



**Great Horwood  
Parish Council**

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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on  
9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr Russell Margerrison, Cllr Angela Mayne, Cllr Ian Lamberton, Cllr Valerie Porritt, Cllr Ann Elliott  
Karen Francis (Clerk)  
6 members of the public including County Councillor John Chilver

1. To receive apologies for absence  
Cllr Scholtens was unable to attend due to family commitments.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015  
A small amendment on item 11 was made changing TVP to AVDC.
3. To receive declarations of interest  
Cllr Gilbey stated he had not commented on planning application 15/00775/ATC as it concerned a neighbour.
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
  - Bus timetables have been installed.
  - The small trees in the planter in Pilch Lane have been removed.
  - The defibrillator is now installed on the front of the Village Hall. Thanks were given to Cllr Mayne for leading the project and to David Mayne for the installation of the cabinet in very wet weather.
  - The MVAS has had its annual inspection.
5. Presentation from Thornborough and Coombs Community Woodlands Committee  
Unfortunately a member of the committee was unable to attend.
6. Public Participation Period  
Gill Wood thanked the members of the Neighbourhood Plan for their work and efforts.  
Cllr John Chilver also thanked the Neighbourhood Plan team. He also informed the PC of the Buckingham Local Heathcare Review meeting on Wednesday at Buckingham Community Centre and a new online consultation for changes to library opening hours.
7. Planning Issues
  - 7.1. Councillors were provided with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. Three new applications had been received and three applications had been determined. The planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
  - 7.2. Some problems highlighted to AVDC have now been resolved but there is still one problem outstanding which relates to comments made to coordinators. AVDC have been notified of the problem but still have not responded.
  - 7.3. An application has been made to build 1855 homes to the east of Whaddon Road, Newton Longville (15/00314/AOP). The traffic analysis has been received from AVDC but it is not wide enough to consider Great Horwood. Cllr Gilbey has asked the Clerk to contact AVDC to request the traffic analysis is widened.
8. Report from the Recreation Committee  
The Rec equipment is generally in good condition although there are some minor repairs which need to be made. A Work Party is planned for 29<sup>th</sup> March and any help from users of the Rec would be greatly appreciated.  
  
Bucks University Technical College is still being pursued but it is likely that alternative arrangements will be needed to get the basketball area paved.  
  
It has also been agreed to organise the seventh 'Picnic on the Pece' which will be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June.
9. Footpaths Report  
All the Parish's footpaths and its bridleway have been inspected and pruned between 22 February and 4 March. There is a new metal pedestrian gate (replacing a stile) on FP5 where it leaves Singleborough Lane just north of the bridge over the stream.
10. Neighbourhood Plan  
The referendum for the Neighbourhood Plan was held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. There was a steady stream of residents voting throughout the 15 hours that the polling station was open with the last person casting their vote at 9.55pm.

The Parish Council were allowed to nominate up to 10 scrutineers to witness the count which started soon after the polling station closed at 10.00pm Those who attended were Cllrs. Gilbey and Scholtens, David and Mary Saunders, Gill and Mick Wood, Monica Gilbey, Jo Waggott and Heather Blake and they were all very impressed by the extremely careful and thorough way in which the count was conducted and Cllr. Gilbey expressed the thanks of the community to the Returning Officer and the Poll staff.

Results have been posted on the PC noticeboard and the details were as follows:

Of the 815 residents eligible to vote 491 actually voted and of these 87 were postal votes. 447 (91%) votes were in favour of approving the Neighbourhood Plan while 44 (9%) were against.

The turnout was 60.2% which is the highest turnout of any Neighbourhood Plan referendum in England to date.

The Plan will now be made by AVDC and any outstanding and subsequent planning applications should now be decided using the information in the Neighbourhood Plan.

11. Devolved Services

Cllr Gilbey had asked County Cllr John Chilver to attend the meeting to inform the PC on the current state of devolved services across the county. Cllr Chilver explained that the current proposals are optional and the first stage starts in April 2015. Most PC's have been asked to take on grass cutting but there are many services that are available to be devolved or will be soon.

The current situation is that each Parish which has accepted the offer is given a proportional amount of the Council budget for devolved services and then encouraged to form clusters with other Parish and Town Councils. There is also a small amount of funding available for Health and Safety Training and Public Liability Insurance.

There is currently guaranteed funding for the next four years from BCC and there is the option for PC's to take up the offer from April 2016. However there is no guarantee the offer from BCC will remain the same.

Cllr. Gilbey expressed his strongly held view that many of the services currently provided by Bucks CC and AVDC will be curtailed or ceased in future years as government funding to local councils is further reduced and future parish councils will have to decide whether to manage without the service or to fund them through the precept. Examples of areas where this has already taken place include Youth Clubs and Libraries.

12. Winslow Police Station

Since the last meeting the Clerk had written to the Chief Inspector of TVP and the Crime Commissioner. The Chief Inspector had responded only giving reasons to the closure and nothing else. There has been no response from the Crime Commissioner.

Winslow Town Council are looking at funding the police office so that it remains open. Cllr Gilbey asked the rest of the Parish Council if they would be willing to provide some funding too. After discussion it was agreed an amount of up to £1000 would be ring-fenced from current year reserves and that the Clerk would contact Winslow Town Council to inform them of this decision.

13. Annual Parish Meeting

The APM will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. Village organisations have been invited to attend and make a short presentation if willing.

14. To agree items for payment

- Clerk's Expenses – BACS - £64.82
- Cllr Mayne – Defib Expenses – BACS - £10.75

**Cllrs Lamberton and Gilbey agreed to authorise the online payments.**

15. To receive and note correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

16. Items for the next meeting

Planters

17. Confirmation of date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at **6.30pm**.

The meeting closed at 8.22pm.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 9th March 2015

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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

06/01/2015	15/00033/APP	Mr & Mrs Porritt	1a Willow Road	Single Storey Rear Extension	No objection	Approved
28/01/2015	15/00081/ATC	Mr P Taylor	Stagsden, Singleborough Lane	x 1 Oak tree, rear garden, Reduce crown by approx 2 metres overall and lift crown by approx 2-3 metres of one Oak tree; Reduce crown of one Bird Cherry by approx. 2-3 metres overall and Reduce crown of one Acer tree by approx 2 metres over all.	No objection	Proceed with works
31/01/2015	15/00384/ATC	Mr E Maddock	Park Lodge, Singleborough	Fell two Ash trees	No objection	TPO to be served

#### 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	
05/06/2014	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.	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	
20/10/2014	14/03044/APP	Mr & Mrs Elliott	Spring Cottage	Change of use of 2 existing bedroom within Spring Cottage and conversion of existing detached annex and office buildings into an additional 4 bedroom suites to be operated as a bed and breakfast business with associated parking and new access.	Objection	
12/02/2015	15/00258//APP	Mr Karnik	Orchard Cottage, Singleborough	Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with a new dwelling and with detached garage and two bay carport	No objection	
16/02/2015	15/00425/AGN	Mr A Clark	Land between six lords and Fair Lorna Cottage	Erection of agricultural barn	No objection	
27/02/2015	15/00775/ATC	Mr S Terkelsen	Tudor Cottage 12 Little Horwood Rd	Fell one Apple tree and two Sycamore trees	Objection	