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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
10th March 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
Karen Francis (Clerk)
5 members of the public including County Cllr John Chilver.

1. To receive apologies for absence
Cllr Porritt couldn't attend due to illness and Cllr Bennett-Coles couldn't attend due to work commitments. Cllr Bennett-Coles also advised the PC that he would shortly be giving notice to resign.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th February 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 has been no update on the battery life of the MVAS. The actual MVAS will be moved shortly. Cllr Mayne asked whether there was another laptop which could download the data. Cllr Gilbey will look at the old PC laptop and the Clerk will investigate the cost of an additional laptop.
 - Heady Plants have been out to maintain the planters.
 - There is no update on any flooding on The Green. The LAT will provide some advice during a village walk when this is arranged.
 - There is no update on the bollard to be repaired on The Green.
 - It has been agreed that Graham Burns will continue to mow The Green while Walt Whitehall will continue to maintain the hedges.
 - The number of authorisers for online banking is to be reduced to two and a form was signed to agree to this.
 - The bank accounts are in the process of being closed.
5. Public Participation Period
 - There were no issues raised by the members of the public.
6. Planning Issues
 - 6.1. Councillors were provided with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. One new decision has been made and two new applications had been received. The planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

The Clerk informed the Planning Committee of an application at Home Farm to reduce the size of a Horse chestnut. The response is due very quickly. It was agreed that the PC had no objection.
 - 6.2. There is nothing to report from registering the Recreation Ground.
 - 6.3. A hearing was held regarding a licensing application at The Retreat at which the Clerk of Nash Parish Council represented GHPC. A compromise was agreed where the licence is only for 4 events per year and a maximum number of attendees is limited to 2000.
7. Report from the Recreation Committee
The report was read out at the meeting.
 - The plans for maintenance have been drawn up by Adrian Buck.
 - Improved weather will allow some groundwork and slab laying to go ahead.
 - Giocosa have confirmed their appearance on 8th June at Picnic on The Pece
 - The hunt for careless dog owners continues.
 - Plans for the proposed shelter are moving forward.
 - An appeal for more help at the Rec is being launched.
8. Footpaths Report
A new metal gate has been installed on Footpath 9 where it meets Nash Road which also included some ground up tarmac to avoid mud.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

The first newsletter has been distributed around the village, an article has been written on the front page of Focus and the Housing Needs survey has been sent out in Focus.

The NPT have been successful in getting another grant which will pay for the housing needs survey and 3 additional days of consultancy which are being used to draw up schematic plans.

Another newsletter is to be circulated shortly to inform residents of a community event taking place in the Village Hall on Saturday 29th March between 2pm and 5pm and Sunday 30th March between 2pm and 4pm. This event will show all the sites being considered as potential development sites within the village and it is planned to invite both Taylor Wimpey who are looking to build at the bottom of Weston Road and the developer who is looking to build at the bottom of Willow Road.

10. Parish Paths Clearance Fund

The Clerk had circulated a document from BCC which explained the purpose of the Parish Paths Clearance Fund. The document was also passed onto Robert Deuchar in his capacity of Footpath Monitor. Robert advised the PC that there was currently no need to sign up to this fund as the footpaths in question were already maintained voluntarily. The PC agreed with this recommendation.

11. Replacement of Singleborough Noticeboard

There has been no further update on this item and it was agreed to remove it from subsequent agendas.

12. Great Horwood Feast

Great Horwood Feast cannot be held before the 6th August or after the 12th August. Therefore Councillors agreed it would be held on 11th and 12th August and the Clerk will contact the fair to advise them of these dates.

13. Annual Parish Meeting

The APM must be held between 1st March and the 1st June each year. After discussion it was agreed that it would be held on Tuesday 29th April. The Clerk will invite groups within the village and the format will be similar to previous years.

14. Items paid since last meeting

- Timpson (plaques for Horwode Pece) £65.00

15. To agree items for payment

- Harlequin Press (NPT) £35.00 – BACS
- Community Impact Bucks (NPT) £3000.00 – BACS
- EON £110.70 – BACS
- Buckingham Playing Fields Association Subscription £20.00 - Cheque

Cllrs Lamberton, Scholtens and Mayne agreed to authorise the online payments.

16. To receive and note correspondence

- Information on grounds maintenance for the Recreation Committee
- Community Rights Workshop
- Application for Royal Garden Party was declined.

17. Items for the next meeting

- Casual Vacancy
- Annual Parish Meeting

18. Confirmation of date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14th April at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.24pm.

Signed _____

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Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 10th March 2014

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

02/01/14	03/03489/ APP	Mr & Mrs Singleton	Old Swan House	Erection of rear extension and covered area	No Objection	Approved
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Pending

30/01/14	14/00118/ APP	Mrs S Rudd	13 The Green	Two storey rear extension.	No Objection
27/02/14	14/00271/ APP	Mr A Carr	Fincorrie Farm	Demolition of the existing dwelling and the erection of detached two storey dwelling with detached garage	
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	