



**Great Horwood  
Parish Council**

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr John Scholtens (Vice-chairman), Cllr Valerie Porritt, Cllr Ian Lamberton, Karen Francis (Clerk), 4 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence  
Cllrs Mayne and Margerrison were unable to attend due to other commitments.
2. To elect the Chairman of the Council for 2014-2015  
A nomination had been received from Cllr Gilbey to remain as Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Scholtens and all councillors were in favour so Cllr Gilbey was elected.
3. To receive the Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office  
Cllr Gilbey confirmed his acceptance of the appointment and also took the opportunity to advise Cllrs that as this was his 8<sup>th</sup> year as Chairman, it would also probably be his last.
4. To elect a Vice-Chairman of the Council  
Cllr Scholtens was nominated for this appointment and was seconded by Cllr Gilbey. All Councillors were in favour and Cllr Scholtens was elected.
5. Declarations of Acceptance  
The Clerk will ask all Councillors to sign a Declaration of Acceptance. The Clerk will keep these records on file.
6. To appoint representatives to outside bodies:

6.1. Bucks County Council Winslow and District LAF	Cllr Gilbey
6.2. AVDC Local Council Planning Liaison Group	Cllr Gilbey
6.3. North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium	Cllr Gilbey
6.4. Winslow Neighbourhood Action Group	Cllr Porritt
6.5. Bucks and Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils (BMKALC)	Cllr Gilbey
6.6. Aylesbury Vale Association of Local Councils (AVALC)	Cllr Gilbey
6.7. Aylesbury Vale North Sports Council	Cllr Porritt
6.8. Bucks Playing Field Association	Cllr Porritt
6.9. Village Hall (includes Cllr Gilbey as an ex-officio member)	Cllrs Porritt & Lamberton
6.10. Neighbourhood Planning Team	Cllr Gilbey
6.11. Poors Allotment	Cllrs Gilbey and Mayne
7. To appoint members of the Committees of the Council
  - 7.1. As Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Cllrs Gilbey and Scholtens are automatic members of the Planning Committee. It was agreed that Cllrs Mayne, Lamberton and Margerrison would remain on the Committee
  - 7.2. Again the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are automatic members of the Recreation committee. It was agreed that Cllrs Porritt and Mayne remain on the Committee and would also remain as the Parish Council appointed trustees of the Great Horwood and Singleborough Recreation Trust.
8. To agree payment of annual subscriptions to BMKALC, AVALC, Community Impact (Bucks), NBPCC, AVNSC & BPFA  
As the subscriptions to these organisations are budgeted for in this financial year, all Councillors voted in favour of paying them.
9. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014  
These were approved without modification
10. To receive declarations of interest  
None received.
11. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
  - There is currently a vacancy for a Parish Councillor who can be co-opted onto the Council. This term would last for a year as Councillor Elections are due next year.
  - A new laptop for use with the MVAS has not yet been purchased.

- MVAS is still in place on Nash Road. The battery is lasting well which would indicate less people are speeding. It will shortly be moved to Little Horwood Road. Cllr Porritt will take data collected so far to the next Neighbourhood Action Group.
- The dormant bank accounts have now been closed.
- No repairs have been made to the damaged bollard. Cllr Porritt will chase Roy Randles.
- The Clerk responded to Cllr Chilver re damaged footways.
- Cllr Scholtens investigated the cost of a skate park at Horwode Pece and passed the information to the Recreation Committee.

#### 12. Public Participation Period

- Gill Wood informed the PC that the planters were hard to see as the grass hadn't been cut around the planters. Jane Holland offered to trim around the planter in Little Horwood Road and the Clerk will ask Robert Heady to do this if he plants the summer flowers
- Jane Holland informed the Council that a small group of residents were investigating setting up a community shop similar to the one at North Marston. The first step is to find out if residents are interested in having a shop and therefore a questionnaire will be sent to all residents canvassing opinion. The PC were asked to pay for these questionnaires which would cost £45. Cllrs agreed this.

#### 13. Planning Issues

- 13.1. Councillors were provided with an updated Planning Report. Three new decisions have been made and five new applications have been received. This information can be seen in part 1 of the planning report which is attached to and forms part of these minutes

#### 14. Report from the Recreation Committee

- Plaques have been fixed to the tables stating 'No BBQ's on tables'.
- A plaque will be erected shortly thanking BCC for funding the balance pods and beams.
- Metal BBQ's will hopefully be in place in time for Picnic on The Pece.
- Woodchip top up will be purchased in June. ABH are to provide a quote for spreading.
- Picnic on the Pece will be on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June.
- One quote has been received for a shelter and others are awaited. John Gilbey has applied for funding from Community Chest.
- The idea of a skatepark was discussed at the last meeting. The Committee are not opposed to the idea and would consider it if anyone can help out raising funds as it would cost in the region of £40,000.
- Letters about The Pece have been received from Year 3 children at Great Horwood School and John Gilbey will be replying.
- Keith Mould will replace James Samways on the weekly check rota.
- A large amount of paving slabs have been offered which will be used around the Rec.
- Paul Landymore was thanked for his work in cutting the grass as a volunteer, now a new contractor is cutting it.

#### 15. Footpaths Report

There is nothing to report this month.

#### 16. Neighbourhood Planning Team Update

The consultation document has been published on the website and runs from 28<sup>th</sup> April to 9<sup>th</sup> June. Comments are invited from everyone. Hard copies have also been sent to various consultees.

A meeting has been arranged with AVDC to review their comments and Cllr Gilbey will report back at the next meeting.

Cllr Gilbey and David Saunders attended the Winslow Town Plan hearing. The Inspectors report is due back at the end of May.

#### 17. Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan

After discussion it was agreed that the PC did not need to respond to the consultation.

#### 18. Review of Annual Parish Meeting

Approximately 50 people attended the meeting with presentations from many village organisations. It was commented that it was a shame that some organisations weren't able to attend especially as the Parish Council support them financially but overall it was agreed that it was a successful evening.

#### 19. Defibrillators

It was agreed that Cllr Mayne would arrange a demonstration from the ambulance service at the next meeting.

20. Summer Planters

A quote has been received from Robert Heady and the Cllrs agreed to go with this. The Clerk will inform Mr Heady and ask him to also trim and tidy around the planters.

21. Replacement of Singleborough Noticeboard

An email was received from Marc Bennett-Coles asking for the noticeboard in Singleborough to be replaced. Cllr Gilbey will ask some contacts to see if they are interested in carrying out this work.

22. Receipts

- Precept Payment and Government Grant £10,157.50

28. To agree items for payment

- Zurich Insurance £1095.16 - BACS
- John Gilbey – Expenses £78.94 - BACS
- BCC Legal Fees - £216.00 – BACS
- The Lawn Ranger (Horwode Pece) £80.00 - Cheque
- Harlequin Press – NPT £117.00 - BACS
- rCOH Ltd – Exhibition £2040.00 – BACS

Online payments will be authorised by Cllrs Gilbey and Lamberton.

30. To receive and note correspondence

- An explanation of the decision made on the recent Licensing Application at The Retreat. Cllr Gilbey took this to scan and circulate.
- An email from a resident regarding fly tipping in Church Lane.

31. Items for the next meeting

Defibrillators  
Medical Detection Dogs  
Singleborough Noticeboard.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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## Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May 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

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	No Objection	Withdrawn
07/03/14	14/00559/ APP	Mrs F Shippo-botham	Home Farm	Reduce size of horse chestnut	No Objection	Approved
20/03/14	14/00607/ APP	Mr M Francis	2 Spring Close Great Horwood	Single storey rear extension and front porch	No Objection	Approved

#### Pending

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	Objection	
10/04/14	14/00897/ APP	Mrs C Cousin	Russetts, Nash Road	Removal of existing rear summerhouse and replacement with a new one.	No Objection	
24/04/14	14/00899/ APP	Mrs C Cheshire	2 School End	Conversion of barn to create residential accommodation, two storey rear extension, single storey rear extension and new gates and wall	No Objection	
24/04/14	14/00900/ ALB	Mrs C Cheshire	2 School End	Conversion of barn to create residential accommodation, two storey rear extension, single storey rear extension and new gates and wall	No Objection	
24/04/14	14/01047/ ATC	Mr P Morris	Mulberry Cottage	Pollarding of two large Acer Saccharinum trees on side of boundary of the site	No Objection	
01/05/14	14/01132/ ATC	Mrs P Berrey	3 Church Lane	Reduce crown of one yew tree by approx 20% to ensure 2m clearance over highway/Lane		
08/05/14	14/00552/ APP	Mr P Alshawi	Cricketers Field	Construction of stable block and retention of static non-residential caravan and hard standing (retrospective)		