



**Great Horwood
Parish Council**

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 10th May 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr Rod Moulding (Vice-chairman), Cllr Michael Brocklehurst, Cllr Ian Lamberton, Cllr Moya Berrill, Cllr James Samways, Karen Francis (Clerk)
No members of the public

1. To elect the Chairman of the Council for 2010-2011
Cllr Gilbey was proposed by Cllr Samways and seconded by Cllr Lamberton. All were in favour and Cllr Gilbey was elected.
 2. To receive the Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office
Cllr Gilbey confirmed his acceptance of the appointment,
 3. To elect a Vice-Chairman of the Council
Cllr Moulding was proposed by Cllr Gilbey and seconded by Cllr Brocklehurst. All were in favour and Cllr Moulding was elected.
 4. To appoint representatives to outside bodies:

4.1.	Bucks County Council Winslow and District Local Area Forum	Cllr Gilbey
4.2.	AVDC Local Council Planning Liaison Group	Cllrs Gilbey and Moulding
4.3.	North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium	Cllrs Gilbey and Moulding
4.4.	Buckingham South Neighbourhood Action Group	Cllr Gilbey
4.5.	Voluntary Impact Bucks (for liaison)	Cllr Moulding
4.6.	Bucks Association of Local Councils (BALC)	Cllrs Gilbey and Moulding
4.7.	Aylesbury Vale Association of Local Councils (AVALC)	Cllrs Gilbey and Moulding
4.8.	Aylesbury Vale North Sports Council	Cllr Brocklehurst
4.9.	Bucks Playing Field Association	To be decided at a future meeting
- The Clerk was requested to contact AVNSC and BPFA to inform them of the representatives and to enquire whether any meetings were held which could be attended.
5. To appoint members of the Committees of the Council
 - 5.1. As Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Cllrs Gilbey and Moulding are automatic members of the Planning Committee. It was agreed that Cllrs Brocklehurst and Lamberton would also continue on the Committee. It was also agreed that at the next Planning Meeting the Councillors would ensure that Mr Jeremy West was comfortable remaining as a co-opted member to the Planning Committee.
 - 5.2. Again the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are automatic members of the Recreation Committee. It was established that Cllrs Brocklehurst and Samways were also happy to remain on the Committee.
 6. To agree the payment of annual subscriptions to BALC, AVALC, VIB, NBPCC, AVNSC and BPFA
As the subscriptions to these organisations are budgeted for in this financial year, Cllr Gilbey proposed the subscriptions continued to be paid, Cllr Moulding seconded it and the vote was carried unanimously.
 7. To receive apologies for absence
All Councillors being present, there were none.
 8. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th April 2010
These were approved without modification

9. To receive declarations of interest
None received.
10. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
- The AVALC meeting was held in the Village Hall on 20th April and it was agreed that the meeting went well.
 - Willow Road Allotments are progressing although a tenant has raised an issue about a concrete slab in the middle of their allotment. The Contractor who was supposed to have cleared the site is currently unwell so it was agreed that Cllr Gilbey would speak to the tenant and Cllr Berrill would contact the Contractor to determine whether he would be able to sub-contract his work.
 - AVDC have been contacted about the dumped tyres on the Little Horwood Road. The Clerk is awaiting an update as to whether the tyres have been collected.
 - Feedback from the Winter Maintenance Survey was submitted to Bucks County Council by the deadline.
 - No feedback has been received by the Clerk as to roads which need to be repaired under the Plane & Patch programme. If any feedback is received she will make a note for Bucks County Council.
 - Since the last meeting, the sum of £10,000 was deposited into a Fixed Term Deposit Account as agreed. This is for a period of 3 months.
11. Public Participation Period
No members of the public attended the meeting.
12. To receive and consider reports from Committees of Council
- 12.1. Cllr Moulding updated the Council on the report from the Planning Committee with current open applications. One of these was to be discussed in item 16. The other two points to note were that the AVDC Development Control Committee had deferred a decision on 22 Greenway until a site visit had taken place. This has now been carried out and it is likely that the application will now be approved. The other was that a TPO had been put on trees at the bottom of the Glebe Field. Consequently Cllr Moulding proposed that the comments made to AVDC were ratified. Cllr Brocklehurst seconded this and it was approved unanimously.
- 12.2. Cllr Brocklehurst updated the Council on the recent developments at Horwode Pece.
- An incident occurred at The Rec has been reported to the Police who have said they will increase their presence at Horwode Pece.
 - The overhead line to the mill has now been removed although kites should still not be flown in the area as there are further overhead lines on the edge of the field.
 - A successful working party has taken place to tidy and maintain The Rec. 12 people attended.
 - The installation of new equipment is progressing well. Extra insurance will be needed but the Clerk was aware of this and the process is in hand.
 - New chippings need to be added to top up the existing chippings. The Rec Committee think it is sensible to 'piggy back' on the chippings being delivered for Playground Facilities as this reduces the transport costs. The cost is £266 + Vat and this will be paid using part of the maintenance budget held by the Parish Council.
 - An application for a grant has been made to purchase equipment such as a strimmer which will assist in maintaining the ground.
 - The Committee are looking for support from the Parish Council for a footpath to connect Horwode Pece with the Little Horwood side of the village. It was agreed that as the Parish Council have included plans for this footpath in the Parish Plan and it has been included in the Whaddon Chase Green Infrastructure Plan, the Committee already had the support of the Parish Council.
- Cllr Gilbey recognised that it has been hard work to have the overhead lines removed and thanked the Committee for their perseverance.
13. AVDC Community Cohesion Strategy Consultation
Cllr Moulding had been unable to bring anything to the meeting relating to this. The closing date for a response is Tuesday 18th May. It was agreed that Cllr Moulding would draft and circulate a response via email for comments and approval.

14. Planning Gain S106 agreements

Cllr Brocklehurst gave an update of the Community Infrastructure Levy which, in essence, will replace S106 agreements but it is currently voluntary. The main reason is that S106 agreements are only used in a limited number of cases and can take a long time to negotiate.

The levy is based on the net increase of floor space within a qualifying application and is calculated using rates which will depend on area, types of properties etc. The Parish Council will be a statutory consultee when the rates are set which will be done in a special hearing. This will be held by an Examiner and the Parish Council will be able to speak at that hearing. The Examiner will make a ruling which should then be approved by the Local Authority.

This levy will only apply to buildings. Charities are exempt and it won't apply if the levy is £50 or less and relief will be given on social housing.

The money raised from the levy has to fund infrastructure of developments in either the District Council area or in an adjoining area which will significantly and beneficially affect the District Council area. The District Council has the power to decide what the money raised should be spent on and not the Parish Council.

The regulations came into effect last month but there are still certain consultation periods which will take place so the expectation is that the levy will be introduced sometime during the next year.

15. To discuss High Speed Rail 2 (HS2) Route 4

Since the last meeting Bucks County Council and AVDC have retracted their comments relating to HS2 and also withdrawn the leaflets which were in the process of being distributed. There is little the Parish Council can do at present with the question of HS2 so it was agreed that the situation would be monitored.

16. To discuss the latest developments with the site in Nash Road, Great Horwood

Cllrs Gilbey, Moulding and Brocklehurst along with Mr Jeremy West met with Jim Cannell, Development Control Manager of AVDC to discuss a response to the Planning Application which had been received relating to the above site.

A letter has now been submitted to AVDC objecting to the application and a wide variety of reasons had been given. It is expected that this application will go to Development Control Committee sometime around July.

There is currently an indefinite injunction on the site which prohibits anything being brought onto it which relates to human habitation.

17. Report of Buckingham South NAG held on April 28th 2010

Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting. A number of different issues were discussed including speeding operations held in local villages and local crime (figures suggest crime is down although the level of crime in Bucks South is still considered to be average). The issue of a dog owner not clearing up after his dog was also raised and it transpired that if someone is seen committing an offence and a PCSO can be provided with a written statement with the date, time and location and the witness's address then a fine can be issued.

Cllr Gilbey, once again, raised the issue of parking at the top of Spring Lane.

18. Review of the Annual Parish Meeting and Matters Arising

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting was a success although the majority of people who attended were those connected with the clubs within the village. No matters were raised so there was nothing for the Parish Council to follow up.

19. To consider a delegated budget application

The Clerk explained that any delegated budget applications for the year 2011-2012 had to be submitted by 30th June 2010. Two original suggestions had been made, the first for a replacement bus shelter and the second for more salt bins around the village but during the meeting another two additional ideas were put forward. The first was for 'gates' at the entrances to the village and the second was for one or more Speed Indicating Devices to be installed.

It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate the costs of these various options and in terms of the bus shelter it was decided that a higher specification wooden bus shelter would be more appropriate for the village.

20. To review and agree the Insurance policy provider for 2010-2011

The Clerk had obtained two additional quotes to compare against the renewal notice received from Allianz. One was more expensive and the other had been passed to Cllr Moulding for a review. Cllr Moulding's recommendation was that the Parish Council remained with Allianz primarily due to the liability questions relating to Horwode Pece and possibly the Cricket Ground.

This approach was agreed by the other Councillors and therefore the Clerk will arrange payment to Allianz for the insurance for the coming year. It was also recognised that the policy will need to include the additional equipment at Horwode Pece.

21. Receipts

- D Jack Smith Award £3,133.64
- Precept £8,500.00
- VAT Repayment £3,121.61

22. Items paid since previous meeting

- Great Horwood Village Hall (D Jack Smith Award) £433.64
- Great Horwood Cricket Club (D Jack Smith Award) £1,500.00
- Great Horwood Brownies (D Jack Smith Award) £500.00
- Great Horwood & Singleborough WI (D Jack Smith Award) £200.00
- Great Horwood & Singleborough Youth Club (D Jack Smith Award) £500.00

A cheque for £12.00 was also signed for payment to the village hall for the hire of the hall on 20th April. This had not been detailed in the agenda.

23. To receive and note correspondence

- A letter regarding Adult Social Care in Buckinghamshire. Drop in surgeries are being held across the county and the next one will be at Great Horwood Post Office on Wednesday 2nd June.
- A letter from Thames Valley Policy giving details about a Project Griffin Awareness Day to be held on Thursday 1st July.

24. Items for the next meeting

Delegated budget
Approval of annual accounts

The next meeting Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 14th June 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.12pm

Signed _____ **Draft** _____ Date _____