



# Great Horwood Parish Council

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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on  
9th July 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr John Scholtens, Cllr Ian Lamberton, Cllr Angela Mayne, Cllr Valerie Porritt, Karen Francis (Clerk)  
3 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence  
Cllr Margerrison gave apologies due to holiday commitments and Cllr Bennett-Coles gave apologies due to illness.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012  
These were approved without modification.
3. To receive declarations of interest  
No declarations of interest were received.
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
  - Speedwatch – No article has yet been put in Focus. Cllr Mayne has names for more possible volunteers. Cllr Porritt is waiting on TVP to respond to her and will raise the issue again at the next NAG meeting.
  - Public Consultation – This was fairly well attended although it appeared that most of the feedback was negative. Concern was raised by those attending at creating another junction onto the already busy High Street.
  - RoSPA – The playground inspection has now taken place and there are a small number of minor issues to attend to.
  - Water Butts at the allotment in Church Lane – It has been established that the guttering on an existing building cannot be used for water butts. However there is the possibility of installing a 1000 litre tank to use at the cost of £50. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would fund this and Cllr Mayne agreed to take the project forward.
  - Bollards on The Green – There has been no update on this but Cllr Gilbey and the Clerk hope to be able to report back at the next meeting.
  - Singleborough Lane – BCC have agreed to cut some grips into the verge in order to help water drain away but this could only be done when the digger was in the area.
5. Public Participation Period
  - Lawrence Renshell confirmed the lines at the top of Spring Lane will be painted when the line painting machine is in the area.
  - Moya Berrill thanked the Jubilee Committee for a good event and all their hard work.
  - Kate Jones asked whether the High Street could have a width restriction in order to stop larger lorries coming through the village. It was explained that it was unlikely as the Parish Council have tried a number of times to limit lorries through the village but the Clerk would write to BCC to see their response.
6. Planning Issues
  - 6.1. Cllr Gilbey provided Councillors with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. Two new decisions and four new applications had been received, and the planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
  - 6.2. The Clerk has contacted the legal team at BCC and a new proposal has been provided. It was suggested to the Councillors that GHPC register ownership of the land rather than the Charity as there are no documents to suggest the Charity should be the legal registered owners. However, as the Charity has an interest in the land a restriction will be placed on the registration so that any dealings or disposal of the land has to be done with the approval of the trustees of the charity (and in this case the sole trustee is GHPC). The Parish Council were content with this solution and the Clerk will now contact BCC with this decision.
  - 6.3. The Inspector visited the site recently and it was reported that AVDC are now awaiting his decision. *Soon after the Parish Council meeting the Chairman was informed that the Inspector had refused the appeal and the Enforcement Notice was still applicable.*
7. Report from the Recreation Committee  
The following report was provided by the Recreation Committee.

*The Report, following the RoSPA inspection in May, became available this month and proved to be complimentary of the Horwode Pece facilities. A quote from the report stated "Certainly one of the better equipped pleasant and well maintained play areas the inspector visits. Congratulations to all involved".*

*Two points of concern were raised and these were discussed in the scheduled management meeting on June 26th. The Report pointed to the Nest Swing bedding and the potential for trapping fingers and, after much discussion, the committee resolved that since the equipment was within regulation and as no satisfactory alteration could be recommended, a policy of further observation would prevail. The issue of worn ground between the football goals has lead to an investigation of products and prices for extending the existing matting.*

*Matting was an issue for discussions around grass-cutting. Cushioned matting and structural timbers were apparent casualties of mowing endeavours, although it was difficult for the Rec team, due to the recent weather, to confirm the occasions when the grass had been cut. Communications with the contractors are on going. Over successive inspections the deterioration of the Zip Wire seat was monitored and, now, a replacement (at approx £120) has been sourced.*

*This month Liz Nicholls posted the Trust's Annual Return onto the Charity Commission website following the completion of accounts by David Bolton*

8. Neighbourhood Planning Team Update

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting which gave an update since the last meeting and also the vision and supporting objectives as agreed by the Neighbourhood Planning Team. All these documents can be seen on the Parish Council website. The Parish Council were asked to agree these objectives so that an article can be put into Focus.

Cllr Mayne proposed the resolution to adopt the vision and objectives, Cllr Lamberton seconded it and all other Councillors were in favour.

9. Footpaths Report

Robert Deuchar provided the following report:

*The parish's only bridleway, from the Singleborough Road near Brambles Day Nursery to the Thornton Turn off the A421, has been cleared of fallen trees and overgrown vegetation in the week ended 7 July.*

The Parish Council also thanked Robert for his efforts in keeping the footpaths and bridleways clear. Great Horwood is certainly one of the better parishes for good footpaths.

10. Adoption of the new Code of Conduct

Under the Governments Localism Act the Parish Council are required to adopt a new Code of Conduct. The Government didn't develop a new one so the proposed one has been developed by NALC and AVDC suggest all Town and Parish Councils adopt the proposed code. The requirement is that the Code is adopted as soon as possible after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012.

Cllr Scholtens proposed the Code of Conduct was adopted, Cllr Mayne seconded it and all remaining Councillors were in favour.

11. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by all Councillors

Within 28 days of the Code of Conduct being adopted a declaration of Pecuniary Interest also has to be completed. Each completed copy needs to be published on both the Parish Council website and the AVDC website.

The key difference between this and the previous register of Financial Interest is that information on a spouse/civil partner/someone sharing a house that can be considered a partner also has to be given.

Councillors agreed they would complete the declaration and pass it back to the Clerk who would then arrange for it to be published on the relevant websites.

12. Decision on a contribution to a new footway at the top of Nash Road

At the recent LAF meeting it was suggested that Great Horwood would be able to receive some of the delegated budget for providing a footway at the top of Nash Road. However, a contribution from GHPC would be appreciated as the total cost of the project is £8600. The Parish Council agreed to fund £1000 of the project and Cllr Gilbey will confirm this with the Winslow & District LAF.

13. Report on meetings attended since the last Parish Council meeting

Since the previous meeting Cllr Gilbey has attended 7 meetings on behalf of the Parish Council (three of these with Cllr Scholtens). Updates were provided to the Parish Council including an available budget of £40,000 from the Winslow and District Local Priorities Budget. This is open to any group who meets the Local Priorities criteria which are to help reduce speeding and to promote facilities for young people and general community projects. Cllr Gilbey has forwarded this information on to a number of organisations within the village.

14. Paving The Green

Cllr Mayne has been making enquiries to find somebody who can pave a small area of the Green between Bugle House and the road. She has one or two leads and will report back at the next meeting. Additionally Kate Jones agreed she would ask Trevor Jones.

15. Sundial on The Green

No update on this item.

16. Receipts

- Diamond Jubilee Contribution £195.00
- VAT Repayment £1,079.68

17. Items already Paid

- Great Horwood Silver Band (Diamond Jubilee) £100.00
- Harlequin Press (Diamond Jubilee) £90.00
- The Grange B&B (Diamond Jubilee) £50.00

18. Payments

- Playsafety Ltd £115.20
- Wettons (mowing at Horwode Pece) £180.00
- BCC Legal Fees £10.80
- Paul Robertson (Diamond Jubilee) £50.00
- Harlequin Press (Diamond Jubilee) £200.00
- Kompan (Horwode Pece) £154.94

19. To receive and note correspondence

- A letter has been received from Buckingham and Ouzel Draining Board information Councillors of maintenance work being undertaken within the Parish.

20. Items for the next meeting

- Bollards on The Green
- Sundial
- Paving The Green

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.45 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012

1. The customary listing of current and recent Planning Applications follows. 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
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#### Determined

17.05.12	12/00993/ APP	Mr & Mrs Waddington	51 Greenway	Erection of detached dwelling	Objection	Approved
17.05.12	12/01025/ ATC	Mr Barfoot	1 School End	Fell no2 Horsechestnut	Objection	Proceed with works

#### Pending

26.01.12	12/00084/ APP	Mr Khoroshi	Parcel 5600, Pilch Lane	Installation of solar system	No Objection
30.05.12	12/01168/ ACL	Mr Turburville	Fincorrie Farm	Certificate for an existing use of dwelling without compliance with Condition 4 of planning permission 93/00078/AOP relating to agricultural occupancy	Objection
14.06.12	12/01264/ APP	Mr & Mrs Latham	2 School End	Demolition of WW2 huts and chicken barn. Erection of detached two storey dwelling with double garage	Objection
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14.06.12	12/001266/ ALB	Mr Clark	Land on Bletchley Road	Erection of agricultural barn	No Objection
28.06.12	12/001305/ ALB	Mr & Mrs Judge	The Old Dairy	Two storey rear extension	

2. The application for 51 Greenway was taken to the Development Control Committee and approved.
3. The application at 1 School End does not need planning permission as there are no TPO's on the trees.
4. The applications at 2 School End were withdrawn and two new applications have now been received.