

# Great Horwood Parish Neighbourhood Plan

**Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Great Horwood Neighbourhood Planning Team held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013 at 30 Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood.**  
(by kind invitation of David Saunders)

## **Present:**

John Gilbey (JG), Mike Hobday (MH), David Saunders (DS), John Scholtens (Chairman) (JS),

## **Apologies:**

Duncan Trigg (DT).

## **To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 April 2013.**

The minutes were approved without amendment.

## **Matters arising from the last meeting.**

The Consultation Statements will be gathered into a separate document **ACTION JS**

The distribution of the "Have Your Say" leaflets had gone well with the notable exception that Singleborough had been left out and JS had delivered them personally once the omission had been discovered.

## **To review the feedback from the public meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013.**

More than 70 people had attended the meeting with approximately half coming from Townsend Cottages, The Close and Weston Road.

There were some comments about being better informed but in general the majority were opposed to the allocation of development on the proposed sites for a number of reasons such as:-

- All the proposed development is on the eastern end of the village which is unfair.
- The extension beyond Townsend Cottages into open fields is opposed and stated as not being in accordance with the Community View from October 2011.
- There was great concern about the increased traffic both through the existing section of Weston Road and also along Little Horwood Road.

There had also been approximately 15 emails mainly expressing views in opposition to the proposed sites to which JS had sent individual detailed responses.

It was agreed to post the PowerPoint presentation (converted to a PDF file) used at the meeting on to the website. **ACTION JS/JG**

## **To decide on revised potential development sites.**

The NPT had maintained the AVDC Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment approach of only including sites with a potential to accommodate 10 dwellings for consistency and practical purposes but it was decided to reduce this to 8.

It was agreed to approach AVDC to request that they review the Old Mill site for suitability as this was the only brown field site in the parish and was the site that many villagers felt should be considered for development. **ACTION JS**

Other sites reconsidered were as follows:-

- Willow Road - owned by the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust and considered too small and also the space is used as a car park and utility area for the local residents. It was also pointed out that there are already 46 dwellings accessed via Willow Road.
- The garage site – was considered too small and also unlikely to get planning consent as it is in the heart of the Conservation Area and any development would destroy important views of St James Church.
- Pilch Lane – the NPT remained of the view that this lane is such an important site for recreational use by walkers (including dog owners), cyclist and horse riders that it should remain as an unspoilt country lane and that it would be unwise to create a further potentially much larger body of opposed residents. Furthermore and crucially, AVDC had been opposed to previous planning applications in this area and were unlikely to change their position or allow a precedent to be set for development in that direction.

**To decide on the engagement of the consultant to progress the project.**

It was agreed that we would obtain the contact information from AVDC for Riki Therivel and contact her to get a quote for developing our Neighbourhood Plan from the current documentation and information that we have already produced. **ACTION JS**

**Any Other Business.**

- It was agreed to use some of the Team’s funds to purchase a large projector screen for future use. **ACTION JG**
- An update article will be written for the July edition of Focus. **ACTION JS**
- The Workstrands Tracker will be updated and placed on the website. **ACTION JS/JG**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2013 commencing at 7.30pm at Old Timbers, 14 Little Horwood Road by kind invitation of John Gilbey.

Approved

Signature .....  
Chairman  
Date .....