



**Great Horwood
Parish Council**

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting held on 12th July 2010 at
7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr Rod Moulding (Vice-chairman), Cllr Michael Brocklehurst, Cllr Moya Berrill, Cllr Ian Lamberton, Cllr Russell Margerrison, Karen Francis (Clerk)
5 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence
No apologies for absence were received.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th June 2010
These were approved with a slight modification. The word 'contact' in Paragraph 3 under item 12 was changed to 'conduct'.
3. To receive declarations of interest
None received.
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
 - Cllr Brocklehurst attended the meeting of the Aylesbury Vale North Sports Council. There was little to note from the meeting other than the observation that Great Horwood Cricket Club have not yet paid their subscriptions. Cllr Gilbey agreed to follow this up.
 - Bucks Playing Field Association has now responded to say that their quarterly meetings are not open to members but all members are welcome at the AGM held in September/October.
 - No further work has been carried out on Willow Road Allotments. Cllr Gilbey has written to the contractor who was to have completed the fence asking for a refund of money as this job has not been completed. No answer has been received and Cllr Berrill has agreed to follow this up.
 - Receipt of the delegated budget applications have been acknowledged.
 - Cllr Moulding raised a question about the village hall funding application. This was answered by the Clerk.
5. Public Participation Period
Mr Mick Wood offered to remove the loose stone at Willow Road Allotments if the Parish Council were to provide a skip. Cllr Gilbey and the Clerk agreed to look into this.

Mr Mick Wood also raised concerns that the grave digger had spread excess soil over the footpath in Church Lane which was likely to cause problems when it rained. Cllr Gilbey agreed to speak with the Parochial Church Council to discuss this issue.
6. To receive and consider reports from Committees of Council
 - 6.1. Cllr Moulding updated the Council on the report from the Planning Committee with current open applications. Two new applications have been received since the last meeting, neither of which are likely to cause any concern to the Parish Council. Consequently Cllr Moulding proposed that the comments made to AVDC were ratified. Cllr Brocklehurst seconded this and it was approved unanimously.

Cllr Moulding also confirmed that a letter had been received from John Bercow relating to the Gypsy Site on the Nash Road. This included a letter from the Secretary of State, Eric Pickles. AVDC are still considering this application and in light of the planning changes taking place it is unlikely that it will be considered until the Development Control Committee meet in August. Depending on the date, either Cllr Gilbey or Cllr Moulding will attend this as a representative of Great Horwood Parish Council.

- 6.2. Cllr Brocklehurst updated the Council on the recent developments at Horwode Pece.
- Installation of all equipment is completed but the turf is still waiting to be laid over the tunnel.
 - Playground Facilities need to come back to investigate small problems with the Navigator and the Nest Swing.
 - There have been no problems highlighted by the weekly inspections.
 - Further funding has been obtained by David Bolton from Community Spaces for the purchase of some maintenance equipment. David Bolton is also to retire from the Management Committee at the end of the second phase.
 - Eon have had to dig a second trench due to an earthing problem but this should be resolved soon.
 - The next job to be tackled is the strip of land between the Rec and the road.

7. Report on the Winslow & District Local Area Forum Local Area Plan Priorities

Jackie Wesley (Area Coordinator, BCC Localities & Safer Communities) attended for this item. It was explained that this process formed part of a larger process which helped identify what the key issues were in each area within Buckinghamshire as issues in the north of the county were not necessarily the same in the south.

Once the key issues in each area are identified the plan can then help in allocating funding to areas who have projects which are trying to resolve these key issues. Unfortunately the funding from BCC has been cut back due to the economic climate and therefore the team are looking to obtain funding from alternative sources.

The four long term themes identified for the Winslow and District LAF are Young People, Support for Older People, Community and Rural Transport and Buckingham South NAG/LAF joint priorities.

Cllr Moulding asked how the priorities will be updated and it was explained that the initial approach would be through the Local Area Forums, probably on an annual basis. For wider issues, they would probably be updated every three years.

Cllr Gilbey extended his thanks to Jackie for attending the meeting.

8. Aylesbury Vale LDF Core Strategy: Inspectors Interim Report and further response

The Planning Inspector recently wrote to AVDC and requested additional input to the Core Strategy. The Parish Council submitted a further response reinforcing the view that Great Horwood should not be a candidate for being a fourth tier settlement.

9. Report on BCC Winslow Local Area Forum meeting held on 16th June

Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting. He was the only one to ask a question which related to the trimming of trees where a landowner could not be established. It was agreed that BCC would then be liable to look at the issue and as this has occurred on the Winslow Road, BCC have agreed to look at this particular problem.

Inspector Emma Garside from Thames Valley Police also mentioned that they are aware of the Gypsy Site on the Nash Road but there has been no evidence of an increase in criminal or anti-social activity.

10. Report on NBPPC AGM and Ordinary Meeting held on 21st June

Cllrs Gilbey and Moulding attended this meeting. At the AGM the Chairman and Vice Chairman accepted the role for the forthcoming year but it was stated that next year they would stand down.

At the main meeting, the primary discussion was around future policy changes due to the Coalition Government as well as Salden Chase, the Winslow development area, the Milton Keynes Core Strategy and HS2.

At future meetings consideration will be given to the Calvert incinerator project and the windfarm at Wingrave.

11. Report on the Buckingham South NAG held on 30th June

Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting. There was little change to be reported back although it was explained that Thames Valley Police are still active in monitoring speeding across the region.

An initiative was also explained where some parishes have clubbed together to purchase speedbox systems. The initial cost of these is approximately £2500 and it was suggested that five parishes split the cost between them. However, as the scheme relies on volunteers it was agreed not to pursue this at present.

12. BCC Consultation on Day Services in Buckinghamshire
All Councillors have received a copy of this consultation but it had been included as an item on the agenda as there are currently five people within the Parish who use day care services. The Parish Council are not expected to provide a response as it is a public consultation but individual responses from anyone will be welcome. The questionnaire can be found on www.Buckscc.gov.uk/HaveYourSay.
13. Parish Plan Report
The Steering Committee continues to work on the full-scale revision of the Plan. Some early drafts have been prepared and a start has been made on updating the Community Led Plans website. It has also been agreed that the Village Design Statement will follow the Parish Plan revision rather than being worked alongside it.
14. Village Allotments
The Clerk raised the issue of rental charges and tenancy agreements for the Village Allotments. Rental charges have not changed for a number of years and plots are currently £2 per annum. It was agreed that charges would be increased to £5 per annum if paid in advance.
- It was also agreed that it would be sensible to introduce tenancy agreements for each plot. An example agreement has been received from BALC and reviewed by Cllr Brocklehurst. Most clauses are acceptable but a slight amendment to the wording needs to take place on Clause 2. Cllr Brocklehurst and the Clerk will work on this and then the agreement will be sent to all Councillors for information.
- The Tenancy Agreement and rental charges, in future, will run for a calendar year and therefore this will be added to the agenda in September so that the process can be formalised.
15. Forthcoming AVALC General Meeting to be held on 20th July
This is to be held in Pitstone and is open to all Parish Councils. The subject is Section 106 and a presentation will be given by Jim Cannell, Development Control Manager at AVDC. Cllrs Gilbey and Moulding will attend but all other Councillors are invited.
- One item which will be raised at this meeting is an open letter from Buckingham Town Council which invites comments on whether parishes feel not enough is done by AVDC for towns and villages outside of Aylesbury. It was agreed that nothing would be done with this letter at present and it would be added to the agenda in September.
16. Receipts
- Groundworks Grant £13,499.00 (for Horwode Pece)
 - Wayleave £55.20
 - Allotment Rent £2.00
- The issue of the money on deposit was also raised under this item. In April £10,000.00 was placed on deposit for three months and the money is due to mature on 15th July. The Councillors agreed that the Clerk could place the same amount on deposit for a further three months if the cashflow allowed this. The Clerk agreed to look into this and make the decision.
17. Items paid since previous meeting
- Great Horwood & Singleborough Recreation Trust £110.00 (for Picnic on the Pece)
 - Jenny Esden Consulting £880.00 (for Horwode Pece)
 - Playsafety Ltd £464.13 (Installation Inspection for Horwode Pece)
 - Playground Facilities £26,000.00 (New Equipment for Horwode Pece)
 - Playground Facilities £4,550.00 (VAT on above)
18. To agree items for payment
- NBPPC Membership Subscription £20.00
19. To receive and note correspondence
- A letter has been received from Great Horwood Silver Band thanking the Parish Council for their donation.
 - A letter has been received from Monica Jones advising that she is stepping down as footpaths representative for the Parish Council and this will be taken up by Robert Deuchar. The Clerk

was requested to write a letter of thanks to Monica Jones for her work as footpaths representative over recent years.

- A letter has been received from HS2 stating how the project is to be moved forward under the new Government. A copy of this letter can be found under www.hs2.org.uk.

20. Items for the next meeting

No additional items have been requested.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 13th September 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.03pm

Signed _____ **Draft** _____ Date _____