



# Great Horwood Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

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Present: Cllr Mary Saunders (MS) Chairman, Cllr John Gilbey (JWG) Vice Chairman, Cllr John Gunn (JRG) Cllr Jane Holland (JH), Cllr John Huskinson (JRH) Cllr Angela Mayne (AM), Mandy Cliffe (Clerk) and 3 members of the public including Sir Beville Stanier (in attendance after the Nash PC Meeting).

1.	<u>To receive apologies for absence</u> County Councillor John Chilver sent his apologies.
2.	<u>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016</u> The Minutes were approved without amendment. However, Councillor JH pointed out that the Recreation report (point 7) is produced by the Horwode Pece Management Team not the GHSRT Trustees.
3.	<u>To receive declarations of interest</u> No declarations of interest were received.
4.	<u>To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting not otherwise included in the agenda</u> 6). Areas where hedges and trees around the village need to be trimmed were identified. 16). Due to pressure of work, Cllr JRH asked for help in organising the Speed Watch rota. Cllr JH volunteered. 17). A School Patrol Officer has still not been appointed due to lack of interest in the post.
5.	<u>Public participation period</u> a. Gill Wood reported that the recent repair to Pilch Lane was already starting to break down on the left side (adjacent to Pilch Farm). b. Mick Wood's analysis of MVAS data showed that vehicle movements on 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> June when the A421 was closed had increased from an average of 1800 to 3700. Cllr JWG has raised the problem of heavy congestion caused by the roadworks with the Winslow and District Local Area Forum.
6.	<u>Report from the Recreation Committee</u> The Management Committee Report is attached to these Minutes. However, after publication, vandalism of two picnic tables by teenagers was reported. The Recreation Committee is dealing with the problem. NB, the Charity's Annual report and financial statements are nearly 6 months overdue. Cllr JRH also requested that a rubber sheath be obtained for the zip wire to make it safer and more comfortable for children to use.
7.	<u>Footpaths Report</u> Robert Deuchar had nothing to report to the meeting. Cllr MS asked the Clerk to request the entrance to Footpath 4 on Pilch Lane be trimmed ( <b>Action Clerk</b> ).
8.	<u>Roads Report</u> Cllr MS reported that 1. Further roadworks would take place on the A421 overnight on Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> July between 1900 & 0700. The road will be closed between the Nash Roundabout and the Buckingham Ring Road. No diversions have yet been advised. 2. Pilch Lane road repairs have been completed. 3. There is no further news on Anglian Water's plans for a Nash Road closure outside the Chapel House. 4. Construction of the Buckingham to Winslow cycle path on the A 413 is underway and planned to take 6 months.
9.	<u>Planning Report</u> Councillors were provided with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting.
10.	<u>Issues arising from the Planning Report</u> A letter was sent to AVDC qualifying the Parish Council's support of planning application 16/01664/AOP –the Land North of Little Horwood Road development. Planning Committee decisions still needed to be made on two new applications 16/02148/APP – a replacement rest room and store at Land off Cricketer's Field (14 <sup>th</sup> July) and 16/02335/ALB - insertion of window in north facing attic room at 11 The Green (2nd August).
11.	<u>Neighbourhood Plan Matters</u> 1. Willow Road - 14/02414/AOP – Cllr MS reported that the Lead Highways Development Management Consultant for Transport, Economy and Environment, Mr Del Tester, had recommended refusal of planning permission for this development as it was contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework and Buckinghamshire's Local Transport Plan.

	<p>2. Weston Road – 14/01540/APP. Cllr MS reported that the final decision on this application had been deferred to 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2016. David Saunders, on behalf of the Parish Council, had drafted two letters in response to requests for further information from the Department for Communities and Local Government. Submissions had also been made by the three people who spoke at the inquiry. Namely Cllrs JH and JWG and Cllr. Roy Van de Poll from Winslow Town Council.</p>
12.	<p><u>Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan update</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It was reiterated that the Parish Council's comments on the draft VALP must be submitted by 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016. An extraordinary Parish Council might therefore be required in August to finalise the Council's response.</li> <li>2. Cllr MS reported that David Saunders was willing to draft responses for discussion in view of the length, complexity and inconsistent quality of the documentation.</li> </ol>
13.	<p><u>Reports</u> - to receive reports from meetings attended by councillors</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cllr JWG attended the Winslow and District LAF on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The main points of interest were <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Matt Whincup was now the single Local Area Technician. David Smith had been moved to another area.</li> <li>b. Bucks CC urban grass cutting frequency had been reduced from 6 cuts per annum to 4.</li> <li>c. The local priorities budget has granted the Parish Council £250 towards the installation of a kissing gate on Footpath 4 and £900 to the Youth Club to enable them to stage another musical fund raising evening.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Cllr MS attended a meeting of the North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The main issue raised was concern about infrastructure delivery being too dependent on S106 funding.</li> </ol>
14.	<p><u>Cricket Club Lease Renewal</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It was resolved to formally instruct Harrow &amp; Barnet (formerly Buckinghamshire Law Plus) to act on behalf of Great Horwood Parish Council in preparation of a new lease on similar terms to the current lease to the Cricket Club, including any necessary preliminaries.</li> <li>2. David Watling of Robinson &amp; Hall LLP visited the Cricket Club on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016. His report on the appropriate rental value is awaited.</li> </ol>
15.	<p><u>Devolution of Services Update</u></p> <p>Ian Walker of Walker Grounds Care advised Cllr JWG that a realistic price for cutting the grass in Great Horwood would be £200 per cut. He is currently cutting the grass 14 times a year. This represents an additional cost of £1000 per annum for grass cutting alone. Decisions on how to manage this funding deficit need to be made before contract renewal in 2017 either by decreasing the frequency of mowing or increasing the precept.</p>
16.	<p><u>Produce Show</u></p> <p>Mr Paul Robertson advised the Council that the Produce Show was now being held under the auspices of St James Church. This would provide the necessary insurance cover for the event to be held on The Green on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016.</p>
17.	<p><u>Great Horwood Feast</u></p> <p>Cllr JH volunteered to collect the Horwood Feast rent again this year. Cllr JH and the Clerk would place notices on cars to remind drivers not to park on the Green from 1.30pm on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2016. <b>(Action Clerk &amp; Cllr JH)</b></p>
18.	<p><u>Village Green</u></p> <p>Cllr AM has been researching possible ways of tidying the appearance of The Green. Councillors reviewed her ideas and asked her to arrange for more detailed quotes before decisions were made.</p>
19.	<p><u>Parking in the Village</u></p> <p>Cllr JH said she would write to Thames Valley Police requesting support for the local school in combating poor parking at school collection and drop off times.</p>
20.	<p><u>To receive and note correspondence</u></p> <p>The Clerk advised that Legal Notice LTN 79 regarding the provision of pensions to local council staff had been received.</p>
21.	<p><u>To agree items for payment</u></p> <p>Payments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Walker Grounds Care - £514 – BACS - Devolution Grass Cutting (2 months June &amp; July)</li> <li>2. Playsafety - £130.20 – BACS – payment for Horwode Pece annual Safety Inspection</li> <li>3. Clerk's salary - £281.84 - S0 – and to authorise an annual pay rise of 3% to £290.29 per month from August.</li> <li>4. Clerk's backpay - £33.84 – cheque – back pay for April to July inclusive.</li> <li>5. Eon Maintenance - £110.70 – BACS - Street Light Maintenance</li> <li>6. Eon (22 Apr) - £69.81 – DD – Street Lighting Power (22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016)</li> </ol> <p>Receipts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wayleave - £66.73 cheque</li> <li>2. Interest totalling £1.42 – Business Instant Access Account</li> </ol>
22.	<p><u>Items for the next meeting</u></p> <p>Review of Council documents, Weston Road decision, purchase of a laminator and a scanner.</p>

The meeting closed at 9.39 pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ **DRAFT** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Horwode Pece Management Committee - Report to Parish Council July 2016**

'Picnic on the Pece' is now a regular event in the village calendar. This year it was held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June. The weather was kind to us, Giocosso play for us and all that attended enjoyed their picnics. We must thank Giocosso once again for their support and look forward to them playing again next year; they have said they would be pleased to do it again next year, it is now a regular event in their calendar too.

The RoSPA Rec. check has been completed. All is OK, but there were comments as to the level of the woodchip and that it needs topping up; we knew this and it is on the 'to do' list for this summer. Other issues raised were the damage/decay to the eldest of the picnic tables (again we plan to replace it this year) and minor maintenance to the 'Multi-play Climber' in the toddler area (a bolt was rising in one of the roof panels) and to the 'Navigator' (five caps were missing covering access to fixing screws and bolts). These maintenance items have been noted and replacement caps and bolts will be purchased from the equipment suppliers where possible. Again this year, they recorded the possibility of finger entrapment for the basket swing – this is reported every year; we have contacted the manufacturer about this in the past and they have said that the basket meets all standards and that figure entrapment is unlikely.

The remaining on-going action this summer will be the topping up of the woodchip. This is planned for early August if all goes well. We have a quote from Giffords for 80cu metres of natural Cushionfall (woodchip), plus delivery. This will cost £1520 + VAT.

David Spooner (Digger Dave) has agreed, reluctantly, to lay the woodchip. His quote is £680 including VAT for this work. This may seem expensive but two years ago we had a quote from ABH of £675 plus VAT. It will require Dave to hire a small tipper to move the mountain of woodchip that will be unloaded by Giffords from their lorry and drag.

John Nicholls  
Chairman  
8/07/2016

## Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 11th July 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
<b>Determined</b>						
09/06/2016	16/02076/AGN	Farokh Kharooshi	Bywater Meadow Pilch Lane Great Horwood Bucks MK17 0NX	Replacement wooden tractor/machinery store	No Objection	"Proceed with works"
20/05/2016	16/01716/APP	Mr James Reynolds	2 Greenway, GH Bucks MK17 0QR	Two Storey side extension and new pitched roof over existing single storey rear extension and insertion of roof lights	No Objection	Householder Approved
<b>Pending</b>						
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
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	Awaiting Inquiry Decision
07/07/2015	15/02233/APP	Mrs Carmel Williams	Land opposite Causter Farm	Removal of Condition 2 on planning application ref 10/00680/APP allowed on appeal with ref APP/J0405/C/11/2148933 and APP/J0405/A/11/2148930 to allow permanent occupation of the mobile homes on site	Objection	Awaiting Decision
24/11/2015	15/03884/APP	Mr & Mrs Wootton	9 a Little Horwood Road	Demolition of existing sheds and construction of a new detached dwelling to "Passivhaus" criteria.	Objection	Awaiting decision
17/03/2016	16/00877/APP	Mr Paul Fiello	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
<b>14/06/2016 NEW</b>	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)	
<b>16/06/2016 NEW</b>	16/02148/APP	Mr Bruce Steele-Tyson Optime Surveyors	Land At Cricketers Field Little Horwood Road Nash Bucks	Replacement rest room and store.		
<b>05/07/2016 NEW</b>	16/02335/ALB	Nicholas Hanson	The Old Bakehouse, 11 The Green GH	Insertion of window in north facing attic room		