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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
10th June 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

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

1. To receive apologies for absence
There were no absences.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th May 2013
No amendments were made.
3. To receive declarations of interest
No declarations of interest were received.
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last two meetings
 - The water butts are in progress and should be set up soon.
 - Online banking is in progress, two more councillors are set up, one is imminent and the final two are in progress.
 - No update on the MVAS. The issue is being raised at the next Local Area Forum
 - No update on the handrails in Nash Road.
 - AVDC have been chased regarding the village freighter information but little progress has been made.
 - There will be an attendee at the next meeting to talk about Community Resilience.
5. Public Participation Period
 - Jill Wood questioned the positioning of the planters and how they had been secured down. Cllr Mayne explained they should have been secured with concrete and will check.
 - A letter had been received from the new County Councillor John Chilver regarding additional available budget for road repairs. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Mr Chilver to request repairs were made to the High Street and Singleborough Lane.
6. Planning Issues
 - 6.1. Cllr Gilbey provided Councillors with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. Three new decisions and one new application had been received, and the planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
 - 6.2. A letter has been received from the legal team as the Land Registry have two further questions. The Clerk is able to respond to one of them and Cllr Mayne will resolve the second question in order for the Clerk to respond.
7. Report from the Recreation Committee

Steve Brigden attended the meeting and gave a report from the Recreation Committee.

 - Laying of the goal matting has proved to be more difficult than expected and is still in progress.
 - Picnic on the Pece was a great success with somewhere between 80 and 100 attendees.
 - A new contractor for mowing the Pece is being sought as Wottons don't appear to be mowing regularly. The Clerk is chasing for the Pece to be mowed as the grass is too long.
 - The annual RoSPA report has been received which indicated that the maintenance and care of the Pece is very good.
 - The zip wire seat is to be replaced (under warranty) as it has a split in it.
 - At the next Trust meeting it is expected that Adrian Buck, Jeannie Marshall and Steve Brigden are to be elected as Trustees.
8. Neighbourhood Planning Team Update

A report was circulated amongst Councillors prior to the meeting. The public presentation took place on 18th May where over 70 people attended. Following this, the NPT met to discuss the way forward. Assumptions and potential development sites have been re-evaluated and a further potential development site has been identified which has been assessed and considered suitable by AVDC. The team has also agreed to reduce the threshold for sites to 8 houses.

An article will be published in the July Focus to inform residents of the revised proposed plans with invitation to comment by the end of July.

Cllr Margerrison mentioned that it would be worth highlighting that larger developments were more likely to lead to affordable housing whereas smaller developments usually created larger, detached properties.

Cllr Scholtens reiterated that developers are already interested in sites within the village and if a Neighbourhood Plan isn't in place then it is very possible greater development will take place.

Cllr Margerrison also thanked Cllr Scholtens for running the public meeting on 18th May.

9. Footpaths Report

The report received this month is as follows:

The Parish's one bridleway, from Singleborough Lane to the A421 was mowed recently.

10. Responses to Planning Applications – meeting held on 23rd May 2013

Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting which was arranged following the change in AVDC rules which now require the Parish Council to speak at the AVDC Development Control Committee if we wish to oppose a planning application that the officers would approve or vice versa. Approximately 50 to 60 local Councillors attended.

Information was provided at the meeting and subsequently circulated to all councillors which gave details of what could and couldn't be used in objections to planning applications.

11. Invitation to take part in BCC's Devolution Review

A letter had been received from Martin Philips, Cabinet Member for Community Engagement inviting the Parish Council to be involved in BCC's parish devolution review. After debate it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council wouldn't be involved.

12. HS2

A letter had been received from Martin Tett, leader of BCC inviting the Parish Council to become an affiliated member of 51m (the alliance of 19 councils actively opposing HS2). As there was no financial implication and no commitment it was agreed that the Parish Council would become affiliated.

13. Vale of Aylesbury Plan

Cllr Gilbey explained that he had been contacted by AVALC regarding support for the Vale of Aylesbury plan. It had been suggested that the Parish Council wrote to AVDC stating the plan was acceptable. After discussion it was agreed this was sensible and Cllr Gilbey would draft a note.

14. Winslow Neighbourhood Plan

A letter has been received from Winslow Town Council who would like to meet with some Councillors to discuss issues of mutual interest. Cllr Scholtens will make the initial contact to arrange a suitable date and time.

15. Approval of Annual Accounts

Prior to the meeting the summary of accounts and annual return was submitted to all Councillors. It had been asked that any questions were raised prior to the meeting and none were received. Therefore it was agreed that the annual return would be signed and submitted to the external auditors. The Clerk would also write to Claire Black thanking her for her voluntary contribution as the internal auditor.

16. Sundial

The sundial has now been installed in the school's amphitheatre and the top and gnomon has been installed. The headmaster of the school was very pleased and has published pictures on their website. It was suggested that the Parish Council wrote to ABH and thanked them for their assistance in installing the sundial.

17. Planters

Four planters have now been installed at the entrances to the village and are awaiting planting. Cllr Gilbey will contact the contractor who has been appointed to do this.

Additionally, a further planter is to be purchased and Cllr Mayne will arrange installation.

18. Items paid since previous meeting

- Auld Lang Stone (Planters) £960.00

19. To agree items for payment

- Playsafety Ltd (RoSPA Check) £117.60
- BCC Legal Fees £248.40
- Zurich Municipal Insurance £1039.77

20. To receive and note correspondence

- An email from a resident regarding mowing verges. The Clerk has already contacted BCC.
- An email from the Local Area Technician regarding the junction at Pilch Lane and Singleborough Lane. He has arranged for the white 'give way' signs to be repainted and for a new 'give way' sign to be installed.
- Information on a proposed solar farm at Park Hill Farm on the A421.

- An email from a resident regarding the planters and the height of the bushes on The Green. Cllr Gilbey will make arrangements to have the bushes pruned.

21. Items for the next meeting
Visitor from Community Resilience

22. Confirmation of date and time of next meeting
The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th July at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.33pm.

Signed _____ **Draft** _____ Date _____

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 10th June 2013

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

11/04/13	13/00174/ APP	Mrs Y Seddon	Ivy Cottage, Singleborough	Demolition of rear extension and erection of single storey rear extension	No objection	Approved
11/04/13	13/00176/ ALB	Mrs Y Seddon	Ivy Cottage, Singleborough	Demolition of rear extension and erection of single storey rear extension	No objection	Approved
25/04/13	13/00638/ APP	Mr P Morris	Mulberry Cottage	Rethatching of cottage with Combed Wheat Straw and raising of eaves	No objection	Refused

Pending

09/05/13	13/01178/ ATC	Mrs C Cheshire	2 School End	Removal and reduction of foliage	No objection
16/05/13	13/01191/ ATC	Mr J Ahern	Chestnut House	Fell No.1 Horse Chestnut	No objection
03/06/13	13/01135/ APP	Mr M Sheldon	Greenway Farm	Change of use from agricultural to B8 storage and distribution	