



Great Horwood Parish Council

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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 13th
June 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr Russell Margerrison (Vice-chairman), Cllr Ian Lamberton, Cllr Angela Mayne, Cllr John Scholtens, Cllr Valerie Porritt, Karen Francis (Clerk)
7 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence
Cllr Bennett-Coles was unable to attend due to a domestic issue.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th May 2011
These were approved with a minor modification.
3. To receive declarations of interest
None received.
4. Sergeant Paul Cladingboel – Buckingham and Wing Neighbourhood Policing Team
Sergeant Cladingboel attended the meeting and explained the structure of the Neighbourhood Policing for Great Horwood. A list of the crime figures for the village over the last 2 years was also provided and in the last 6 months 7 crimes have been reported which is down 3 from the previous 6 months. However Sgt Cladingboel did stress there were probably other crimes which hadn't been reported and he would urge all residents to report all crimes.

Cllr Lamberton raised the issue of speeding through the village. Sgt Cladingboel promised that a police speed check would take place in the village in the next 2 to 3 weeks and it was highlighted when these checks took place approximately 50% of drivers caught speeding were local residents. He also promised to take action against the vehicles illegally parked at the top of Spring Lane and to check out situations where vehicles are being parked on the pavements in the village and blocking pedestrian access.

Sgt Cladingboel agreed to come to another Parish Council meeting in a few months to give an update on the above issues and to provide results from the speed checks and investigations into parking at the top of Spring Lane.

5. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
 - Cllrs Gilbey and Scholtens installed the new bench in the bus shelter during the month along with fixing a second notice board in the High Street..
 - The RoSPA check for Horwode Pece has been carried out but the Recreation Committee are still waiting for the report.
 - The Clerk contacted AVDC regarding the dumping of garden waste in Willow Road and was advised they would come out to investigate the problem. However, the waste still remains in Willow Road and the Clerk agreed to contact AVDC again.
 - Cllr Margerrison is waiting for a response from Rod Moulding regarding the distribution of the funds from the Music in Quiet Places event.
6. Stephen Naghi – Wing Parish Youth Council
Stephen Naghi from Wing Parish Council had been invited to attend to the meeting in order to give a brief overview of what the Youth Council in Wing did and what it had achieved since it had started in 2009. Although the running of it did require a dedicated councillor, the feedback which had been received had been very positive.

Six members from the Great Horwood Youth Club had expressed an interest in sitting on a Youth Council and had been invited to attend the meeting. One young person did attend and also gave very positive feedback on the Youth Club in the village. The Councillors agreed to add this to the agenda at the next meeting to decide whether or not to pursue the idea of setting up a Youth Parish Council for the village.

7. Public Participation Period
Mrs Jeannie Marshall reported a large pothole in a cul-de-sac within Spring Lane. The Clerk agreed to investigate this and contact BCC if necessary. It was also reported that a hedge in Spring Lane was rather overgrown and Cllr Scholtens agreed to contact the owners to ask them to trim it back.

8. Approval of Revised Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee

Prior to the meeting, revised terms of reference for the Planning Committee had been circulated. These updated sections 3 and 4 to reflect changes in the meeting arrangements and changes in member arrangements. It was unanimously agreed to adopt this revised document.

9. Planning Issues

- 9.1. Councillors were provided with an updated Planning Report. One new decision has been made and two new applications have been received. This information can be seen in part 1 of the planning report which is attached to and forms part of these minutes
- 9.2. There have been no further developments in the application relating to Land at School End.
- 9.3. The Parish Council have been notified that the public inquiry into the appeal for the gypsy site development in Nash Road will take place over 4 days starting on 27th September 2011.
- 9.4. New College, Oxford have been contacted by the legal department at BCC who are carrying out investigative work on behalf of the Parish Council in order to register The Green with the Land Registry. No response has yet been received.
- 9.5. Revised plans for the proposed development at 51 Greenway have been received but the Parish Council are still objecting to the application.
- 9.6. It was brought to the Parish Council's attention that a barn was demolished at the back of 15 The Green which is within the conservation area. However AVDC have advised this was legitimate as the barn was less than 115m².
- 9.7. At present, no response has been made by the Parish Council regarding the application by BCC to install an incinerator at Calvert. Cllr Gilbey reported that the recent LAF meeting tried to object to the application but this was vetoed by the LAF chairman who had the casting vote. It was agreed that this would be added to the agenda for the next meeting and prior to this Cllr Gilbey would circulate some information in order to make a decision on the Parish Council's response.
- 9.8. The owner of the house in Nash Road has requested a site visit from AVDC to understand what needs to be done to resolve the issue. At the time of the meeting no visit had taken place. Cllr Gilbey will continue to chase each month in order to understand the latest situation.

10. Report from the Recreation Committee

- A new Chairman and Treasurer will be appointed at the next meeting of the Recreation Committee which will be held on 5th July.
- A teak bench has been donated by Steve, James and Daniel Bennett in memory of their wife and mother, Kath.
- An elm tree has been planted by Mark Seddon.
- The remaining bird boxes have been installed.
- Adrian Buck has spent time strimming grass in awkward areas and tidying the hedges and along with the reliable grass cutters, the Rec is looking very attractive.
- Playground Facilities have been asked to attend to the rubber matting in the first goal as it is protruding from the ground and this work should be done imminently.
- The RoSPA check has been carried out and the Trustees are now waiting on the report.

11. Parish Plan and Vale of Aylesbury Plan: Steering Committee Report

The Chairman of the Steering Committee, Rod Moulding, provided an update to the Parish Council.

Since AVDC Forward Planning informed the Steering Committee that the Pilot Parish role was essentially complete the necessity for urgency has somewhat disappeared. The Steering Committee is due to meet again on 16 June.

Forward Planning have launched an updated Consultation Toolkit which incorporates a number of suggestions made by the Steering Committee. Additionally two drop in days for parishes have been arranged and Great Horwood will be represented.

There is also to be a report to the AVDC Cabinet in July which will set out how Forward Planning intends to move forward with the core piece of the Vale of Aylesbury Plan. It is then hoped that Spring 2012 will see the start of the process of weaving together district-wide and parish-level issues.

12. Footpaths Report

Robert Deuchar, who monitors the footpaths within Great Horwood has provided the following report.

Where Footpath 8 meets the A421 road opposite the Thornton Turn in Singleborough the farm gate is broken. I've reported this to Bucks CC to follow up with the owner of Dew Pond Farm.

Where Footpath 4 meets Pilch Lane a metal pedestrian gate has been installed by Bucks CC in the last three months. I've asked Bucks CC whether a similar gate could be installed on the awkward double stile between there and Singleborough which the less able bodied and dog owners find difficult or impossible. I await a reply.

All the Parish's footpaths and the bridleway have been inspected in May and pruned as necessary.

13. Report on the LAF meeting held on 8th June 2011

Cllrs Gilbey, Mayne and Scholtens attended this meeting.

- A motion to object on behalf of the LAF to the BCC plan for an incinerator at Lower Greatmoor Farm was defeated by the casting vote of the Chairman, Cllr David Rowlands. Great Horwood abstained in the vote as the Council has not yet decided whether to object to the plan.
- Inspector Emma Garside from Thames Valley Police explained that the number of neighbourhood teams were to be reduced from 8 to 6 but these would align with the LAF's in order to be more efficient.
- Transport for Bucks explained that the delegated budget applications which had been received earlier in the year were now being reconsidered due to changes in circumstances of the original winners of the delegated budget. Great Horwood has now been awarded £3000 towards a replacement wooden bus shelter and £900 towards installing 2 salt bins within the village.

14. Local Area Forum Priorities

Late in 2009 the Parish Council was asked to rate its priorities for the local area plan which was then taken to a workshop in February 2010 before the plan was produced. Now the plan needs to be reviewed so Parish Councils are being asked to review their priorities. Cllr Gilbey will circulate the information after this meeting so that the priorities can be decided at the next Parish Council meeting before the next workshop to be held on 20th July.

15. Planning for traveller sites consultation

Prior to the meeting an email had been circulated giving details of a consultation taking place relating to planning for traveller sites. Also prior to the meeting Cllr Scholtens had kindly offered to produce a draft response for discussion within the meeting which had also been circulated to all Councillors.

At the meeting there were no further questions from Councillors and it was unanimously agreed to use the draft response as the official response from the Parish Council. The Clerk and Cllr Scholtens will liaise after the meeting.

16. Great Horwood Cricket Club – Registering the Land

Cllr Gilbey gave a brief history of this item. The Cricket Club rent land from the Great Horwood Recreation Trust of which the Parish Council are sole trustees. Their 30 year lease expires in 2017 and so would like to extend their lease so that they can obtain more funding for the club. In late 2009 they agreed to pay for a full valuation and survey of the ground in order to have a lease formally drawn up. However, it has transpired that the Parish Council do not hold a title deed to the land and therefore the Cricket Club are asking the Parish Council register the land in order for the lease extension to proceed. While the Cricket Club will continue to meet the costs of the survey and valuation the Parish Council are asked to meet the cost of registering the land.

After a short discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would arrange registration of the land. The Clerk will respond to the Cricket Club and contact the legal team at BCC who can register the land on the Parish Council's behalf.

17. Replacement of Bus Shelter

News has been received that through the revisited delegated budget process, Great Horwood have been awarded £3000 towards a new bus shelter. Currently there is also £6500 sitting in reserves which has been put aside for this project.

Cllr Gilbey circulated some pictures of bus shelters and it was agreed a wooden one would be best to replace the current concrete one. Cllr Margerrison suggested it would be a good idea to try and get this project completed during the school holidays in order to limit the disruption to school pupils using the bus stop. Cllr Gilbey and the Clerk will liaise to try and get some tenders in for the shelter and this will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

18. Grit/Salt Bins

During the revisited delegated budget process Great Horwood have also been awarded £900 for two salt bins for the village. Currently there is also £1800 in reserves which is enough for a further four salt bins and after debate it was agreed the locations for the new bins should be as follows:

- Top of Spring Lane near the post box
- Weston Road
- Top of Pilch Lane
- At the dip in the road in Singleborough
- Bottom of Willow Road near the caravan park
- Bottom of Spring Lane

It is possible to get green bins from BCC rather than yellow bins so the Clerk agreed to order these six bins and to confirm the location with BCC.

19. Approval of Annual Accounts

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had sent out a copy of the Annual Accounts and the Annual Return requesting that any queries were raised before this meeting. No queries were raised and therefore Cllr Gilbey signed and dated the Annual Return ready for submission to Mazars.

20. Renewal of email address

The current email address is up for renewal. The cost for the next two years is £7.90. The Clerk asked the Councillors to approve this spend and this was agreed unanimously.

21. Receipts

- John the Barber Rent £15.00
- Repayment of PAYE from Clerk £52.50

22. Payments

- Ebor Property Services (Horwode Pece Grass Cutting) £180.00
- Legal Fees £367.20
- Clerks Expenses £34.27 (BALC Course fees for new Councillors £26.27, Broadband £8.00)

23. To receive and note correspondence

- Letter from a resident thanking the Parish Council for sorting out a problem with a street light.
- Letter from GH&S Recreation Trust confirming Play around the Parish can be held at The Rec during the summer holidays.
- Email regarding the Autumn programme of Theatre in the Villages.
- Letter from BCC stating that the speed limit review in Area 12 has been approved.
- Email relating to an HS2 update from AVDC.
- Letter from AVDC giving details of a review of polling districts and polling places.
- Letter from CAB inviting Councillors to their AGM on 5th July.

24. Items for the next meeting

Clerk Cover for September meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 11th July 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.07pm

Signed _____ **Draft** _____

Date _____

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 13th June 2011

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

15.04.11	11/00747/ APP	Mrs Jennifer Barker	Croft Farm, Nash Road	First floor side extension	No objection	Householder Approval
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Pending

20.01.11	11/00031/ APP	Clarence Country Homes Ltd	Land to rear of 11 The Green, Great Horwood	Erection of two dwellings	Object	
17.02.11	11/00181/ APP	Mr Lee Williams	Land opposite Causter Farm, Nash Road, Great Horwood	The use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes for eleven. gypsy pitches together with the formation of additional hard standing and utility/dayrooms ancillary to that use	Object	
17.03.11	11/00411/ APP	Mr J Chiarello	Land At School End, Great Horwood	Erection of detached single storey dwelling and public car park	Object	
29.03.11	11/00531/ APP	Mr Alistair Waddington	Land At 51 Greenway, Great Horwood	Erection of detached two storey dwelling	Object	
12.05.11	11/00745/ APP	Mrs Jennifer Barker	Croft Farm, Nash Road	Conversion of barn into residential dwelling	No objection	
02.06.11	11/00881/ APP	Mr Steve Grant	25 Little Horwood Road	Alteration to garage and outbuilding into living accommodation and erection of a single storey link extension		
02.06.11	11/01077/ APP	Mr Philip Ward	Pear Tree House, Singleborough	Single storey rear extension		

2. The Legal Team at BCC have been provided with all information available in respect of the application to register The Green. A letter has been sent to New College, Oxford to try to establish a sale date. No progress can be made until a response has been received.
3. Revised plans have been provided in respect of the application at 51 Greenway. There has been a unanimous decision to object to this application. Reasons include avoiding 'garden grabbing' and a further increase of traffic in Spring Lane which will increase the problems of an already dangerous junction with the Winslow Road.