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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 11th May
2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Scholtens (JS) (Chairman), Cllr Angela Mayne (AM), Cllr Mary Saunders (MS), Cllr Jane Holland (JH), Cllr John Gunn (JAG), Cllr John Huskinson (JRH), Karen Francis (Clerk), 8 members of the public

1. Introductions
Cllr Scholtens welcomed the new and returning Councillors, thanked the retiring councillors for all their hard work then each Councillor gave a short introduction
2. To receive apologies for absence
Cllr Gilbey (JWG) was unable to attend as he was on holiday. He sent his best wishes to the new Councillors.
3. To elect the Chairman of the Council for 2015-2016
A nomination had been received from Cllr Scholtens. This was seconded by Cllr Gilbey and all councillors were in favour so Cllr Scholtens was elected.
4. To receive the Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office
Cllr Scholtens confirmed his acceptance of the appointment.
5. To elect a Vice-Chairman of the Council
A nomination had been received from Cllr Gilbey. This was seconded by Cllr Scholtens and all councillors were in favour so Cllr Gilbey was elected.
6. Declarations of Acceptance
The Clerk asked all Councillors to sign a Declaration of Acceptance. The Clerk will keep these records on file.
7. To appoint representatives to outside bodies:

7.1. Bucks County Council Winslow and District LAF	JWG/JS/AM
7.2. AVDC Local Council Planning Liaison Group	JWG
7.3. North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium	JWG/MS
7.4. Winslow Neighbourhood Action Group	AM
7.5. Aylesbury Vale Association of Local Councils (AVALC)	JWG
7.6. Bucks Playing Field Association	JAG
7.7. Village Hall (includes Cllr Scholtens as an ex-officio member)	JH/JRH
7.8. Great Horwood and Singleborough Recreation Trust	JAG/JH
7.9. Poors Allotment	AM/JRH
- Cllrs were also asked whether they would be prepared to help move the MVAS between sites. Mick Wood has kindly offered to take responsibility of downloading the data from the system and also for storing the bag of MVAS parts and recharging the battery. He will also take responsibility of the second PC laptop in order to analyse the data. Cllrs Holland, Scholtens and Mayne will also provide assistance as well as Duncan Trigg who also offered his services. Cllr Mayne will co-ordinate.
8. To appoint members of the Committees of the Council
 - 8.1. As Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Cllrs Scholtens and Gilbey are automatic members of the Planning Committee. It was also agreed that Cllrs Mayne, Saunders, Huskinson and Holland would also consider planning applications. In the event of a tie, the Chairman will have the casting vote.
 - 8.2. Again the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are automatic members of the Recreation committee. It was agreed that Cllrs Holland and Gunn would join the Committee.
9. To agree payment of annual subscriptions to BMKALC, AVALC, Community Impact (Bucks), NBPCC & BPFA
As the subscriptions to these organisations are budgeted for in this financial year, all Councillors voted in favour of paying them.
10. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th April 2015
These were approved without modification.
11. To receive declarations of interest
None received.

12. Councillor Contact Details

Councillors provided updated contact details which will be published in Focus and on the PC Noticeboard.

13. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting

- The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted The Lawn Ranger to ask him to confirm when he was cutting the grass at Horwode Pece. Cllr Mayne stated the grass had not been cut in May and the Clerk will contact The Lawn Ranger to ask when this will take place.
- Nothing has been heard from Wendy Taylor regarding the abandoned car on The Green. The Clerk will now contact AVDC Abandoned Cars dept.
- The Clerk advised Eon were no cheaper under a fixed contract for electricity.

14. Public Participation Period

- Liz Nicholls thanked the Parish Councillors who served on the previous Parish Council and wished good luck to all the new Councillors.

15. Planning Issues

15.1. Councillors were provided with an updated Planning Report. One new decision has been made and four new applications have been received. This information can be seen in the planning report which is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

16. Report from the Recreation Committee

- A picnic table has been installed, grass has been mowed, hedges cut and edges strimmed.
- The promise of BBQ structures from Buckingham UTC construction department continues.
- The management committee are pursuing the addition of Monkey Bars to the Pollux.
- Picnic on the Pece is 7th June from 12noon.
- Angela Mayne and Valerie Porritt were thanked for their time and commitment to the Trust while representing PC interests over the previous four years.

17. Footpaths Report

There is nothing to report this month but Robert Deuchar has confirmed he will continue as Footpath Monitor for the next year.

18. Summer Planters

Cllrs agreed that the five planters should be replanted for the summer at a total cost of £180. The areas around two of the planters, one in Pilch Lane and one in Little Horwood Road, will also need some strimming and the hedges nearby trimmed slightly. The Clerk will contact Robert Heady.

19. Soakaway on The Green

The contractors who have been appointed to carry out these works are proving unreliable and so an alternative contractor has been contacted. Concern was raised over the legalities of digging up The Green. The Clerk will forward the information she has regarding this to MS and JRH for consideration.

20. Receipts

- Precept Payment and Government Grant £10,052.00

21. To agree items for payment

- Zurich Insurance £1125.80 - BACS
- The Lawn Ranger (Horwode Pece) £80.00 - BACS
- BMKALC Subs £132.80 – BACS
- Harlequin Press £115.00 – BACS
- John Scholtens Expenses £32.72 - BACS

Online payments will be authorised by Cllrs Gilbey and Mayne.

22. To receive and note correspondence

- An email from Medical Detection Dogs inviting Councillors to a demonstration.

23. Items for the next meeting

Approval of Annual Accounts
Approval of Reserves
Soakaway on The Green
Local Plan

24. Confirmation of date and time of next meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 8th June 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.51pm

Signed _____

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Date _____

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 11th May 2015

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

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	Approved
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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	
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	
18/03/2015	15/00774/AOP	Mr P Dean	Horwood Mill, Spring Lane	Outline Planning Permission for 7 dwellings and associated parking	Objection	
19/03/2015	15/00913/APP	Mr F Khorooshi	Bywater Meadow, Pilch Lane	Demolition of existing building and erection of new building for micro sheep dairy	No objection	
15/04/2015	15/00950/APP	Mr S Hole	Cross Roads Kennels	Erection of two blocks of replacement kennels and part demolition of existing kennels.	No Objection	
13/04/2015	15/01054/APP	Mr S Hedge	Greenfield Cottage, 19 Nash Road	Demolition of single storey extension and erection of replacement two storey rear extensions	No Objection	
15/04/2015	15/01146/APP	Mr & Mrs Ledger	Candleford, Singleborough	Conversion of Garage to Annexe (amendment to planning permission 13/03182/APP - single storey rear extension to existing detached annex and part conversion back to garage and alterations to the roof)	No Objection	
27/04/2015	15/01269/APP		Land between Six Lords and Fair Lorna Cottage	Erection of agricultural storage barn/livestock shelter and alteration to existing access.		