



**Great Horwood
Parish Council**

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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
8th June 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Scholtens (JS) (Chairman), Cllr John Gilbey (JWG (Vice Chairman), Cllr Angela Mayne (AM), Cllr Mary Saunders (MS), Cllr Jane Holland (JH), Cllr John Gunn (JAG), Cllr John Huskinson (JRH), Karen Francis (Clerk), 3 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence
All Councillors were present.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th May 2015
No amendments were made.
3. To receive declarations of interest
JRH declared he was employed by BCC and could have an interest in items such as devolution.
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
 - JWG confirmed his acceptance on his Vice-Chairman appointment.
 - Mick Wood has now received all items associated with the MVAS except for the laptop. JWG has an additional key which he will pass to Duncan Trigg.
 - A grass cutting contractor is to visit Horwode Pece on Wednesday who will hopefully provide a quote. JH had contacted the contractors who cut the cricket club grass but they would want the grass to be much shorter at the outset. It was agreed to determine the course of action after Wednesday.
 - The owner of the car with a SORN and no MOT parked for several months on The Green has been traced with the assistance of our local PCSO and has agreed to move the car for functions in the area when advised.
 - The planters have been planted for summer and the area around them strimmed.
 - JH asked if the hedges on The Green could be trimmed. JS and JH agreed to carry this out.
 - The Soakaway has been completed.
 - Three councillors attended an excellent Medical Detection Dogs presentation on 19th May.
 - All bank forms have been submitted.
5. Public Participation Period
David Saunders asked what the 123-reg renewal was for. The Clerk explained it was renewal of the domain. DS confirmed the NPT email account could now be closed and the Clerk will carry this out.
Gill Wood stated she would pass the village hall key to JWG on the day of the PC meeting. She also stated that many years ago the PC had objected to parking on the Village Green.
6. Planning Issues
 - 6.1. Councillors were provided with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. No new applications had been received and three applications had been determined or withdrawn. The planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
MS asked whether the PC were to comment on the application at The Swan pub but there has been no notification on this. The Clerk will investigate.
It was agreed that JS would draft a letter to the owner of the Old Mill to seek his future intentions for the site in light of the failure of his last residential Planning Application and explore alternative opportunities for the good of the local community.
 - 6.2. JWG reminded the Councillors about the changes in the AVDC Planning Service and the need to be quick to respond to applications. Until the AVDC Planning Service is running correctly all comments should be emailed back to the Clerk as soon as possible.
7. Report from the Recreation Committee
 - The arrangements for mowing have fallen through again and ongoing solutions are being explored.
 - A bench has been found in pieces on the Mill side of the fence. It has yet to be recovered.
 - The Picnic on the Pece took place on Sunday 7th June with a reasonable attendance. Thanks to Giocosco.
 - The trustees have met and the new PC representatives were welcomed. One trustee is stepping down and a replacement is being sought.

- JH informed Cllrs that the Rec Committee would in future hold meetings every 6 weeks starting on 7th July to facilitate coordination of their work.
- The Clerk asked what financial information was required by the Committee and it was agreed that she would provide an analysis of expenditure before each meeting.

8. Footpaths Report

Robert Deuchar has pruned most of the Parish's footpaths and expects to finish them this week.

9. Report from the AVALC Committee Meeting held on 2nd June

JWG attended this meeting. A report was circulated to Cllrs before the meeting.

10. Way forward for implementation of the Neighbourhood Plan

JWG asked if the PC should contact the owners of the sites detailed in the Neighbourhood Plan to determine their intentions. After discussion it was agreed not to do this.

11. Parking on The Green

JS suggested and it was agreed that he put a note in Focus reminding residents about the spirit of parking on The Green. However, while there are a small number of users who abuse the privilege of parking, it was decided at present not to issue guidance but to deal with issues on a case-by-case basis.

12. Local Plan

JRH circulated the 2010 Revised Action Points document based on the Parish Plan 2006 and suggested that these actions were updated and a revised version of the Parish Plan was worked on. There was discussion about the process and title, and it was agreed that it would be titled the Great Horwood Parish Plan 2016 rather than Community-Led Plan. It was agreed that JRH, JS and David Saunders would meet to work through the action points and brainstorm some ideas.

13. Devolved Services

JRH requested an update on devolved services and the latest offer from BCC. JWG explained the last PC took the view that they didn't want to participate in devolved services at present.

14. Community Shop

JH had been approached by the Plunkett Foundation to attend a networking event and lecture. She would like to bring the Church and Village Hall together as a greater part of the community by looking at how the buildings could be used more effectively. At the next meeting she will report back from the Plunkett event.

15. Local Area Forum Funding

Funding proposals need to be in by 31st August 2015. Before the meeting JS circulated a document proposing a footpath/cycleway for 140 metres along the west side of the B4033 between the junction with Spring Lane and the North Bucks Way footpath gate. After discussion it was agreed that JS would submit an application.

16. Social Media Accounts

JRH questioned why there was no central website for the village and no use of social media such as Facebook or Twitter. He would like the PC to invest in a better website and link it to social media although this will require a small amount of administration. He will send links to Cllrs to demonstrate successful Parish Council websites.

17. 2016 Precept Planning

This item is linked to revising the Parish Plan. JRH asked if new ideas were proposed for the Parish Plan, residents would need to be consulted to find out what they would be willing to pay for via the precept.

18. Allocation of Year End Reserves

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the reserves spreadsheet as at March 2015. After discussion it was agreed that the only change would be the reallocation of spare reserves to Horwode Pece to be put towards the purchase of a slide.

19. Approval of Annual Accounts

Prior to the meeting the Clerk circulated the supporting documentation for the Annual Accounts which are to be sent to Mazars and asked for any queries to be received prior to the meeting. Queries received were responded to and at this meeting the Chairman signed the accounting return.

It was also discussed whether the balance in the Neighbourhood Plan account (which included previous remaining Parish Plan funds) would have to be returned. It was considered unlikely but it was agreed to keep the balance in the Neighbourhood Plan account and use it for any necessary work on the Parish Plan 2016.

20. To agree items for payment

- 123 Reg Renewal - £14.26 – Direct Debit
- The Lawn Ranger – Horwode Pece £80.00 BACS
- AJ North Construction (Soakaway) - £1176.00 – BACS
- Playsafety Ltd (Horwode Pece) – £121.20 – BACS
- Bucks Playing Field Association - £20.00 – Cheque
- AB Electrical (Defib Cabinet) - £91.00 - BACS

Cllrs Mayne and Gilbey agreed to authorise the payments.

21. To received and note correspondence

No correspondence has been received.

22. Items for the next meeting

No additional items were raised but JS asked Cllrs to arrive slightly earlier as he would like a group photo of all Parish Councillors for his Chairman's Report in Focus and for the Parish Council website.

23. Confirmation of date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th July at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.51pm.

Signed_____

Date_____

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 8th June 2015

Below are current and recent Planning Applications. 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

18/03/2015	15/00774/AOP	Mr P Dean	Horwood Mill, Spring Lane	Outline Planning Permission for 7 dwellings and associated parking	Objection	Refused
19/03/2015	15/00913/APP	Mr F Khorrooshi	Bywater Meadow, Pilch Lane	Demolition of existing building and erection of new building for micro sheep dairy	No objection	Withdrawn
13/04/2015	15/01054/APP	Mr S Hedge	Greenfield Cottage, 19 Nash Road	Demolition of single storey extension and erection of replacement two storey rear extensions	No Objection	Withdrawn

Pending

24/04/2014	14/01047/ATC	Mr P Morris	Mulberry Cottage	Pollarding of two large Acer Saccharinum trees on side of boundary of site	No Objection
29/08/2014	14/02414/AOP	Talbot Homes	Land at Willow Road	Outline application with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for the erection of up to 34 dwellings including associated infrastructure and work.	Objection
25/09/2014	14/01540/APP (Revised)	Taylor Wimpey	Land off Weston Road	The erection of 42 no. residential dwellings together with associated access, car parking, landscaping and open space provision.	Objection
15/04/2015	15/00950/APP	Mr S Hole	Cross Roads Kennels	Erection of two blocks of replacement kennels and part demolition of existing kennels.	No Objection
15/04/2015	15/01146/APP	Mr & Mrs Ledger	Candleford, Singleborough	Conversion of Garage to Annexe (amendment to planning permission 13/03182/APP - single storey rear extension to existing detached annex and part conversion back to garage and alterations to the roof)	No Objection
27/04/2015	15/01269/APP		Land between Six Lords and Fair Lorna Cottage	Erection of agricultural storage barn/livestock shelter and alteration to existing access.	No Objection