



# Great Horwood Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

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Present: Cllr Mary Saunders (MS) Chairman, Cllr John Gunn (JRG) Cllr Nigel Heywood (NH), Cllr Jane Holland (JH), Cllr John Huskinson (JRH) Mandy Cliffe (Clerk) and 6 members of the public including County Cllr John Chilver and District Cllr Sir Beville Stanier from 8.45pm.

1.	<b><u>To receive apologies for absence</u></b> Vice Chairman Cllr John Gilbey (JWG), Cllr Angela Mayne (AM).
2.	<b><u>To receive declarations of interest</u></b> No declarations of interest were received.
3.	<b><u>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016</u></b> The Minutes were approved without amendment.
4.	<b><u>To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting not otherwise included on the agenda</u></b> There were no matters arising that are not on the agenda.
5.	<b><u>Public participation period</u></b> Mr Duncan Trigg asked about the condition of pavements in Willow Road. He was advised that they are still under repair by Bucks County Council (BCC). Additionally, Weston Road pavements are being undermined by tree roots and the Clerk was asked to report this matter to BCC. <b>(Action Clerk)</b> Cllr JH raised the issue of whether Adstockfields lorries were still using Pilch Lane. The Council decided that there was no evidence of regular usage of the lane.
6.	<b><u>Horwode Pece Management Committee Report</u></b> The Management Committee Report is attached to these Minutes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A plastic sheath has been provided to cover the zip wire chain for user safety.</li> <li>b. The 2015 return to the Charity Commission has been completed.</li> <li>c. Cllr JRG confirmed that public liability insurance was in place for the recreation ground land. Cllr JH confirmed that a separate policy had been arranged to cover the forthcoming Fireworks Night at the Pece.</li> </ul> Cllr MS praised the Management Committee for keeping the Pece in excellent order.
7.	<b><u>Footpaths Report</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Footpath Monitor Mr Robert Deuchar had nothing to report. Cllr MS praised Mr Deuchar's hard work and dedication in keeping Great Horwood's footpaths trimmed and in very good order.</li> <li>b. It was noted that the Clerk is compiling a list of footpath landowners in consultation with Mr Deuchar.</li> <li>c. It was agreed in principal to investigate providing a further gate or kissing gate for the footpath network. A £250 LAF grant has been secured and the Clerk was asked to consult the footpath monitor for advice on where a gate was most needed. Cllr MS suggested that an article could be placed in Focus to encourage residents to sponsor a gate. A plaque could be supplied with the gate to record the donation. <b>(Action MS and Clerk)</b></li> </ul>
8.	<b><u>Roads Report</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Clerk reported that roadworks in School Lane had been notified on the roadworks.org website. These were scheduled to finish on 11<sup>th</sup> October.</li> <li>b. Jeremy West of The Grange, 2 Winslow Road advised that planned works to remove that part of his garden wall paralleling Singleborough Lane would commence on 17<sup>th</sup> October. The wall will be rebuilt in conjunction with the planned construction of a new cottage in the garden. There may be some disruption to traffic using Singleborough Lane.</li> <li>c. Mick Wood provided councillors with an analysis of speeding traffic in Great Horwood and advised that average speeds in the village as recorded by MVAS were not reducing. Winslow Road had the largest percentage of speeding drivers with 42.5 % recorded at speeds between 35 and 80 mph. It was resolved to investigate whether a maximum speed limit of 50 mph could be introduced for the B4033. The Clerk was asked to research: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. the cost of a feasibility study and, should the need be proven, the likelihood of support for the project from BCC.</li> <li>ii. an approximate cost for the project. <b>(Action Clerk)</b>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. It was reported that warning road signs along the B4033 are covered with foliage. The Clerk was asked to report this issue to Transport for Bucks. <b>(Action Clerk)</b></li> </ul>
9.	<b><u>Planning Report</u></b> Councillors were provided with a Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting.
10.	<b><u>Issues arising from the Planning Report</u></b> During the meeting this item was deferred until after item 22 at 8.45pm. Councillors resolved to support unanimously the resolution that Great Horwood Parish Council: (1) Notes with approval the recommendation by a Planning Inspector that planning permission for the proposed development on land south of

	<p>Weston Road be refused, and the decision by the Secretary of State to accept the Inspector's reasoning and conclusions and refuse permission;</p> <p>(2) Notes the numerous differences between the approach taken to this application by the Inspector and the Secretary of State on the one hand, and Aylesbury Vale District Council on the other, both in terms of planning judgement and in the approach taken to proposals in conflict with a neighbourhood development plan (as outlined in the Annex to this Resolution);</p> <p>(3) Notes with concern the significant expenditure of public money which has been necessary in order to reach a final decision on this matter; and</p> <p>(4) Invites Aylesbury Vale District Council to discuss these matters with the Parish Council and other interested parties (such as parish or town councils with made neighbourhood development plans) in order to reduce the likelihood of similar divergences of approach arising in the future. The Clerk was asked to send letters of thanks to individuals who have assisted in achieving this result.</p>
11.	<p><b><u>Land south of Little Horwood Road</u></b></p> <p>Councillors expressed a wish to see a greater number of smaller houses on this development to meet housing need and to compare the developer's provision with the National Policy Framework.</p>
12.	<p><b><u>S106 and CIL</u></b></p> <p>It was resolved to seek Andrew MacDougall's advice to put S106 plans in place for Great Horwood as S106 funds will be available for all village Neighbourhood Plan sites. <b>(Action Cllr JH)</b></p>
13.	<p><b><u>Unitary Authority Proposals</u></b></p> <p>Winslow Town Council is holding a meeting with representatives of BCC on 1st December. Great Horwood PC and Little Horwood PC are invited to attend.</p>
14.	<p><b><u>School Crossing Patrol</u></b></p> <p>There have been no applicants for the post of School Crossing Patrol Officer. Cllr JRH will place a further notice in Focus and consider novel ideas for advertising proposed by BCC.</p>
15.	<p><b><u>Cricket Club Lease Renewal</u></b></p> <p>a. The final draft of the proposed lease to the Cricket Club was not available for review. It was resolved to send the latest version to the Cricket Club to allow time for proper consideration as only minor administrative changes are now required. <b>(Action Clerk)</b></p>
16.	<p><b><u>Donations to worthy causes</u></b></p> <p>a. One application has been received from the Scouts and another is expected from the Football Club. It was resolved to extend the deadline until the next PC meeting and place a reminder in Focus. The Clerk was asked to contact previous applicants. <b>(Action Clerk)</b></p>
17.	<p><b><u>Bench for the Green</u></b></p> <p>a. Cllr JH is exploring the cost of replacement bench, Cllr JRH will enquire whether BCC uses a preferred supplier and Cllr JRG will take a photograph of the bench to send to councillors. <b>(Action JH, JRH &amp; JRG)</b></p>
18.	<p><b><u>Community right to bid</u></b></p> <p>a. The Community right to bid can only be exercised to save an established community asset (e.g. a shop). It was noted that the right is forfeited after a period of six months; a very short time in which to raise necessary funds. Currently, there are no assets within Great Horwood in need of such a bid.</p>
19.	<p><b><u>Budget</u></b></p> <p>a. The preliminary draft of the 2017/18 budget was considered. It was resolved that Cllr JRH and the Clerk would make the minor changes discussed and review the budget for presentation at the next PC meeting. <b>(Action JRH &amp; the Clerk)</b></p>
20.	<p><b><u>To receive and note correspondence</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk received correspondence from</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BCC offering street lighting upgrades (replacement of sodium lamps with LED lights) to Parish Councils. The Clerk was asked to contact BCC for details of cost and efficiency. <b>(Action Clerk)</b></li> <li>A resident asked for details of the ownership of an empty house in the village as a fence repair is needed. The Clerk was asked to research the ownership of the house. <b>(Action Clerk)</b></li> <li>The Clerk received a speculative email asking if there were any potential sites for a shop in the village. As accommodation would also be needed, it was concluded that no suitable sites were currently available.</li> </ol>
21.	<p><b><u>Finance</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The July to September accounts were noted and agreed.</li> <li>The closure of the Annual Financial Audit for 2015 – 2016 was noted.</li> <li>It was resolved to invite Clare Black to audit the 2017 accounts.</li> <li>The resolution to change banks (made at the previous PC meeting) was amended to read "the GHPC reserves the right to change banks should further problems arise with TSB on line banking".</li> <li>The following items were agreed for payment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amanda Cliffe - £281.84 - SO - Clerk's Salary October</li> <li>Walker Grounds Care - £258 – Cheque - Final Devolution Payment for 2016/17</li> <li>Eon Power - £78.46 – DD October</li> <li>Amanda Cliffe - £185.89 – Cheque - New PC printer and inks</li> </ol> </li> <li>The following funds were received <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business Instant Access acct interest £0.92</li> <li>TRP7461276 TSB compensation £1.00</li> <li>TRP7461276 TSB compensation £25.00</li> <li>Funfair rent £275.00</li> <li>Website course refund £26.35</li> <li>Blackrock Dividend £3.35</li> <li>AVDC Precept £12,842.50</li> <li>Allotment Rents £25.00</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

22.	<b><u>Items for the next meeting</u></b> Devolution of Services, Parish Plan 2016, Review of Council documents, Budget
23.	Confirmation of date and time of next meeting Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.16 pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Over the last month some minor on-going maintenance has been undertaken, as well as the weekly checks as to the state of the equipment. These weekly checks have shown no major new problems. They note the low level of the woodchip, plus the need to repair the surround. Both items are known to the committee and are on planned work. The minor maintenance work was the fitting of a plastic protective guard on the chain to the zip wire seat. When fitting this, it was noted that the seat was loose, so this has been tightened.

Other than this, there is very little to report. The only outstanding actions are still the topping up of the woodchip and the replacement of a section of the log surround (as reported last month). The plan was to complete this repair at the same time that the woodchip was topped up. This was planned for September, but due to difficulties contacting David Spooner, has not happened. Until we have confirmation from David Spooner that he is available to lay the woodchip, then we cannot order the 80cu metres required. It is not feasible for members of the maintenance committee to lay the woodchip without professional help. The last time we tried to do it ourselves, it took 12 volunteers, including the scouts, two weekends to complete including some work in the evenings between these weekend work parties. Thus, we wait on Dave Spooner to confirm his availability, before I can place this order.

John Nicholls  
Chairman  
7/10/2016

## Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 10th October 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>						
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	Application Refused
09/09/2016	16/02786/APP	Mr M Moyles	Woodleigh Cottage 16 Nash Rd GH MK17 0RA	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 storey replacement dwelling	No Objection	Application Approved
19/09/2016	16/03017/APP	Mr & Mrs Goss	Tithe House, Little Horwood Rd, GH MK17 0QE	Single storey side extension with one roof light to existing detached garage, and conversion of first floor storage area to form a bedroom and a shower room.	No Objection	Application 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
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
16/06/2016	16/02148/APP	Mr Bruce Steele-Tyson - Optime Surveyors	Land At Cricketers Field Little Horwood Road Nash Bucks	Replacement rest room and store.	No Objection	Awaiting decision
30/08/2016	16/03146/APP	Mr Stuart Parker	15c Little Horwood Road, Bucks, MK17 0QE	Change of use from Annexe to create a separate unit of accommodation including alteration to roofline, insertion of dormer and velux windows, replacement of garage doors with window and front door and addition of front porch (amendment to planning approval 12/00356/APP)	No Objection	Awaiting decision
16/09/2016	16/03015/APP	Mr F Morris	Land south of Ridgehill Farm, Little Horwood, Nash, Bucks.	Formation of new access (into Ridgehill Farm) and associated works	No Objection	Awaiting decision
05/10/2016 NEW	16/03527/APP	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.	Passed to Planning Committee for comment	
06/10/2016 NEW	16/03538/AOP	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.	Passed to Planning Committee for comment	