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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 14th May 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr Mary Saunders (MS) Chairman, Cllr John Gllbey (JWG) Vice Chairman, Cllr Nigel Heywood, Cllr Jane Holland (JH), Cllr Gavin Laird, Cllr Angela Mayne (AM), Mandy Cliffe (Clerk), County Cllr John Chilver and 2 members of the public.

1.	Introductions NB Declarations of Interest were omitted from the agenda. For the record	no new declarations were received.				
2.	To receive apologies for absence • Apologies were received from Cllr John Huskinson (JRH), Dist Cllr Sir Beville Stanier and Mrs Gill Wood.					
3.	To elect the Chairman of the Council for 2018 - 2019 • Cllr MS was unanimously re-elected as Chairman, seconded by Cllr JWG.					
4.	To receive the Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office The Chairman's declaration of office was signed and received.					
5.	To elect a Vice Chairman of the Council ■ Cllr JWG was unanimously re-elected as Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllrs JH & AM.					
6.	The following representatives to outside bodies were appointed/reappoint a). Bucks County Council Winslow and District Local Area Forum (LAF) b). AVDC Local Council Planning Liaison Group c). North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC) d). Aylesbury Vale Association of Local Councils (AVALC) e). Bucks Playing Field Association (BPFA) f). Village Hall (includes MS as ex-officio) g). Poors Allotment (Castlefields) Trustees h). Other	ed: JWG/AM no longer functioning JWG/MS JWG JRH JH/AM/MS JH/AM Nil				
7.	The following members of Committees of the Council were appointed/reap a). Members to the Planning Committee b). Members to the Recreation Committee c). Member to the Horwode Pece management Committee	pointed: JWG/JRH/AM/MS (re-appointed) JWG/NH/JH/MS (re-appointed) GL (appointed to replace Cllr JWG)				
8.	To update councillor contact details ■ A new list with revised email addresses has recently been approved and circulated.					
9.	The payment of the following annual subscriptions was agreed: Subscriptions to the following organisations were agreed in principle: Bucks Association of Local Councils (BALC) Aylesbury Vale Association of Local Councils (AVALC) Community Impact Bucks North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC) Bucks Playing Fields Association (BPFA) Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)					
10.	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th April 2018 • The Minutes of the last meeting were approved with one amendment. Item 24 to be changed to read "Bucks County Council meeting with"					
11.	To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting (not otherwise included on the agenda) None					
12.	 Public participation A member of the public asked whether the Nash Road could be reduced to a 30mph speed limit. A member of the public pointed out that the Singleborough grass verges had not been cut recently (NB this has now been done). A member of the public thanked the PC for resolving the problem of unemptied dog bin AV325 on Church Lane. A member of the public asked about potential traffic problems on the day of the North Bucks Show. A member of the public reported that the street light on the corner of Spring Lane was not working. 					
13.	Horwode Pece Management Committee report The Report from the Horwode Pece Management Committee is attached to and forms part of these minutes. The Chairman thanked the committee for all their hard work and reminded them of the need to update the play equipment licence for Horwode Pece.					
14.	Footpaths Report a). Footpath Monitor Mr Robert Deuchar has started to prune the Parish's footpaths and, mud permitting, will complete the job soon. b). A replacement gate was considered and approved for the junction of footpath 4 & 5. The Clerk was asked to contact rIPPLE and ask them to look into the suggestion. (Action Clerk) c). A handrail has been placed on the plank bridge on footpath 4 adjacent to Pilch Lane.					
15.	Roads Report a). To receive a report on local roads and any problems with signage.					

• GHPC has offered their support to Winslow Town Council in the aftermath of the fatal accident on the B4033 (2nd May 2018). The Clerk was asked to wrote officially on behalf of GHPC (Action Clerk) • BCC Has reported that "jet patching" will take place in the next couple of weeks. Road signs near the Singleborough turn on the A421 have been repaired. b). To include a report on the MVAS and speed watch and to approve the protocol for use and loan of the Sentinel equipment. • Mr Mick Wood reported on MVAS with particular regard to speeding on Winslow Road. He was thanked for his initiative in turning the MVAS to measure speeds of traffic exiting the village in the 30 mph zone. • The sentinel has been used by North Marston and twice by Great Horwood. • The sentinel speed protocol was reviewed and accepted by Councillors. c). The Spring Lane junction survey is not yet available. 16. Planning Report Councillors were provided with a planning report and asked to determine their views on applications 18/01361/APP & ALB (no objection), 18/01375/APP (objection), 18/01455/APP (objection), 18/01571/APP (no objection) and 18/01526/APP (no objection subject to letter). Councillors wanted time to consider their position on amended plan for 16/00877/APP. The Planning Report was ratified. 17. Issues arising from the Planning Report 18/01526/APP Blue Gates, Church Lane was a regularisation of plans to comply with the original planning consent. • Cllr MS will draft letters for 18/01375/APP Fir Tree Cottage and 18/01526/APP Blue Gates. (Action Cllr MS) Other Planning Matters 18. • The Chairman reported that, in principle it had been agreed to revise the Neighbourhood Plan in consultation with Winslow Town Council and planning consultant Neil Homer. It was noted that 585 houses were planned on land in Winslow, adjacent to the B4033 Great Horwood Rd and the Washbrook bridge which would have an impact on traffic at the junction with the A413. •The developers of 18/00992/ADP Land South of Little Horwood Rd asked the PC for their suggestions on street lighting on the development. It was decided to request 2 lamps, one at the junction of Little Horwood Rd and one at the junction of the two new roads. It was felt that more would increase light • 16/01664/AOP Land North of Little Horwood Rd. A meeting took place with the developer to consider the plans for a play area and concerns about the provision of affordable housing. Reports from the following meetings are attached to these Minutes 19. a). Bucks CC Unitary meeting 12th April 2018 b). AVDC Unitary meeting 17th April c). NBPPC meeting on 18th April 2018 d). Parish Liaison Meeting 2nd May 2018 20. To consider the Secretary of State's response to proposals for a unitary authority for Buckinghamshire. Cllr MS drafted and circulated Great Horwood's comments on proposals for a single unitary authority. It was resolved to send the letter to Mr James Brokenshire, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. (Action Clerk) 21. **Parish Maintenance** a). Councillors were asked to consider the recycled Glasdon bench suggested by Cllr JH. The Clerk was asked to consult with potential donors. (Action b). The Clerk was asked to contact ABH landscapes to ask about placing extra bollards on The Green to protect the new tree. (Action Clerk) c). It was resolved to purchase a new notice board to replace the village information board. (Double doors 1400mm x 1050mm weatherproof in black or brown). (Action Clerk) • Cllr AM raised the problem with strimming on The Green. The contractors were concerned about strimming near cars. It was resolved to find another contractor to carry out this work. (Action CIIr AM) To consider a date for a meeting to set up a working group for the Battle's over commemoration. 22. The Clerk reported that a meeting had been arranged for 4th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The Clerk would arrange for publicity using Focus, the GHPC website, email and posters. (Action Clerk) 23. To consider a revised date for the 2018 litter pick Sunday 20th May was chosen as a replacement date for the annual litter pick. Cllrs MS & GL stepped in to run the event for Cllr JH who would be on holiday. The Clerk was asked to contact AVDC to arrange for the rubbish to be collected (Action Clerk) 24. To receive and note correspondence A letter of apology has been received from our internet banking service TSB, however, the level of service provided is still very poor. 25. To report on the 2018 Annual Parish meeting The overall response to the APM was positive with approximately 40 people attending including a number of new residents. The number of displays was reduced to allow more space for movement in the hall. Those groups not invited this year will be contacted next year and given priority for display space. The informality of the evening and the provision of refreshments by the WI have helped to boost attendances. 26. **GDPR** a). The proposed amendment for Data Protection Bill to exclude parish councils from the definition of 'public authorities' was noted. b.) GHPC welcomed the offer from BMKALC to provide Data Protection Officer services for one year at the present time or until the matter is decided. c). GHPC noted that this service would cost GHPC £150 and agreed to pay this if it is necessary. 27. **Finance** a). To agree invoices for payment.

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Zurich Insurance

E.ON street lighting power May

BT line rental & Broadband May

Walker Grounds Care Inv 305 (April inv.)

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	GH 18.014	Cricket Club Alan Squires - solicitor	Chq No 000762	374.00		
	b). To note funds	Sub Total / Ledger balance Treasurer's a received	2516.18			
	Receipts TA					
	GHR 18.02	AVDC Precept		14295.00		
	GHR 18.03	Sentinel cost refund (ex VAT)		3445.00		
	BIA Acct c). It was note th	May Interest nat TSB business online banking was been unav	1.23 od.			
28.	Items for the next meeting Review/endorse current policy documents, GDPR, devolution of services, village resilience planning.					
29.	Confirmation of date and time of next meeting ■ The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 11 th June 2017 at 7.30pm in the village hall.					

The meeting closed at 9.11 pm

Signed	Date 11th June 2017

Horwode Pece Management Committee - Report to Parish Council May 2018

On the 17th April, at 8 The Green, The Management Committee for Horwode Pece met. The meeting started at 7.30pm. The main item was the Late Spring Working Party, which is to be held the weekend 12th/13th May, weather permitting. This was discussed and the priority was to build and install the new picnic tables. In addition, it was planned to repair the teenage wood surround and undertake minor repairs to the zip-wire and goal nets. Other items discussed included the state of the log surrounds of both the toddler and teenage areas and the state of the old willow tree. From this discussion, it was suggested that in the future one should plan to replace the log-surround with a sloping earth and grass bank; this would make the play-area surrounds more disabled friendly. As to the willow tree, this has been split open for many years - the children like to climb on it during the summer period, but in a recent Rec. check it was noticed that one of the branches that reached to the ground had now broken, so its safety was discussed. It was decided to cut it back to sound wood. The last item discussed was 'Picnic on the Pece, 2018'. This will take place on the 10th June from noon onwards. Giocoso Band is booked and various other entertainments were discussed, including tug-of-war, circus skills, short tennis etc. Cathy Holland agreed to prepare poster for Focus to advertise this event. As part of Any Other Business, John Gilbey announced he would be standing down from the Rec. Management Committee. We all wish him well and wish to thank him for his many years of helpful service to this committee and the Parish Council. He joined the committee in 2008 – even before the Rec. opened to the public – and helped fund-raise for the equipment now installed on the Rec. He has not completely given up his work for the Rec. though as he has agreed to continue helping with the weekly Rec. checks. The Rec. management meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Over this weekend, 12th/13th May, the second Spring Working party began. On Saturday, two of the three new picnic tables were installed – one completely and one partially, waiting for new paving slabs to be laid before the table can permanently be fixed in place. The third table will be installed tomorrow, Sunday, or else later in the week if rained out. The newest of the older picnic tables has been moved to the top of the Rec. field to provide a resting place for people walking the perimeter.

Also on Saturday, the teenage log-surround was partially repaired – two sections need completing – and the seat on the zip-wire and hand guard have been repaired.

For Sunday, work on the willow tree will be undertaken, windows will be cut into the hedge that line Spring lane and other landscaping undertaken to tidy up the Rec. hedgerows. The Goal nets still need to be repaired, I have purchased 20m of cord to repair these and this will be completed over the next week or two.

The next function to be organised down the Rec. is 'Picnic on the Pece' on the 10th June.

John Nicholls - Chairman 12/5/2018

GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Report of meeting of Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils with Buckinghamshire County Council held on 2 May 2018

- 1. The meeting was attended by representatives from parishes from both north and south of the County.
- 2. Martin Tett began with a general update on issues affecting BCC. He commented in particular on potholes, noting the increased expenditure and the use of jet-patching for speedy but temporary repairs. He emphasised BCC's support for Heathrow expansion and the increased employment this will bring. He was disappointed that Children's Services remain inadequate.
- 3. His view is that the change of Secretary of State will not affect the decision about future local government and, unsurprisingly, he strongly favours a single unitary. He noted the new formula for calculating housing which is likely to mean about 1,000,000 new houses in Bucks by 2050. He compared this with Oxfordshire which is likely to have a similar allocation, but has twice the area of Bucks and lacks the Green Belt and AONB constraints. He commented unfavourably on some of the proposed sites for development in the north of the county. He drew attention to the alignment between the NHS and the County and the developing integrated care system.
- 4. David Sutherland, Head of Planning and Enforcement, gave a presentation about fly-tipping. BCC have been very successful in prosecuting fly-tippers but there is an increasing problem with mass dumping which has significant clean-up costs. BCC are working jointly with Thames Valley Police and the Environment Agency to combat this.
- 5. There was also a presentation about Energy Support Opportunities, covering the work of the BCC Energy Team and the work of LASER Energy https://www.laserenergy.org.uk/ which is a public sector buying group in the field of energy procurement and energy management.
- 6. Questions from parish councillors came up throughout the meeting. These covered topics such as the shape of governance post-unitary and how it would be determined. It was mentioned in passing that district council elections scheduled for 2019 are likely to be deferred if the unitary timetable proceeds as envisaged. It was noted that the price of waste (plastic, paper and card) has collapsed now that China no longer takes waste. Problems and delays with BCC responses were raised and there were a number of questions about the slowness of response to traveller encroachments.

Cllr Mary Saunders 7 May 2018

REPORT ON THE NBPPC MEETING HELD ON 18TH APRIL 2018.

The meeting was very well attended by 18 representatives of the member parishes.

Preferred route for Oxford to Cambridge Expressway.

Buckingham Town Council are supporting the Winslow route and although some members expressed preferences for other options mainly the most southerly route it was decided that NBPPC should take no action at present.

Unitary Authority

The Chairman Paul Hirons of Buckingham Town Council expressed his support for the single unitary option but on a vote it seemed that all other members present were in favour of the 2 unitary option and so it was agreed that NBPPC would write to the Secretary of State (copy to John Bercow) supporting this option with basic reasons.

Other topics covered were the VALP, the Wycombe District Plan, issues with S.106 funding by AVDC and major development issues such as South West Milton Keynes and Hampden Fields.

Reports from many of the parishes present were also presented with one in particular at Middle Claydon where Claydon Estates have sold 785 acres of land to Urban & Civic who are looking to build 10,000 homes on it.

A copy of the minutes and the letter to the Secretary of State are available on request.

Cllr John Gilbey 11th May 2018

REPORT ON UNITARY AUTHORITY PROPOSAL BY AVDC.

I attended this meeting on Wednesday 18th April in Buckingham Public hall. I estimate that around 30 people were in the audience.

The meeting was run by an unknown person from AVDC with a panel of Neil Blake – Leader of AVDC and 2 directors Tracey Aldworth and Andrew Small. (The Chief Executive was not there)

We were asked to vote on some of the issues by pressing a button on an individual electronic device and the results were then displayed immediately on the screen (But a rather pointless exercise as who did the audience represent?)

The main thrust of the AVDC argument is that the 2 authority decision will provide much better local representation and accountability.

Also since AVDC would have a minority of Councillors on the new authority decisions would be made by Councillors from e.g. Gerrards Cross and Marlow who have no idea of the issues affecting Buckingham, Winslow and the rest of Aylesbury Vale and that this would almost certainly mean that Aylesbury Vale would take most of the additional housing required for the county.

My impression was that Neil Blake was a very poor advocate for the 2 authority solution but was well supported by his 2 officers.

On the question of cost savings Andrew Small stated that no study has been done to confirm the projected cost savings when conversion to a unitary authority has taken place.

Cllr. John Gilbey 11th May 2018

REPORT ON UNITARY AUTHORITY PROPOSAL BY BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL

I attended the above meeting in the public library in Buckingham on 12th April.

I would estimate that there were around 30 in the audience.

Martin Tett ran the meeting and did most of the talking (as expected) although he did have a panel with him which included our own County Councillor John Chilver and Steve Lambert the Liberal Democrat leader on the County Council (both major parties seem quite split on the issue.) The arguments for the single unitary are now quite well known and Martin Tett emphasised the following major points

The cost savings

The need for the authority to be of such a size as to carry weight in discussions with other bodies, in particular the government.

The need for size to be able to attract the top calibre senior executives to the authority.

Unfortunately the question of the problem with pot holes rather took over the meeting which rather missed the point. Martin Tett is now obviously an expert on what causes pot holes but not quite so good at getting them fixed. Cllr. Jon Harvey, Mayor of Buckingham, actually walked out of the meeting at his frustration that the meeting was not addressing the core issues. Cllr. Howard Mordue (Conservative member for Buckingham on AVDC) spoke strongly against the single unitary – thus further illustrating the split in both major political parties on the issue.

Cllr. John Gilbey 11th May 2018

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							
28/02/2018	18/00652/COUAR James Davis 28/03/2018	Mr K Childs	Barn At Dew Pond Farm Bletchley Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire	Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport & highway impact, noise, contamination risk, flooding and locational considerations for the conversion of an agricultural building into one dwelling (Class Q(a)) and in relation to design and external appearance of the building (Class Q(b))	As this is likely to be allowed under class Q, a letter has been submitted with concerns about waste water.	Approved 19/04/2018	
16/03/2018	18/00875/APP Naim Poptani 13/04/2018	Lancaster Agent Miss A Berkin	Singleborough Stud Bletchley Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0RB	Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with single storey rear extension and first floor side extension and relocation of existing first floor window.	No Objection	Approved 03/05/2018	
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	Passed to the Planning Committee for comment	Awaiting decision	
14/06/2016	16/01664/AOP Phillipa Jarvis	Brendan O'Neill rCOH Ltd	Land North of 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	
08/06/2017	17/01442/APP Rachel Jones 06/07/2017	Executors of Miss PM Davies (deceased)	Land Adjacent To 3 Little Horwood Road Great Horwood Bucks MK17 0QE	Erection of 2 dwellings.	Objection	Awaiting decision	
05/03/2018 Revised	17/02935/APP Chris Morgan 02/04/2018	Mr & Mrs Elliott	Spring Cottage 28 Spring Lane Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0QW	Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and the erection of a replacement thatched cottage, together with access and amenity space.	Objection	Awaiting decision	
19/12/2017 Revised	16/03527/APP Simon Dunn-Lewin 14/11/2017 Revised application	Mr & Mrs T Wootton	9A Little Horwood Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0QE	Demolition of 9a Little Horwood Road and construction of four detached dwellings (amended scheme).	Objection	Awaiting decision	
08/02/2018	18/00363/ACL Megan Wright 08/03/2018	Mr & Mrs Lewis-Evans	Cakeford Little Horwood Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0NZ	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use B1 Light industrial	No Objection	Awaiting decision	
28/02/2018	18/00606/APP Tom Cannon 28/03/2018	Ms T McIntosh	The Retreat Bletchley Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0PX	Use of Land for Self-Storage, Lighting and Fencing	The Planning Committee opted not to comment	Awaiting decision	
16/03/2018	18/00453/APP Tom Cannon 13/04/2018	Mortlake 17 LLP Agent Mr P Graham	Land Adjacent To Greenway Business Park Winslow Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire	Change of use of land from rough land to equestrian use and the erection of a stable building.	Objection	Awaiting decision	
28/03/2018	18/00992/ADP Jason Traves 25/04/2018	Mr Greg Roberts Croudace Homes	Land South Of Little Horwood Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire	Approval of reserved matters pursuant to Outline permission 16/03538/AOP relating to Approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale and associated works for 30 dwellings	Supported by the Planning Committee	Awaiting decision	

26/04/2018 New	18/01360/APP 18/01361/ALB Alice Culver 24/05/2018	Mr & Mrs K Kolkea	5 - 7 Nash Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0R	Replacement single storey extension to provide new Garden Room with Mezzanine gallery and internal reconfiguration.	Passed to the Planning Committee for comment	
26/04/2018 New	18/01375/APP Bibi Motuel 24/05/2018	Mr Andrew Dewhurst	Land rear of Fir Tree Cottage, Single-borough Lane. Great Horwood MK17 0RF	Erection of dwelling	Passed to the Planning Committee for comment	
03/05/2018 New	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
08/05/2018 New	18/01571/APP Not given 05/06/2018	Mr & Mrs Keeler	Stable Barn Nash Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0RA	Erection of agricultural storage barn	No Objection	Awaiting decision
09/05/2018 New	18/01526/ALB Not given 06/06/2018	Mr C Dezandonati	Blue Gates 1 Church Lane Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0RQ	Regularisation of approvals 15/04114/APP and 15/04115/ALB, Removal of bay window, lean to store and garage. Erection of single storey and two storey extensions with internal alterations. Re-build front wall and form vehicle and pedestrian access points (retrospective)	Passed to the Planning Committee for comment	