



**Great Horwood
Parish Council**

Great Horwood Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 14th March 2022 at 7.30pm
in the Village Hall, Great Horwood

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (JWG) Chairman, Cllr Caroline Cousin (CC) Vice Chairman, Cllr Robert Davies (RD), Cllr Gavin Laird (GL), Cllr David Taylor (DT), Sue Brazier (SB Clerk), Buckinghamshire Councillor Sir Beville Stanier Bt and four members of the public

At 6.45pm, Mr Dom Hones from Gigaclear held a presentation on installing Fibre to Premises in the village. This was attended by 22 members of the public and Parish Council members. He and his two colleagues were able to answer questions afterwards.

1.	To receive apologies for absence Cllr Jackie Goss and Buckinghamshire Councillor John Chilver
2.	To receive declarations of interest None
3.	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th February 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the previous 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"> Greenway name plate – the Clerk has received notification from BC Street Name Plates department that the sign has been ordered and should be installed in 30 days. The Clerk had written to Mr Nick Graham, BC Director of Legal and Democratic Services to ask if he could contact Mr Andy Waller, Chairman of Nook Park Residents Association about the unsettling matters due to the change of ownership. Mr Graham has confirmed that BC may be able to offer assistance and has requested copies of all documentation relating to this matter. The Clerk will keep in contact with Mr Waller for updates. (Action Clerk) <p>Cllr Gilbey then went on to explain that he had read in a recent Town and Parish Council update that Bucks Council have an initiative to tackle homelessness. He has tried to find out if this policy could help Nook Park residents but has not received any response. BC Sir Beville Stanier offered to look into this matter. (Action BC Sir Beville Stanier)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk had purchased a replacement 'no through road' sign for Church Lane and Cllr Davies has screwed the sign onto the name plate. The Clerk has written to Farm Slice asking if they would consider trading on The Green on an evening other than Thursday or Friday. No response has been received. The Clerk had written to Rolling Oats informing them that the Council had agreed to the business trading on The Green. They have subsequently asked if they could change this arrangement to trading every Monday between 1.00pm and 2.30pm. This has been agreed. Sewage smell – It would appear that the sewage problem at Greenway Farm Business Park has been sorted. Cllr Taylor reminded the Clerk that the Environment Agency were going to clear the ditches of the field that borders the B4033. He will find the landowner's contact details and inform the Clerk so permission can be sought. (Action Cllr Taylor/Clerk) The Environment Agency are continuing to look into the problem at Church Lane. The Clerk will continue to chase this matter. (Action Clerk) The Clerk had sent the Council's comments on the revised Winslow Town Council Neighbourhood Plan 2022-33. Winslow Town Council's detailed response is attached to and forms part of these minutes. The lamp post at the top of Little Horwood Road with The Green is still leaning. The Clerk will chase e.on. (Action Clerk)
5.	Public Participation Period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr David Saunders requested an update regarding the 'Proposed Creation of Public Bridleway between A421 and Singleborough Lane in the Parish of Great Horwood'. The Clerk informed Mr Saunders that the Council had formally responded stating that they supported the proposal. The Clerk will chase BC Rights of Way for an update. (Action Clerk) <p>Mr Saunders had brought up the idea of Quiet Lanes in relation to Pilch Lane at a previous Parish Council meeting. At the time, the Council understood that Quiet Lanes were not implemented by Bucks Council. Mr Saunders decided to contact Bucks Council under the Freedom of Information Act and they have stated that Bucks Council have not formally adopted a</p>

	<p>policy for the implementation of Quiet Lanes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr Rod Moulding asked whether there was still a large backlog of planning applications that were pending. Cllr Gilbey mentioned that although in recent weeks there had been a number of determinations, there was still a significant backlog. BC Sir Beville Stanier stated that Bucks Planning cabinet members hold a Planning Surgery every Monday morning to help resolve complicated issues and he was happy to help if there were any such cases in Great Horwood. <p>Mr Moulding asked what could be done to stop residents from parking on the pavement. After a discussion it was recognised that sometimes there was no other option as many houses had no driveways and multiple cars. The Clerk would write an article in the Parish Pump that residents should leave access on the pavement for a pram or wheelchair. (Action Clerk)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mrs Sarah Biswell wished to inform the Council that Great Horwood C E School's recent funding application had been submitted. Cllr Cousin informed her that it had been circulated to all the Winslow and Villages Community Board members for comment. Mrs Biswell also added that the school had recently had an OFSTED inspection and the outcome was 'Good'. She will send the inspection report to the Clerk to be circulated. (Action Clerk)
6.	<p>Horwode Pece Management Committee Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Report from the Horwode Pece Management Committee is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
7.	<p>Footpaths Report</p> <p>To receive the Footpath Report</p> <p>Mr Alan Biggins has made contact with the owner of Manglands Farm who has agreed that the broken stile should be replaced with a kissing gate. Jerry Mitchell of rRIPPLE has advised that the gate will be installed in the next few weeks, along with the plaque dedicating the gate to Robert Deuchar.</p> <p>The Clerk has written to Robert's sister, Jennie Thrower to inform her.</p>
8.	<p>Roads Report</p> <p>a). To receive a report on local roads and any problems with signage.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor mentioned that since the dangerous pot hole outside The Crown had been filled, there appeared to be a considerable amount of gravel on the pavement. Cllr Gilbey offered to report this on fixmystreet.com (Action Cllr Gilbey)</p> <p>b). To receive a report on the MVAS</p> <p>Mr Mick Wood reported that the MVAS was now up and running. His data analysis showed that the average daily volume of vehicles travelling along Little Horwood Road since August 2021 had nearly doubled. The percentile average speed @ 85% had increased from 29mph to 34.9mph (20%). The increase in vehicle movements could be due to cars avoiding the traffic lights on A421 and the increase in speed could possibly be because the MVAS in Little Horwood Road is in a different position, closer to the 30mph sign and village gates.</p>
9.	<p>Planning Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The planning report was noted and ratified.
10.	<p>Issues arising from the Planning Report</p> <p>Home Farm – 21/00221/APP and 21/00222/ALB – Cllr Cousin mentioned that the Heritage comments for 21/00221/APP had been uploaded to the Planning portal but in fact the document posted was the template with all the options included and no comments. This information was completely missing from the corresponding ALB application. The Clerk will contact the Parish priority helpdesk for clarification. (Action Clerk)</p> <p>Land off Nash Road – Cllr Cousin informed the Council that planning permission had only been agreed for three houses. Planning permission for modifications to the internal layouts for the remaining eleven houses has yet to be agreed so building works were being restricted. Sir Beville offered to look into this matter to find out what could be done to speed the process up. (Action BC Sir Beville Stanier)</p>
11.	<p>Other Planning Matters</p> <p>New play area at site known as Land North of Little Horwood Road (High Street Homes)</p> <p>Cllr Gilbey informed the Council that the determination date for the Non-Material Amendment had been pushed back by Bucks Planning a number of times. Since High Street Homes are in the process of finishing their build, this matter needs to reach a satisfactory conclusion as soon as possible. BC Sir Beville Stanier was asked to contact Bucks Planning on the Council's behalf to speed this process up. (Action BC Sir Stanier)</p>
12.	<p>Winslow and Villages Community Board</p> <p>Cllr Cousin attended a recent Community Board meeting where the planned new Sports Hub was discussed. She mentioned that Elaine Hassell was currently the temporary Co-ordinator for the Winslow and Villages Community Board until a permanent replacement could be appointed. No date for the next meeting was agreed but the meeting was informed that in the future there would be three meetings and an 'event' each year.</p>
13.	<p>To receive a report from any meetings attended</p> <p>Cllr Cousin attended the Community Board meeting on 24th February.</p>
14.	<p>Parish Maintenance</p> <p>It was agreed at the previous PC meeting that Green Tree Services would be awarded the contract for the village maintenance works. However, due to the recent storms they have a backlog of works. Since the bird nesting season has</p>

	started, it is now not possible to trim back the Cricket Club hedge as requested in the original quote. It was decided however, that the hedge could be lightly trimmed. The Clerk was instructed to write to the contractor with this decision and request a revised quote. Cllr Cousin offered to meet him to show him exactly what was required. (Action Clerk)																												
15.	Active Travel Winslow – Great Horwood A meeting regarding the proposed cycleway between Great Horwood and Winslow will take place on 22 nd March. Cllr Gilbey will report back to the Council at the next PC meeting.																												
16.	Vacancy for a new co-opted Parish Councillor The vacancy for a new co-opted Parish Councillor is still available. The Clerk will continue to advertise the position in the Parish Pump. (Action Clerk)																												
17.	The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebration Cllr Gilbey updated the Council with arrangements made so far. On Sunday 5 th June, both the Great Horwood Silver Band and the Giocosso Band have agreed to share the musical entertainment at Horwode Pece. Times will be confirmed in due course. The Clerk will ask Nipperbout if they would consider loaning out some outdoor games for children and also look into hiring portable WC’s. (Action Clerk)																												
18	The Green Upgrade Project Cllr Taylor informed the Council that the quote he had been chasing was not forthcoming. He said he would need to start again and find another contractor. Cllr Cousin said she may have some information in this respect and would pass the details to Cllr Taylor. (Action Cllrs Cousin/Taylor)																												
19	Insurance of volunteers 1). MVAS Risk Assessment – This document was signed by Mick and Gill Wood and agreed at the previous PC meeting. Mr Wood queried whether he could put a warning triangle by the kerb when working on the MVAS. This has been agreed by Matt Whincup, our BC Local Area Technician. The warning triangle has been purchased and is in use. 2). Footpaths Risk Assessment – Since the previous PC meeting the Clerk had circulated Mr Alan Biggins’ signed Risk Assessment. All agreed the document to be in order. 3). Horwode Pece Risk Assessment – Mr John Nicholls had prepared three separate Risk Assessments: Management Committee, Recreation Ground Maintenance and Recreation Equipment Safety Checkers. All agreed the signed documents to be in order.																												
20.	Review of risk management policy statement Cllr Cousin had updated the Risk Register. It was resolved to approve the updated document. She will send the document to the Clerk to upload onto the GHPC website. (Action Cllr Cousin/Clerk)																												
21.	To review salary of the Clerk It was resolved that the salary of the Clerk be increased in accordance with the new NALC pay scale for SCP20 and that the increase be backdated to 1 st April 2021.																												
22.	To agree a date for the Great British Spring Clean All agreed the date for the Little Pick would be Sunday 8 th May starting at 10.00am on The Green. The Clerk will advertise the event in the Parish Pump. (Action Clerk)																												
23.	To agree the Annual Parish Meeting date for this year All agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on Monday 25 th April. The Clerk will check if the Village Hall is available. This meeting will be discussed in more detail next month. (Action Clerk)																												
24.	To approve a list of regular payments for the following year It was resolved to approve the list of regular payments for the year ahead.																												
25.	To approve the revised version of Standing Orders The Clerk had updated the revised version of Standing Orders. It was resolved to approve the updated document. The Clerk will upload to the GHPC website. (Action Clerk)																												
26.	To receive and note correspondence None																												
27.	Finance a). To review the bank reconciliation, note invoices which have been paid and to note funds received. <table><tr><td>Payments</td><td>Payee</td><td>Type</td><td>Payment £</td></tr><tr><td>GH 21.077</td><td>Cllr J Gilbey</td><td>FPO</td><td>47.59</td></tr><tr><td>GH 21.078</td><td>Great Horwood Village Hall</td><td>FPO</td><td>144.00</td></tr><tr><td>GH 21.079</td><td>Npower Commercial Gas Ltd</td><td>FPO</td><td>66.09</td></tr><tr><td>GH 21.080</td><td>Public Works Loan Board</td><td>DD</td><td>485.97</td></tr><tr><td>GH 21.081</td><td>Clerk’s salary</td><td>SO</td><td>702.52</td></tr><tr><td>GH 21.082</td><td>HMRC 120PE01842813</td><td>FPO</td><td>98.20</td></tr></table> Receipts	Payments	Payee	Type	Payment £	GH 21.077	Cllr J Gilbey	FPO	47.59	GH 21.078	Great Horwood Village Hall	FPO	144.00	GH 21.079	Npower Commercial Gas Ltd	FPO	66.09	GH 21.080	Public Works Loan Board	DD	485.97	GH 21.081	Clerk’s salary	SO	702.52	GH 21.082	HMRC 120PE01842813	FPO	98.20
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	GHR 21.38	The Rolling Oats LLP	5.00
	GHR 21.39	High Street Homes Ltd	102.00
	Business Instant Access Receipts		
		March interest	10.04
	<p>b). To agree payments that require authorising The Council duly authorized the following payments: St James' Church - £250.00 – donation towards mowing costs Focus - £500.00 – donation towards printing costs</p> <p>c). To present statement of receipts and payments under each head of budget The Earmarked Horwode Pece Financial Reserves Policy states that at the beginning of each financial year the amount for the Pece set out in the approved budget will be transferred to the Pece account. Cllr Cousin therefore suggested that the Clerk transfer £1663.00, which was the difference between the budgeted amount of £3000 and the monies for the rubber chippings shortfall already transferred. (Action Clerk) All resolved the above course of action and the spend to date against each budget head.</p>		
28.	Items for the next meeting Finance: To approve use of variable direct debit; To approve use of standing orders; To approve use of BACS and CHAPS; Review and approval of fees and charges; The Green Upgrade Project; Annual Parish Meeting; Wilder road verges		
29.	Confirmation of date and time of the next meeting Monday 11 th April 2022 at 7.30pm		

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed _____ **DRAFT** _____ Date 11th April 2022
Chairman

Horwode Pece Management Committee - Report to Parish Council March 2022

Little has changed down the Rec. over the last month. Some remedial work has been undertaken, to provide temporary repair to the various rotted areas of the wood surround and ramps to both the toddler and teenage areas. As reported last month, the wet winter has made this rot damage much worse, with a number of areas of the wood surround obviously rotten.

The Rec. check reports, over the past month reflect this, with rot damage now reported weekly. These damaged areas are planned to be repaired at the Spring working party and a new teenage ramp will have to be installed. I have looked into recycled plastic decking boards, as they are water resistant and unlikely to be damaged when in contact with the ground, but they are rather expensive: £11.50 for 1.2m length and we would need 14 to replace the ramp. Replacing with proofed wooden decking boards would cost £3 per board by comparison.

As reported last month, the old willow tree on the Rec. is unsafe for climbing. Peter Holland has volunteered to cut this back when whether conditions permit, so that when cut back it will be safe to climb on again this summer.

Risk assessments, for volunteer work down the Rec., have been completed and are submitted with this report.

John Nicholls - Chairman
10/03/2022

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 14th March 2022 (as at 11th March 2022)

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						
06/07/2021	21/02641/ACD Eleanor Mack-Briggs 03/08/2021	Mr & Mrs A Linden	Devon House, 26 Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood MK17 0QE	Proposed demolition of existing front boundary wall to create parking space	Objection	Withdrawn 21/02/2022
03/05/2018	18/01455/APP Colm McKee 31/05/2018	Mr T Reilly & Rushton Planning Ltd	Nash Park, Nash Road, Great Horwood Bucks	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 Appeal lodged 19/00061/NON DET	Withdrawn 22/02/2022
11/11/2021	21/04360/APP Dayna Simmons 09/12/2021	Mr & Mrs Hanson	Abbey Farm, Singleborough Lane, Great Horwood MK17 0RF	Householder application for single storey side extension	No objection	Refused 10/03/2022
20/11/2019	19/04060/APP David Wood 18/12/2019	Mr B Reddrop	Sunnyhill Farm, Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood MK17 0NZ	Temporary stationing of storage container, site welfare static home and accommodation home, associated with the permission 19/00780/COUSR	No objection	Withdrawn 14/03/2022
05/02/2020	20/00409/APP Alice Culver 05/03/2020	Ms M McCarthy	Land off Little Horwood Road, Nash MK17 0EJ	Variation of condition 2 – change condition to permanent planning permission/consent relating to application 14/00107/APP (allowed on appeal)	Objection	Awaiting decision
01/09/2020	20/02755/APP Michael Davey 29/09/2020	Mr T Reilly c/o Agent Ruston Planning Ltd	Land at Nash Park, Nash Road, Great Horwood, Bucks	Change of use of land to 13 Gypsy/traveller pitches with associated works including 13 no. mobiles homes, 13 no. touring caravans, 13 no. day rooms and 13 no. cesspits	Objection	Awaiting decision
16/10/2020	20/03535/APP Rebecca Jarratt 13/11/2020	Mr G Grant	The Crown Public House, 1 The Green, Great Horwood MK17 0RH	Change of use and alterations of public house to form dwelling and annex accommodation	Objection	Awaiting decision
16/10/2020	20/03536/ALB Rebecca Jarratt 13/11/2020	Mr G Grant	The Crown Public House, 1 The Green, Great Horwood MK17 0RH	Change of use and alterations of public house to form dwelling and annex accommodation	Objection	Awaiting decision
21/01/2021	21/00221/APP Kirsty Elliott 18/02/2020	J Hanson & Son	Home Farm, 4 Winslow Road, Great Horwood MK17 0QN	Erection of 16 new residential dwellings and the refurbishment and extension of the existing farmhouse, with associated access landscape and parking	Objection	Awaiting decision
21/01/2021	21/00222/ALB Kirsty Elliott 18/02/2020	J Hanson & Son	Home Farm, 4 Winslow Road, Great Horwood MK17 0QN	Erection of 16 new residential dwellings and the refurbishment and extension of the existing farmhouse, with associated access landscape and parking	Objection	Awaiting decision
15/06/2021	21/02273/APP Megan Wright 13/07/2021	Mr I Sutton	Land at School End, Great Horwood, Bucks	Erection of three dwellings, formation of access, planting of wild flower meadow and landscaping	Objection	Awaiting decision

23/07/2021 (Updated application dated 21/12/2021)	21/02961/APP Danika Hird 23/08/2021	Mr J Browning	Land off Nash Road, Great Horwood	Variation of condition 2, 3 and 5 on application 16/00877/APP (Residential development of 14 dwellings with associated garaging and parking and formation of new access) Proposed amendments to approved house types to improve internal layouts and elevational detailing. Condition 2 - Amendments to list of approved drawings referred to in this condition. Drawings to be removed: 15053(0)215, 15053(0)216, 15053(0)220, 15053 (D) 221, 15053(0)230, 15053 (0) 231, 15053(0)235, 15053(0)236, 15053(0)240, 15053(0)241, 15053 (B) 120A, 15053 (B) 121A, 15053 (D) 100 REV A, 12529 / 01B, 02/18/01 landscape plan, 02/18/02 planting detail, 02/18/03 planting detail. Drawings to be added: A21-014-PL001B, A21-014-009A, A21-014-PL010A, A21-014-PL011, A21-014-040C, A21-014-041C, A21-014-050C, A21-014-051C, A21-014-060C, A21-014-061C, A21-014-070C, A21-014-071C, A21-014-080C, A21-014-081C, A21-014-090C, A21-014-091C Condition 3 - Drawing to be replaced with submitted drawing which reflects house type amendments. Drawing No. 12529 / 01B to be replaced with A21-014-PL011 Condition 5 - Drawing numbers to be updated to submitted drawings to reflect changes to the site plan. Drawing No. 02/18/01 landscape plan, 02/18/02 planting detail, 02/18/03 planting detail to be replaced with A21-014-009A Land Off Nash Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire	Objection	Awaiting decision
09/08/2021	21/03148/APP Megan Wright 06/09/2021	Mr & Mrs Walker	Fox Hollow Farm, Pilch Lane, Great Horwood MK17 0NX	Retention of log cabin as permanent agricultural workers dwelling	No objection with condition	Awaiting decision
23/09/2021	21/03776/APP 21/10/2021	Messrs Corcoran, Cawley and Nevin	Plots 2,4,6 & 7 Nash Park, Nash Road, Great Horwood MK17 0PD	Change of use of land to use as a residential gypsy and traveller site, including an increase in the number of caravans to a total of 15 of which no more than 8 shall be static caravans/mobile homes occupied for residential purposes, together with retention of existing ancillary building	Objection	Awaiting decision
27/09/2021	21/03505/APP Megan Wright 25/10/2021	Mr & Mrs Willis	Fair Lorna Cottage, Bletchley Road, Great Horwood MK17 0RB	Proposed conversion of outbuilding to dwelling with new roof and changes to windows and doors	No objection	Awaiting decision
27/10/2021	21/04168/APP Kerby MacInnis 24/11/2021	Mr & Mrs Bicknell, 3 Poplars End, Toddington LU5 6HQ	17 Winslow Road, Great Horwood MK17 0QN	Installation of ground mounted air source heat pump to east side of property and free-standing ground mounted array of solar PV panels	No objection	Awaiting decision
10/11/2021	21/04272/APP Dayna Simmons 08/12/2021	Mrs & Mrs Charlton	1 The Close, Great Horwood MK17 0QG	Householder application for removal of garden shed. Erection of garden studio, garage and single storey side extension	No objection	Awaiting decision
24/11/2021	21/04547/APP Kerby MacInnis 22/12/2021	Mr & Mrs C Scott	Ashfield, 31 Nash Road, Great Horwood MK17 0RA	Erection of ancillary building (retrospective)	Objection	Awaiting decision
01/12/2021	21/04356/APP Kerby MacInnis 29/12/2021	Mr C Randall	Land North of Bletchley Road, Great Horwood, Bucks	Erection of a new steel framed building general agricultural use	No objection	Awaiting decision
07/02/2022	22/00390/APP Dayna Simmons 07/03/2022	Mr T Slade	7 Greenway, Great Horwood MK17 0QR	Householder application for single storey front extension	No objection	Awaiting decision

17/02/2022	22/00551/APP Liam Currie 17/03/2022	Mr T McIntosh	The Retreat, Bletchley Road, Great Horwood MK17 0PX	Change of use to storage B8. Extend existing open storage for caravan/campervans and self-storage containers		
22/2/2022	22/00580/APP Faye Hudson 22/03/2022	Mr R Jones	9 Greenway, Great Horwood MK17 0QR	Householder application for part single, part two storey rear and single storey front extensions	No objection	Awaiting decision
23/02/2022	22/00037/APP Faye Hudson 23/03/2022	Mr & Mrs K Charik	Old Farmhouse, 2 Spring Lane, Great Horwood MK17 0QW	Householder application for demolition of conservatory. Construction of single storey rear extension, repositioning of fence and screen planting and minor internal alterations.		
23/02/2022	22/00038/ALB Faye Hudson 23/03/2022	Mr & Mrs K Charik	Old Farmhouse, 2 Spring Lane, Great Horwood MK17 0QW	Listed building application for demolition of conservatory. Construction of single storey rear extension, repositioning of fence and screen planting and minor internal alterations.		
04/03/2022	22/00685/APP 01/04/2022	Mr & Mrs S Metheringham	Yew Tree House, 23 Nash Road, Great Horwood MK17 0RA	Householder application for demolition of existing garage. Erection of two storey front, side, rear, part single storey extension and refurbishment of rear roof terrace with spiral access stair.		

Key –

Colours

Pink = applications received in 2018

Green = applications received in 2019

Orange = applications received in 2020

Light blue = applications received in 2021

Yellow = applications received in 2022

Names are those of the AVDC application case officer

Dates are when the application was received (column 1) and by when comments must be made (column 2).

Draft modified Winslow Neighbourhood Plan 2022-2033 pre-submission consultation

Comments from Great Horwood Parish Council

With responses from WTC (indented and italicised)

The VALP Settlement Hierarchy Assessment noted, with regard to Great Horwood.

“Moderate population size and well connected to a large service centre (Winslow just over 2 miles away).”

In view of this GHPC wishes to comment on the following policies in the draft Winslow Neighbourhood Plan 2022-2033 which have a direct effect on the residents of Great Horwood.

In Policy 2 para 2 d v is stated “appropriate improvements to the local highways network to accommodate the additional traffic which will need to be carried on local roads” GHPC would like to see the inclusion of a roundabout at the junction of the A413 and the B4033 in order to avoid tailbacks through the village.

WTC is not in a position to require this. It could only be required (and paid for by a developer) if there was clear justification for something more than the improvements to the junction that Bucks have required the developers of WIN001 to provide. We should also note that WIN001 now has outline consent for both parts of the site so conditions have already been determined for this site's development ahead of the revised WNP being made.

In Policy 2 para d vi is stated “the developers securing the timely provision of additional public transport services to meet the requirements set out in policy 11”. So with the opening of Winslow Railway Station serving the new East West rail line GHPC regards it as essential that there is the introduction of additional bus services linking local villages with Winslow at the new railway station. NB GHPC has £20,000 of S106 funding available for Community Transport which could possibly be used to facilitate the introduction of such a service.

Your suggestion is noted and I am sure the Winslow Community Bus would be interested and willing to discuss possible ways of combining with you to make best use of available funds from developments in Great Horwood and WIN001. With the Railway Station expected to come into use in 2025, that may prove to be an appropriate time from which any additional service might be arranged if funding is available at that time.

Policy 6;

GHPC supports the provision of the Sports Hub which will provide additional facilities for the residents of Great Horwood including the use of the new Skate Park and MUGA. However, in order to provide safe access to the hub it will be essential that the cycle route referred to below be put in place at the same time as the hub becomes available.

WTC would support this – but the WNP can only secure the route as far as Winslow's parish boundary. We continue to be willing to work with you to persuade BC to take the cycle route forward through to Great Horwood. It is a regret to us that having raised the issue with the local Buckinghamshire Council member, it appears to have gone into the long grass.

Policies 7, 9;

GHPC supports provision of an upgraded medical centre on the site of the former Winslow Centre, however since the provision of the medical centre is of extreme urgency, we believe alternative sites should be actively explored now.

A recent planning application by NHS Property to significantly refurbish the existing Health Centre building (at a cost of more than £1m, we understand) to provide accessible consulting and treatment rooms to meet needs for at least the next 10 years (which it is hoped will be completed within the next year) may at least address the most urgent problems with the existing accommodation. Just before our consultation closed, the CCG and 3W Health confirmed that there is no prospect of funding for any new medical centre in the next 10 years, given the investment being made to improve the existing accommodation.

Policy 10;

GHPC supports the preservation and enhancement of retail and hospitality services within Winslow Shopping Area.

Noted with thanks

Policy 11;

GHPC confirms its support for the cycle route within development WIN001, in such a way that it creates the first stage of the future route to Great Horwood and which must be extended to Great Horwood in a timescale as identified above and so GHPC endorses the following statement in the policy document "The creation of a continuous cycle and pedestrian route between Winslow and Great Horwood, avoiding the use of Great Horwood Road, is supported by both WTC and Great Horwood Parish Council."

Noted with thanks

RS
2/3/22