



Great Horwood Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council held on 9th October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

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Present: Cllr Mary Saunders (MS) Chairman, Cllr Nigel Heywood (NH), Cllr Jane Holland (JH), Cllr John Huskinson (JRH), Cllr Gavin Laird (GL), Cllr Angela Mayne (AM), County Cllr John Chilver, Dist. Cllr Sir Beville Stanier and 5 members of the public.

1.	To receive apologies for absence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apologies were received from Cllr Gilbey and the Clerk.
2.	To receive declarations of interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new declarations were made.
3.	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th September 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15). The Parish Council expressed its regret that details of grant applications for worthy causes did not appear in the October edition of Focus. 17). Cllr JH asked that the GHSRT request for double sided boards to advertise village events be deferred to the next financial year due to pressure of current events.
5.	Public Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Gill Wood raised the issue of water discharging onto the path in front of the McAllister's house and expressed concern that the cold weather might make the path slippery. Mr David Saunders noted that a vehicle had recently been recorded (on the sentinel) travelling at 50 mph in the Great Horwood 30 mph zone. On investigation a vehicle travelling at this speed in wet weather would be unable to stop to avoid traffic exiting from Spring Lane should the need arise. He asked that this fact should be emphasised to Aylesbury Vale District Council when considering applications for development in Spring Lane. Cllr JH advised that 10 cars had been recorded speeding on the Winslow Road during the last sentinel session.
6.	Horwode Pece Management Committee Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Horwode Pece Management Committee report is attached to, and forms part of, these Minutes.
7.	Footpath Report <p>a). Mr Robert Deuchar reported as follows: <i>"All the Parish's footpaths have been pruned between 18th and 30th September. Regarding the proposed installation of new metal gates instead of stiles, the owner of the stile on FP 2 (North Bucks Way, off Winslow Road) next to the field gate between two pasture fields, does not want it to be replaced with a metal gate. I am waiting to hear from the owner of the remaining stile on FP 6 (between School End and Singleborough Lane) whether a metal gate can be installed there".</i></p> <p>b). Mr Deuchar is also exploring other stiles for replacement (e.g. on footpath 5). Cllr JRH noted that the bridge at the bottom of footpath 7 (between the school and Singleborough) was in poor condition. Cllr MS advised that it had previously been reported to Bucks County Council (BCC) who felt at the time of inspection that it was not a priority. Cllr MS asked that the issue be raised with them again and suggested that a second step be requested to ameliorate the height and awkwardness of the current step. (Action Clerk).</p>
8.	Roads report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk had contacted the Local Area Technician (LAT) at BCC to request white line repainting through the centre of the village and received the following response. <i>"Our inspectors have already identified the need for refreshing the centre lines through the village; this work has been included in a large batch of work for our supply chain sub-contractor. It may be some time until the work is carried out but it's in hand".</i> Mr Mick Wood advised that the MVAS had been dented. He is not sure how this happened but the equipment is still working effectively. Cllr JH reported that the Speedwatch initiative was working well and that a number of vehicles had been recorded speeding on the Winslow Road. (A report was then passed to Thames Valley Police for further action). Cllr JH and Little Horwood are co-ordinating their use of the equipment for collections and returns which reduces the workload.
9.	Planning report <p>Cllr MS had revised the planning report in the Clerk's absence and circulated it to all councillors prior to the meeting.</p> <p>17/03112/APP - 21 Winslow Road. This application has been withdrawn to enable the applicants to commission an independent heritage report.</p> <p>17/03517/APP - Abbey Cottage, Singleborough, - garden shed. The Planning Committee agreed not to object to this application.</p> <p>17/03042/APP - Land adjacent to Bletchley Road – Agricultural storage barn. The Planning Committee agreed not to object to this application.</p> <p>17/03276/APP - Washbrook Meadow – Retrospective approval of relocation of garage. The work was carried out several years ago. It was agreed not to object to this application but to add a rider restricting further development: <i>"GHPC has no objection to this application for retrospective planning permission, but requests that AVDC include a condition removing permitted development rights for change of use to a dwelling house, on the grounds that any such change of use would result in an isolated dwelling in the countryside."</i></p> <p>17/00488/ADP - Horwood Mill, Revised proposals have been submitted. The housing mix is now different and consists of two 3-bedroom houses, three 4-bedroom houses and two 5-bedroom houses. This is more appropriate for satisfying the housing needs of the village than the proposal in the outline application. However, the access is unchanged and still exits onto Spring Lane. Mr David Saunders has written a comprehensive comment on this – and on Spring Lane in general – which is on the AVDC planning website. Kevin James of AVDC has outlined a possible timetable for consideration of the application with an estimated decision date in November.</p> <p>17/03653/COUC - Land at Singleborough – Change of use. The Planning Committee agreed not to object to this application on the basis that</p>

	there will be an opportunity to comment on any future application for alterations. The planning report was ratified.																											
10.	Issues arising from the Planning Report a). Land North of little Horwood Road 16/01664/AOP. A meeting with Mr Grainge is still outstanding. b). The Land South of Little Horwood 16/03538/AOP. Cllr MS has invited Mr Jonathan Harbottle to meet the Parish Council and to discuss plans for the site.																											
11.	Reports from Meetings – a). The Parish Liaison meeting on Wednesday 13th September 2017 was attended by Cllrs MS and JWG. The papers from the meeting will be circulated on receipt. b). The Winslow and District Local Area Forum meeting (LAF) on Thursday 28th September 2017 was attended by Cllr JWG. The Minutes and reports have been published on the GHPC website. It was noted that a second sentinel is being bought for the area but it has not yet been decided who will host and maintain it. c). Cllr MS attended the Village Hall Committee Meeting 21st September 2017. Minutes are not yet available but a short briefing note was sent to all councillors.																											
12	Parish Maintenance a). The Clerk contacted the LAT about the problems with trimming speed limit repeaters. His response was that “ <i>Under the parish council’s devolution contract, it is the parish council’s responsibility to maintain the traffic signs within the village; this includes cleaning of signs, removal of vegetation around signs and any minor fixing and tightening of loose sign faces</i> ”. Cllr MS raised health and safety issues regarding working on the Winslow Road. Cllr MS volunteered to make enquiries as to what happens in other villages. (Action Cllr MS) b). Progress with the Village Sign. Mr Rob Pulford quoted £325 to remove the old varnish from the sign and to stain it in light oak. The effect would be to lighten the sign although it would not restore its original pale colour (which would require many hours of sanding). The Parish Council resolved to accept the quote. c). The shrubbery on The Green has now been trimmed by Lynch Garden Services. • The Clerk received an email from the LAT regarding the planting of trees on The Green as part of the refurbishment proposals: “ <i>From looking at the attached plan, the proposed locations for the trees are not within the public highway, so I would have no objection. Please be mindful that planting trees in close proximity to roads is generally not a good idea as the root systems can undermine the road structure. Although unlikely in this situation, I would still set the trees well back from the carriageway to reduce any future liability on the parish council.</i> ” • Cllr MS advised that the owners of Twigs Nurseries had very kindly supplied plants for the empty planter in Singleborough. This was much appreciated and brightened up the area with daisies and petunias prior to the planned Winter planting refurbishment.																											
13.	Cricket Club Lease Renewal Cllr JRH highlighted a sticking point with clause 33 of the draft lease relating to liability for making good of the property at any future return of the land to the GH Recreation Trust Charity. It was resolved to ask the Cricket Club to explore trustees’ liability insurance to cover this eventuality in addition to their enquiries about forming a community interest company. The Cricket Club also asked for the notice period to be reduced from six months to three months in line with their insurance arrangements. The Parish Council resolved to accept this request.																											
14.	To confirm the dates for the 2018 Horwood Feast The Parish Council approved the revised arrival dated for the Fair of Saturday 4th August. The Fair will leave on the evening of Tuesday 7 th or the morning of Wednesday 8 th .																											
15.	To receive and note correspondence No new correspondence has been received.																											
16.	Finance a). To agree invoices for payment. Treasurer’s Account <table><tr><td>Clerk’s salary</td><td>SO</td><td>421.58</td></tr><tr><td>E.ON street lighting power</td><td>DD</td><td>85.82</td></tr><tr><td>BT line rental & Broadband</td><td>DD</td><td>38.28</td></tr><tr><td>Walker Grounds Care</td><td>Cheque 000751</td><td>400.00</td></tr></table> b). To note funds received. <table><tr><td>Interest</td><td>Credit BIA</td><td>0.85</td></tr><tr><td>Precept</td><td>Credit TA</td><td>14,295.00</td></tr><tr><td>LHPC SLCC refund Little Horwood</td><td>Credit TA</td><td>30.00</td></tr><tr><td>Wayleave</td><td>Credit TA</td><td>66.73</td></tr><tr><td>Playsafety refund</td><td>Credit HP</td><td>130.20</td></tr></table> c). The preliminary draft of the GHPC budget for the financial year 2018/2019 was considered. It was agreed that Cllr JRH would meet the Clerk to fine tune the budget before the next PC meeting. d). The July to September accounts were received and noted. e). It was noted that the Annual Financial Audit for 2016 - 2017 has been passed and is now closed. f). it was resolved to invite Clare Black to audit the 2017 - 2018 accounts.	Clerk’s salary	SO	421.58	E.ON street lighting power	DD	85.82	BT line rental & Broadband	DD	38.28	Walker Grounds Care	Cheque 000751	400.00	Interest	Credit BIA	0.85	Precept	Credit TA	14,295.00	LHPC SLCC refund Little Horwood	Credit TA	30.00	Wayleave	Credit TA	66.73	Playsafety refund	Credit HP	130.20
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17.	To discuss Clerk’s remuneration The Parish Council resolved to increase the Clerk’s remuneration to spine point 27 with effect from April 1st 2018.																											
18.	Items for the next meeting VALP, budget for 2018/2019 and allocation of the PC reserves. It Confirmation of date and time of next meeting Monday 13th November 2017 at 7.30pm in the village hall.																											

Signed DRAFT

Date 13th November 2017

Horwode Pece Management Committee - Report to Parish Council October 2017

As the first item in this month's report I would like to confirm that we have taken delivery of the three picnic tables for down the Rec. Thanks to Mandy for paying the pro-forma invoice. The three picnic tables cost £455.88 + VAT, as a special bulk-buy purchase price for schools, charities etc.; we had in the budget £800 to buy two picnic tables. At the next Rec. management committee meeting, planned for October 3rd, we will discuss work for the October working party – there is much to do as reported below – so my initial thoughts are that we store them and install them at the next Spring working party, ready for the new season, as the existing tables are still serviceable since being repaired following the spate of vandalism.

Last month, I reported damage due to rot of the toddler area ramp and surround. The ramp to the toddler play area had collapsed. After attempting a temporary repair, it collapsed again and I decided to remove all of the unsafe structure - some of ramp still remains, but is level with the ground and not unsafe. Thus, this repair becomes the major item for the autumn working party and will be discussed in detail at the planned October Rec. management meeting. Looking at the collapse in more detail, all of the support timbers had rotted through just below ground level in areas of sub-soil that were permanently wet. I suggest we lay a paving base, thus supporting the ramp main timbers above the wet sub-soil. New rot proof timbers will need to be purchased, installed and the treads of the ramp replaced. This will now form the major work for our autumn work party. My estimated cost for the timbers, other woodwork, paving and fixings is £140.

The next event to be organised down the Rec. is the Trust's firework display. This will be on Saturday 4th Nov; gates open at 5pm, fireworks at 6pm. 'Picnic on the Pece' is planned for the 10th June, with 'Giocosos' playing for us this year.

John Nicholls - Chairman
30/9/2017

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 9th October 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						
21/07/2017	17/02355/ACL Mr Naimi Poptani 18/08/2017	Mr & Mrs T Wootton	9A Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood, MK17 0QE	Application for lawful development certificate for an existing development of a storage of commercial cleaning equipment and vehicles use class B8	No Objection	Certificate issued
30/08/2017 New	17/03250/ALB Tom Cannon 27/09/2017	Mr & Mrs J Maddock	Park Lodge Singleborough Lane Singleborough, Great Horwood Bucks MK17 0RF	Reduce depth of garage to bring it in to line with existing building adjacent, window on north elevation to illuminate the home office and addition of a hip in the centre of the new outbuilding above large glazed opening	No Objection	Consent granted
22/08/2017 New	17/03112/APP James Davis 19/09/2017	Mr & Mrs Vinden	21 Winslow Road, Great Horwood Bucks MK17 0QN	Demolition of existing dwelling and workshop and erection of replacement dwelling and detached workshop including alterations to existing access	No Objection subject to qualification in letter	Application withdrawn
Pending						
17/03/2016	16/00877/APP Case officer Clare Bayley	Mr Paul Flello	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 Clare Bayley	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	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
02/03/2017	17/00488/ADP	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
23/05/2017 Resubmitted	17/00488/ADP Simon Dunn-Lwin 20/06/2017	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
08/06/2017 New	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
07/07/2017	17/02329/APP James Davis 04/08/2017	Executors of Miss PM Davies (deceased)	Old Chapel Little Horwood Road Great Horwood Bucks MK17 0QE	Change of use, conversion of Old Chapel into single dwelling.	Concerns passed to AVDC	Awaiting decision
21/08/2017 New	17/02935/APP Chris Morgan 18/09/2017	Mr & Mrs Elliott	Spring Cottage, 28 Spring Lane, Great Horwood, Bucks MK17 0QW	Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and the erection of a replacement thatched cottage with detached garaging together with access and amenity space	Objection	Awaiting decision
06/09/2017 New	17/02935/APP David Spring 04/10/2017	Mr & Mrs Elliott	Spring Cottage, 28 Spring Lane, Great Horwood, Bucks MK17 0QW	Demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of a replacement thatched cottage with access, parking and amenity space.	Objection	Awaiting decision

06/09/2017 Revision New	17/03250/ALB Tom Cannon 04/10/2017	Mr & Mrs J Maddock	Park Lodge Singleborough Lane Singleborough, Great Horwood Bucks MK17 0RF	Erection of barn providing two bedroom annexe and carport (amendments to Listed Building Consent 17/00324/ALB to include a reduction in the depth of the carport, insertion of an additional window to the north elevation and a hipped roof canopy to the west elevation)	No Objection	Awaiting decision
07/09/2017 New	17/03319/APP Richard Elder 05/10/2017	Mr T Reilly	Nash Park Nash Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire	Change of use of land to 11 gypsy/traveller pitches with associated works including, 11 mobile homes, 11 touring caravans, 11 day rooms, and 11 cesspits	Objection	Awaiting decision
07/09/2017 New	17/03320/APP Richard Elder 05/10/2017	Mr T Reilly	Nash Park Nash Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire	Change of use of land to two gypsy/traveller pitches with associated works including, two mobile homes, two touring caravans, two day rooms, and two cess pits	Resolved not to comment	Awaiting decision
18/09/2017 New	17/03517/APP David Spring 16/10/2017	Mr & Mrs Bennett-Coles	Abbey Cottage Singleborough Lane Singleborough Great Horwood, Bucks MK17 0RF	Erection of detached garden shed	No Objection	Awaiting decision
18/09/2017 New	17/03042/APP David Spring 16/10/2017	Mr Andrew Clark	Land Adjacent to Bletchley Road, Great Horwood, Bucks	Erection of agricultural building for storage of hay and fodder	No Objection	Awaiting decision
25/09/2017 New	17/00488/ADP Simon Dunn-Lwin 23/10/2017	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 with a request to speak at the meeting if the application is determined by committee	Awaiting decision
27/09/2017 New	17/03276/APP Bibi Motuel 25/10/2017	Bernard Lane	Washbrook Meadow, Winslow Road, Great Horwood, Bucks, MK18 3LX	Demolish existing garage and rebuild with loft storage (retrospective)	No objection (subject to removal of permitted development rights)	Awaiting decision
04/10/2017 New	17/03653/COUC Tom Cannon 25/10/2017	Agent Mr Chad Sutton	Os 7473 Singleborough Lane Singleborough Great Horwood Bucks	Determination under Class R of Part 3 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (Amended) as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport and highways impacts, noise impacts, contamination risks and flood risks for the change of use of the existing agricultural building to a business use Class B (c).	No Objection (subject to comment on future applications for alterations)	Awaiting decision