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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
9th June 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr John Scholtens, Cllr Russell Margerrison, Cllr Angela Mayne, Cllr Ian Lambertson, Cllr Valerie Porritt
Karen Francis (Clerk)
6 members of the public including District Cllr Sir Beville Stanier

1. To receive apologies for absence
All Cllrs were present.

At this point of the meeting it was agreed to move to item 7.

7. Demonstration of Defibrillators
Derek Bint from the ambulance service gave a presentation on the use of defibrillators in the community. He explained that a defibrillator located in the community gives a greater chance of survival than relying solely on the ambulance service.

He demonstrated how easy these were to use and when they would be used in the community.

The Parish Council thanked him for his time and will discuss whether to purchase a defibrillator at the next meeting.

After this item the Parish Council moved back to the normal agenda order.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th May 2014
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 meeting
 - There is still a vacancy for a Parish Councillor.
 - The second laptop has not yet been purchased.
 - The damaged bollard has not yet been repaired. Cllr Porritt will ask ABH for a quote.
 - Robert Heady has been asked to replant the planters at the entrances to the village but these have not yet been done.
 - A report has been published on the Winslow Town Plan which, after a few minor alterations, gives the go ahead for a referendum.
 - Medical Detection Dogs will attend the PC meeting in July.
 - Questionnaires on the community shop will go out at the end of the month.
5. Public Participation Period
 - David Saunders asked whether the renewal of the email address was for the PC or the NPT. It was confirmed it was the PC and the NPT one would be renewed later in the year.
6. Planning Issues
 - 6.1. Councillors were provided with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. Two new applications had been received and two applications had been determined. The planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
 - 6.2. Prior to the meeting Cllr Gilbey had circulated a draft document to form the basis of the Council's response to the Taylor Wimpey planning application 14/01540/APP to build 45 houses south of Weston Road.. Cllr Scholtens had studied the application and was in general agreement with the points made in the draft. There was unanimous agreement by all the Councillors that the Parish Council should object to the plan and Cllr Scholtens will add to the draft and circulate to all Councillors so that agreement can be reached on the wording before it is submitted by the Clerk to AVDC.
8. Report from the Recreation Committee
The current main concern is dog mess. It seems to be getting worse and is being left close to play areas. It has been decided to mark out an area for dogs to be kept on leads past the play equipment until they reach the far end.

Another concern is topping up the woodchip. After delivery it needs to be moved and spread out. Two quotes have been received which are very expensive so Adrian Buck has found someone else who can move it more cheaply. However the problem of spreading it still remains.

The bench at the top of the field has been refurbished. The BBQ stands should be installed in readiness for Picnic on the Pece. When the paving slabs are laid under the picnic tables the table from the old BBQ area will be moved nearer to the BBQ stands.

Picnic on the Pece was a great success with Giocosio playing along with circus skills items from Steve Brigden.

Grass cutting seems to be going well and Adrian Buck and Steve da Nobrega are strimming around tables, benches and play equipment areas.

Cllr. Gilbey was able to add that he had heard earlier in the day that his bid on behalf of the Council for a grant from Community Chest had been successful and that the Parish Council would receive £900 towards the cost of the proposed shelter.

9. Footpaths Report

Robert Deuchar has checked and pruned some of the Parish's footpaths and the one bridleway in the last few days and hopes to finish them all in the next fortnight.

10. Neighbourhood Plan

The 6 week consultation on the Pre-Submission Draft Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan closed at 5pm on 9th June. There had been a good response from residents with a majority supporting the plan. Three developers have submitted objections, one of which is Gladman Ltd. who want to build an estate of 1200 homes on the east side of the B4033 stretching from the north side of Winslow well into Great Horwood. The other two who have submitted objections are Taylor Wimpey and Progress Planning who have revived the plan for a development behind 10-12 the High Street which they call The Paddocks.

The next step will be for our consultant to produce a report on the comments received and for the NPT to produce a consultation statement.

On the 18th June there is a NPT meeting in the school which is open to the public. This starts at 6.30pm. After this the next step will be to present a revised plan for approval at the Parish Council meeting planned for 14th July and if approved the plan will go to AVDC for the next stage in the process, another 6 week period for comment.

11. Report on the BCC Parish Devolution Conference of 27 May and consideration of the devolution proposal for Great Horwood Parish Council

Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting which was led by Martin Tett, Leader of Bucks CC. The suggestion from BCC is to devolve services to towns and parishes and the first proposal concerns grass cutting.

Each parish would be given the budget that BCC currently spends on the grass cutting etc. in its parish but from 2016/17 the amount of this payment would be reduced by approximately one third. In the case of Great Horwood the initial budget would be £3052. This is the amount currently allocated for what TfB does in Great Horwood which is to cut 22058sqm of grass (within the 30mph limit) to cut 984m of hedge, to carry out siding out and weed killing for 4055m of footway and maintain 3052m of Rights of Way. From 2016/17 this budgeted sum would be reduced to £2058 which obviously means that BCC plan to reduce to number of grass cuts from 6 to 4 at this time. If the parish has taken over this responsibility it would then have to decide whether to reduce the number of cuts per year to carry on with 6 cuts and increase the precept to cover the extra cost.

BCC are stating that each parish would need to part of a cluster of parishes who can then work together to employ contractors.

Cllr Scholtens stated he thought the administration of this would also be a burden.

Cllr Gilbey will attend the WADLAF meeting on Wednesday to see if Winslow are to take on this devolved service and if they would be willing for us to join with them in a cluster. He will report back.

12. Data from MVAS

The MVAS is now in Little Horwood Road. When Cllr Porritt moved it she discovered the plate covering the hole for the sign had been vandalised. However this has now been repaired and the sign is in situ. Data was taken to the latest NAG meeting and passed on to TVP.

The most recent data shows vehicles come into the village more slowly from the Nash Road than they do on the Winslow Road.

13. Approval of Annual Accounts

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the annual accounts which had been audited internally for approval. No questions were raised so the relevant forms were signed by Cllr Gilbey for sending to Mazars.

14. Singleborough Noticeboard

Cllr Gilbey has asked a contact for a quote but is still waiting for this to be returned.

15. To agree items for payment

- 123 Reg Renewal Email account – £14.26 - Direct Debit
- The Lawn Ranger (Horwode Pece) - £80.00 – BACS
- EON Quarterly Maintenance - £110.70 – BACS

- Playsafety Ltd (Horwode Pece) - £121.20 – BACS
- Harris Bros (Horwode Pece) - £720.00 – BACS
- Harlequin Press - £45.00 - BACS
- NBPCC Subscription - £20.00
- Community Impact Bucks – NPT Account - £7,025.00 - BACS

Cllrs Porritt and Scholtens agreed to authorise the online payments.

16. To receive and note correspondence
 - Email from resident regarding flytipping in Church Lane.
17. Items for the next meeting
 - Medical Detection Dogs
 - Devolution of Services by BC
 - Defibrillators
 - Damaged Bollards
18. Confirmation of date and time of next meeting
The next meeting will be held on Monday 14th July at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.14pm.

Signed _____ **Draft** _____ Date _____

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 9th June 2014

- 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
Determined						
10/04/14	14/00897/ APP	Mrs C Cousin	Russetts, Nash Road	Removal of existing rear summerhouse and replacement with a new one.	No Objection	Approved
01/05/14	14/01132/ ATC	Mrs P Berrey	3 Church Lane	Reduce crown of one yew tree by approx 20% to ensure 2m clearance over highway/Lane	No Objection	Proceed with works

Pending

07/03/14	14/00107/ APP	Ms M McCarthy	Land off little Horwood Road, Nash	Change of use of land to residential use for one static caravan, one touring caravan and car parking for Gypsy family	Objection
24/04/14	14/00899/ APP	Mrs C Cheshire	2 School End	Conversion of barn to create residential accommodation, two storey rear extension, single storey rear extension and new gates and wall	No Objection
24/04/14	14/00900/ ALB	Mrs C Cheshire	2 School End	Conversion of barn to create residential accommodation, two storey rear extension, single storey rear extension and new gates and wall	No Objection
24/04/14	14/01047/ ATC	Mr P Morris	Mulberry Cottage	Pollarding of two large Acer Saccharinum trees on side of boundary of the site	No Objection
08/05/14	14/00552/ APP	Mr P Alshawi	Cricketers Field	Construction of stable block and retention of static non-residential caravan and hard standing (retrospective)	No Objection
15/05/14	14/00976/ APP	Mr J Libby	The Croft 33A Nash Rd	Single storey rear extension; raise roof on west wing to create first floor living accommodation with balcony to front elevation.	No Objection
15/05/14	14/01186/ APP	Mr & Mrs Helsdon	20 Spring Lane	Conversion of garage into living accommodation and erection of rear balcony to master bedroom and alterations to exterior work of the dwellinghouse	No Objection
29/05/14	14/01255/ APP	Mr & Mrs Cook	2 Greenway	First floor rear extension, two storey extension and new garage to side of existing dwelling.	
29/05/14	14/01363/ APP	Mr A Judge	The Old Dairy 11 High Street	Part two storey, part single storey rear extension with standard balcony in place of Juliet balcony to rear and a new single storey rear extension with lantern rooflight (Amendment to planning permission 12/01305/APP)	
05/06/14	14/01540/ APP	Taylor Wimpey	Land off Weston Road	The erection of 45 no. residential dwellings together with associated access, car parking, landscaping and open space provision.	