



Great Horwood Parish Council

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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 14th March
2016 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 (JG), Cllr John Huskinson (JRH), Mandy Cliffe Parish Clerk, 11 members of the public including District Cllr Sir Beville Stanier.

1. To receive apologies for absence
All Councillors present. County Councillor John Chilver sent his apologies.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th February 2016
No amendments were made.
3. To receive declarations of interest
None were received.
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
 - The issue of the failed road surface on Pilch Lane has been addressed by Transport for Bucks (TfB). Work will include the replacing of drainage pipes and clearing of ditches and is scheduled to begin before the end of April. TfB has also confirmed that the weak bridge could take the weight of the Adstock Bulk Grain lorries if and when they need to divert through Great Horwood.
 - The PC accepted that hedge cutting on Pilch Lane was carried out in accordance with legal and ecological practice.
 - Potholes in Church Lane have been filled.
 - The Horwood Feast funfair contact has been advised of the chosen dates, asked to arrive after 2pm on 7th August and to respect the residents when packing up on the night of the 9th August.
 - The organiser of the Produce Show is still seeking liability Insurance.
 - The PC were reminded about the MK Plan Consultation Meeting on 23rd March at Whaddon Village Hall.
 - The MVAS inspection has now been carried out.
 - The PC is awaiting news from Thames Valley Police of plans for speed enforcement in the village.
5. Public Participation Period
 - Valerie Porritt asked the PC to record the village's thanks for the professional way in which the very successful Annual Fun Run (13th March) was organised. 155 runners of all ages took part.
 - Valerie Porritt extended a general invitation to the installation of the Rev Andrew Lightbown as Rector of the Winslow Benefice at St Laurence Church Winslow at 7.30pm on 16th March 2016.
 - The Football Club 50th Anniversary celebration would take place on The Green after the GH Fete.
 - Concern was expressed about the effect of the proposed daytime A421 road closures on the Fete. The clerk would continue to press TfB for more details about the closures. **(Action Clerk)**
6. Report from the Recreation Committee
The report is attached to these Minutes.
7. Footpaths Report
Robert Deuchar had nothing to report to the meeting.
8. Devolution of Services
Cllr JWG has submitted an article for the April Focus. He also advised that the contractor, Ian Walker, has changed his business name from "Thomas Redding Contracts" to "Walker Grounds Care".
9. Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations (QBC) – Thursday 21st April 2016
Cllr JH said that the GH School had asked to link with the PC for "Clean for the Queen" on 17th April 2016. An article would appear in the April Focus and posters put up around the village. Hi viz jackets will be borrowed from the school and litter pickers from Winslow Town Council. The Clerk was asked to arrange for the collection of bags after the event. **(Action Clerk)**

It was resolved to ask Andrew Fuggle if he would be willing to be one of the two people required to supervise the beacon on the night of the QBCs. **(Action Clerk)** The Silver Band has agreed to play but will require some shelter. The clerk requested the loan of Farmer's Market Gazebos from Winslow Town Council. GH School would ask children to decorate wax bags containing tea lights to place around the beacon. Celebrations would start at 7pm with Buck's Fizz and cake kindly provided by the WI.
10. Annual Parish Meeting
Cllr JS had prepared and circulated his draft Annual report. The clerk was asked to invite local groups to attend and to give a brief talk on their highlights and achievements of the past year. **(Action Clerk)**
11. Update on Speed Watch
Cllr JRH reported that

- four volunteers had been trained and a request for further volunteers would again be placed in Focus. (**Action Clerk**).
- the Speed Watch equipment was booked for use in April and May.
- the exercise is not without teeth. Drivers exceeding the speed limit would receive letters from TVP. Drivers who significantly and repeatedly exceed the speed limit could have their vehicle confiscated (and crushed if the £150 recovery fee is not paid).

Cllr JS emphasised the need for volunteers to take extra care and to adhere to safety guidelines.

Cllr JRH reported that plans for the School Crossing Patrol were not progressing as quickly as they would like but hoped that the situation would improve after Easter. The MVAS was recording the average speed on approach to the village as 45mph, underlining the need for this facility.

12. Weston Road Planning Application

David Saunders has received the provisional timetable for the four day Inquiry. He asked that anyone wishing to speak make themselves known to the Inspector on the first day (15th March) in order for the timetable to be revised. He also said that whilst the date for written submissions was past, the Inspector might still give weight to letters from the public.

It was resolved that Cllr JS would speak on the Parish Council's perspective and that Mr Rod Moulding would cover aspects of local democracy. Dist Cllr Sir Beville Stanier was requested to speak in support of the PC. Mr Neil Homer, Planning Consultant, would give evidence on behalf of the PC on 16th and 17th March. It was accepted that parties to the Inquiry would be required to pay their own costs. Cllr JS reminded all that this was a critical time for GH and other parishes with Neighbourhood Plans.

13. Planning Issues

Cllr JS highlighted the slow pace at which AVDC was resolving planning applications and the lack of response regarding the possible planning breach (laying of a paved roadway) at Nash Park.

14. Update on the Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr JWG reported that the Planning Committee had met with all three developers of the NP sites. It was further reported by Cllrs JWG and JS that developer Paul Fello had submitted a planning application for the land off Nash Road site, (16/00877/APP) without further consultation with the GH Planning Committee. Matthew Dale-Harris, our Inquiry barrister, was aware of this application.

15. Gladmans' Proposed Development at Winslow North

Winslow Town Councillors, with Cllr JWG and David Saunders representing GH Parish Council, attended a meeting with Gladmans on 23rd February. The object was to express widespread local concern about Gladmans' proposals. At the end of the meeting, Gladmans resolved to consult the residents of Winslow and Great Horwood and then put in planning permission for 650 houses within the boundary of the Great Horwood settlement and 550 houses in Winslow. Cllr JS thanked JWG and DS for attending this meeting.

16. Reminder about Senior Citizen Bus Passes

Cllr JH reported that the Bus Pass application system was now working well. Previous problems caused by outsourcing had been resolved and Cllr MS thanked County Cllr John Chilver for his assistance in expediting the resolution.

17. Reports

Cllr JH attended the Buckinghamshire Community Funding Fair run by Community Impact Bucks. Helpful suggestions included information about crowd funding and how to make an effective National Lottery bid. JH also attended a 45 minute one to one session on a modern approach to volunteering.

18. To agree items for payment

- Bucks Playing Field Association - £20.00 cheque
- Ian Walker hedge cutting £200 - BACS
- Leigh Day Barrister Matthew Dale-Harris fees £450.00 - NPT ACCT BACS
- Clerks BCC Audit Training Courses £32.09 - cheque
- Eon street lighting bill – BACS £28.08

19. To receive and note correspondence

No new correspondence was received.

20. Items for the next meeting

Parish Plan 2016
Update on A421 Roadworks
Queen's Birthday Celebrations

21. Confirmation of date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11th April 2016 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed _____ **Draft** _____ Date _____

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 14th March 2016

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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| 29/04/2015 | 15/00038/REF | Ms M McArthy | Land Off Little Horwood Road Nash Buckinghamshire | Change of use of land to residential use for one static caravan , one touring caravan and car parking for Gypsy family | Objection | Appeal Allowed |
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Pending

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| 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 | |
| 07/07/2015 | 15/02233/APP | Mrs Carmel Williams | Land opposite Causter Farm | Removal of Condition 2 on planning application ref 10/00680/APP allowed on appeal with ref APP/J0405/C/11/2148933 and APP/J0405/A/11/2148930 to allow permanent occupation of the mobile homes on site. | Objection | Awaiting decision |
| 24/11/2015 | 15/03884/APP | Mr & Mrs Wootton | 9a Little Horwood Road | Demolition of existing sheds and construction of a new detached dwelling to "Passivhaus" criteria. | Objection | Awaiting decision |
| 09/12/2015 | 15/03902/APP | Mr P Brooker | Medical Dogs | Accommodation to provide dog training facilities together with ancillary offices car parking provision and landscaping. | No Objection | Awaiting decision |
| 26/01/2016 | 16/00277/APP | Mr Douglas Foster | Medical Dogs | Single Storey Extension | No Objection | Awaiting decision |
| 18/02/2016 | 16/00579/APP | Nr & Mrs Elliott | Spring Cottage, 28 Spring Lane GH | Demolition of existing extension and erection of two storey side extension | No Objection | |
| 29/02/2016 | 16/00661/APP | Mr Paul Maling | Roddimore Stud, Winslow Road GH | Formation of facilities for disabled | No Objection | |
| 10/03/2016 | 16/00851/APP | Mrs Catherine Hems | The Cottage Singleborough Lane | Construction of vehicular access and off-street parking area | | |
| 14/03/2106 | 16/00603/ACL | Mr Bruce Steele-Tyson | The Retreat Bletchley Road | Installation of a studwork wall and kitchen units in the approved first floor gymnasium/play room to form the Annexe. | | |

Horwode Pece Management Committee - Report to Parish Council March 2016

The main activity to report, over the last month, is the planned 'Working Party' down the Rec. on the 12th and 13th of this month, starting at 10.00am on the Saturday. Weather permitting this will have been completed by the time the Parish Council meets.

Each year, usually mid-March we have a 'Working Party' to ensure the Rec. is in tip-top condition for the new season. This year a number of items need some maintenance, repair work or will need replacing. Jobs on the list include:

- Checking and tightening up bolts on the 'Pullox' and the 'Parallel bars' in the teenage area, and also the 'Motorbike' in the toddler area. The condition of all other equipment will be checked.
- The wood surround of the toddler area needs repairing.
- We need to measure up the goals to order replacement nets, then, at a later date install them.
- General maintenance: checking the condition of seats and picnic tables after the winter, raking the woodchip in the play areas level and ensuring there is sufficient depth, cutting back the brambles near the mill, pruning the roses and tidying up the hedgerows after we have had them cut back at the end of last season.

Near Easter we will need a further 'Work Party' to install the football nets and also to replace the old picnic tables when the new one is ordered as part of the 2016 budget.

With respect to on-going maintenance, the biggest job will be the topping-up of the woodchip, late spring, which will be sub-contracted out.

Last month, I wrote about our aim to purchase a slide; Val Porritt and Mike Hobday met with Ray Parker from Kompan down the Rec. and we have received a formal quotation. It is for £7907, excluding Vat., which means that we will have to apply for additional grant funding to top up that offered by the Parish Council before we can proceed with this new equipment project. When you look at the breakdown of these costs, the slide is actually £4090, the balance is the cost of installing it into the Rec.!

As I reported last month, the Rec. is in great shape thanks to the dedication of our band of helpers, who keep an eye on things, taking turns to check the Rec. on a weekly basis. On behalf of the management committee I wish to give our thanks to them all.

John Nicholls
Chairman