



# Great Horwood Parish Council

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

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

1. To receive apologies for absence  
All Councillors were present.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 February 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
  - New Neighbourhood Watch signs have been sourced and fitted.
  - Two new dog bins have been ordered – one for Singleborough and one for Nash Road.
  - Focus will be delivered to businesses within the Parish from the April issue.
  - The village sign has been cleaned and oiled but has been left slightly darker than expected. The Clerk will contact the contractor to find out if this is normal.
  - There is no further update on Speedwatch.
  - Invites are being distributed to residents for the Diamond Jubilee party.
  - 3 Play around the Parish dates have been agreed in principle with AVDC.

5. Public Participation Period

Aly Taylor asked the Parish Council if anything could be done about the height of the bushes on The Green as they were causing an obstruction when turning onto the High Street. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Scholtens would reduce the height of the bushes with assistance from Cllr Bennett-Coles and Aly.

Cllr Lamberton asked whether it would be possible to have a mirror installed at the junction of The Green (near The Crown pub) and the High Street as visibility was severely restricted. The Clerk agreed to contact BCC to see whether this was possible.

Nick Grace of Savills in Nottingham, representing Sarah McAllister, spoke to the Parish Council to inform them of a proposed development of 4-5 houses at the back of The Paddocks (12 High Street). A number of questions were raised by the Parish Council including building in a conservation area, additional cars at an already difficult junction and safety for children walking to school. Mr Grace stated the planners wanted to liaise with the Parish Council in order to address as many concerns as possible and it was suggested that a public display with fairly detailed plans was a sensible next step.

This was agreed and the Clerk will book the village hall at a mutually convenient date.

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. There is a problem with the registration of the Recreation Ground as the Charity which administers the land needs to register it but the Parish Council appear to have title. The legal department at BCC have suggested the Parish Council transfer the legal title to the Charity for a nominal consideration which will then induce first registration at the Land Registry. After debate the Council agreed to do this and the Clerk agreed to instruct BCC to carry this out.  
It was also suggested the Parish Council took advice to ensure there were no financial implications and the Clerk agreed to investigate.
- 6.3. The owner of The Hedgerows is currently carrying out works to reduce the number of variations from the approved details but it is still the view of AVDC that the development as first built was unauthorised.

7. Horwood Pece Report from the Recreation Committee  
Liz Nicholls provided the report. Climbing roses called 'Christine' have been planted along the mill fence at the Rec. Grass seed has been ordered and planted for the horseshoe as it was decided it was easier than turfing. No further problems have arisen from the weekly checks although a soakaway still needs to be dug next to the tunnel. It has been decided not to hold a 'Picnic on the Pece' this year because of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.
8. Committee members for the Parish Plan Steering Committee  
Cllrs Gilbey and Scholtens are attending the Neighbourhood Planning Workshop. The Parish Council have been awarded £20k to develop a Neighbourhood Plan and now a decision needs to be made in order to decide which type of plan should be made. The remaining members of the PPSC are meeting to discuss the next steps but new Committee members are urgently needed in order to continue this work. Cllr. Scholtens will write a report for Focus seeking additional volunteers.
9. Footpaths Report  
Robert Deuchar has provided the following report:  
*I have heard from BCC that a metal pedestrian gate is to be installed where FP8/1 meets the A421, opposite the Thornton turn in Singleborough. This will be popular with dog walkers as the FP makes a triangle with the bridleway and the Singleborough Road but there are still four stiles between that point and the centre of Singleborough on FP8/1. These pedestrian gates cost £250 each and BCC says that it will pay the installation costs so perhaps some gates could be sponsored by local residents if the landowners give their consent.*  
  
Cllr Bennett-Coles kindly offered to sponsor a gate and it is hoped three more sponsors could be found.
10. Reports from the Local Area Forum held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
Prior to the meeting Cllr Gilbey circulated a report
- Discussion took place over the frequency of meetings but no firm commitment was made to re-instate the frequency to four per year.
  - It was revealed through publicly available information that BCC had received a total of just over £1m New Homes Bonus in the first two years of the scheme.
  - Pot holes in Pilch Lane were promised to be repaired before the fun run at the end of March.
11. Report from NAG meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012  
No attendees were at the meeting and therefore there was nothing to update.
12. Response to Neil Blake at AVDC on future use of the New Homes Bonus  
A letter from Neil Blake had been circulated to the Councillors before the meeting regarding the New Homes Bonus. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Gilbey would draft a response based on the principle that 20% of the bonus should go to the County Council, 40% to the District Council and 40% to the Parish Council.
13. Second Bus Shelter in Little Horwood Road  
Additional information had been requested from the contractors who had submitted a tender for the bus shelter in order to ensure the tenders could be compared equally. After discussion and a vote amongst Councillors it was agreed that Roy Randles would be awarded the project and the Clerk would contact him to arrange installation.
14. Water Supply at the Allotments  
Since the previous meeting the Clerk had contacted other villages with allotments to establish their charges for water and had also contacted Kate Jones to see if the issue of payment could be raised amongst the allotment holders. It was agreed that the installation of water was still a possibility and the next step would be to fund the surveys to determine whether a water supply could be installed. The Clerk would contact Anglian Water to arrange this.
15. Paving the Green  
A quote had been received from a contractor in order to pave a small pathway across The Green between Bugle House and Nash Road. It was agreed that the quote was too expensive and Cllr Bennett-Coles suggested he obtained a quote from a contractor he knew. This was agreed by the Parish Council.
16. Future of the Sundial on The Green  
No update was given on this item and it will be added to the agenda at the next meeting.
17. Receipts
- Lord of the Manor Donation £3,044.73
  - Allotment Rents £2.50
  - Barber Rent £15.00
18. Payments
- Bucks Playing Field Association £20.00
  - BCC Legal Fees £64.80 and £99.00
  - Clerks Expenses £72.98
  - AVALC £10.00

19. Invitation to enter the Best Kept Village competition which was declined.
- Neighbourhood Planning letter from AVDC which was passed to Cllr Scholtens.
  - BCC Street Lighting Consultation Update.
  - Invitation to Historic Towns project.
  - Letter from PCC thanking Parish Council for donation.
  - Playing Field Newsletter passed to Cllr Porritt.
  - Request for funds from AVALC which was approved.

20. Items for the next meeting  
No additional items were raised.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.24 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ **Draft** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 12th March 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**

<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Application Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Site Address</b>	<b>Details of Application</b>	<b>Parish Council Response</b>	<b>AVDC Decision</b>
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**Determined**

17.11.11	11/02361/ APP	Mr Sheppard	22 Greenway	Erection of two storey detached dwelling.	Objection	Approved
17.11.11	11/02449/ APP	Mr & Mrs Chiarello	Land at School End	Erection of dwelling house with detached garage	Objection	Refused
12.01.12	12/00032/ ACL	Mr Nugent	The Hayloft, Nash Road	Internal Alterations and external alterations to South Elevation	No Objection	Approved

**Pending**

26.01.12	12/00084/ APP	Mr Khoroshi	Parcel 5600, Pilch Lane	Installation of solar system	No Objection
09.02.12	12/00124/ ALB	Mr Mayne	The Chapel House, Nash Road	Removal of existing dormer window and replace with roof window	No Objection
02.03.12	12/00356/ APP	Mr Revis	15 Little Horwood Road	Change of use from Annexe to create a separate unit of accommodation insertion of dormer window	

2. Cllr Mayne has declared an interest in the planning application for The Chapel House, Nash Road and therefore did not contribute to the response made by the Planning Committee.