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
28/10/2016	16/A2335/DIS Diana Locking 25/11/2016	Mr N Hanson	The Old Bakehouse, 11 The Green, Great Horwood, MK17 0RH	Submission of details pursuant to Condition 2 (full details of new window) relating to Listed Building Consent 16/02335/ALB	No Objection	Awaiting decision
30/11/2016	16/04255/APP Sonja Crawford 30/12/2016	Mr M Wilson	7 Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood, MK17 0QE	Single storey rear extension	No Objection	Awaiting decision
01/12/2016 NEW	16/00524/CON3 Philip Dales	GHPC	Horwood Mill Site	AVDC Planning Enforcement is checking the felling of trees on the site as no discharge of conditions have been submitted for the development.	Passed to AVDC Planning Enforcement	
12/12/2016 NEW	16/04359/APP Sonja Crawford	Mr C Wright	6 Weston Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0QQ	Two storey side and rear extension & single storey side extension	Passed to Planning Committee for comments	