



# Great Horwood Parish Council

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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
at 6.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood

Present: Cllr John Scholtens (JS) (Chairman), Cllr John Gilbey (JWG) (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mary Saunders (MS), Cllr Jane Holland (JH), Cllr John Gunn (JG), Cllr John Huskinson (JRH), Mandy Cliffe Parish Clerk, 5 members of the public including District Cllr Sir Beville Stanier and County Councillor John Chilver.

1. To receive apologies for absence  
Cllr Angela Mayne sent her apologies.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 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 Clerk pressed Transport for Bucks (TfB) for information about the proposed A421 road closures. TfB confirmed that a road closure request had been made for 1<sup>st</sup> April until July, (Nash roundabout to Buckingham). This is a block booking to allow for programme slippage and weather conditions. Minor repairs that can only be done in good weather are still required (including laying surface chippings). TfB have promised to advise the PC when the work will start and ensure access for local traffic.
  - The Clerk arranged for AVDC to collect Clean for the Queen rubbish bags on 18<sup>th</sup> April. AVDC are very busy so there may be some delay in which case councillors and clerk will ensure the bags are cleared before the Queen's birthday celebration on 21<sup>st</sup> April.
  - The Clerk asked Andrew Fuggle if he would be one of the people responsible for the beacon.
  - The Clerk has arranged with Winslow Town Council to borrow gazebos (5) for the Silver Band and the WI and they can be collected on 20<sup>th</sup> April.
  - The Clerk contacted local groups to request their attendance and to confirm their willingness to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting.
  - The Clerk placed a request in Focus for further volunteers for Speed Watch.
5. Public Participation Period  
No items were raised.
6. Report from the Recreation Committee  
The report is attached to these Minutes. Cllr Huskinson raised the issue of dog excrement left on Horwode Pece by irresponsible owners. Cllr Holland will place notices in Focus. **(Action JH)** If the problem continues the GHRST will consider banning dogs from the Rec.
7. Footpaths Report  
Robert Deuchar had nothing to report to the meeting.
8. Potholes on the Green  
There are two potholes on The Green, one near the Crown and a second by the other exit from the Green. Cllr Scholtens also reported a pothole on the Nash Road adjacent to the Green. The Clerk was asked to see if Bucks CC will help, otherwise, as potholes on The Green are the responsibility of the PC, a contractor would need to be engaged. **(Action Clerk)**
9. Planning Report  
Consultee comments have been made as required and the PC is waiting for the results of the Weston Road Planning Inquiry. The Inspector is due to report in May and his conclusions will be passed to the Secretary of State. AVDC decisions on planning matters remain slow and Cllr JS regretted that the Nash Park decision still hadn't been made. Temporary planning permission expired in November 2015. Cllr MS agreed to draft a skeleton response for the PC concerning the Nash Road Planning application by 13 April. **(Action MS)**
10. Parish Plan 2016  
Cllr JRH has received work done by former councillor Rod Moulding on the Parish Plan 2006. He will attempt to make progress on the new plan and its attendant Action Plan during the coming month. The item will be placed on the agenda for the next PC meeting. **(Action JRH)**
11. Planning Issues  
AVDC require requests for S106 funding to be earmarked with a specific location. Therefore, it was decided that funding for the Nash Road development (16/00877/APP) would be used to refurbish the

Village Hall or to provide adult exercise equipment for Horwode Pece. The Clerk would ensure that a formal response to AVDC regarding this development is made by 14<sup>th</sup> April. **(Action Clerk)**

12. Cricket Club Lease Renewal

The Clerk was asked to contact the Cricket Club chairman to start discussions for the renewal of the Cricket Club lease which expires in 2017. The Club have requested a long lease to facilitate grant funding for Clubhouse refurbishment. Cllr Gilbey offered to meet with John Goodger. **(Action Clerk)**

13. Update on the A421 Roadworks and on the feasibility study on the proposed footpath on Winslow Road.

- The latest update on the A421 roadworks was given earlier in these Minutes.
- Due to the prohibitive cost of both the feasibility study (£11,500) and the footpath itself (minimum £30,000) the PC resolved not to pursue the matter until such times as funds did become available. The Clerk was asked to advise the LAF of this decision. **(Action Clerk)**

14. Reports

Cllr JWG attended the Winslow and District Local Area Forum. Details of the meeting can be found on the GHPC website. Cllr MS attended the North Bucks Parish Planning Consortium meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> April. Her report forms part of these Minutes.

15. Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations (QBC) – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016

The event has been publicised in Focus. Cllr JH will put up more posters after Clean for the Queen. **(Action JH)**. The Clerk was asked to put notices on all the cars on the Green to clear cars on 21<sup>st</sup> April. **(Action Clerk)** Cllr JH would ask John and Liz Nicholls if they would be willing to put a notice on their white board and place in front of their house. **(Action JH)**. The Clerk advised that the official beacon lighting time had been changed to 8.30pm. The PC resolved to stick with current plans, to light the Beacon at 7.30pm, an arrangement cleared by the Pageant Master.

16. To agree items for payment

- John Scholtens expenses – £74.18 NPT ACCT BACS (retrospective)
- John Nicholls GHSSRT Football goal nets and wood - £38.67 cheque
- AVALC request - £25.00 - BACS
- rCOH Neil Homer £2820.00 - NPT ACCT BACS (retrospective)

17. To receive and note correspondence

No new correspondence was received.

18. Items for the next meeting

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Council Meeting  
Parish Plan 2016  
Devolved Services Update  
End of year accounts

19. Confirmation of date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ **DRAFT** \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 11th April 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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#### Determined

26/01/2016	16/00277/APP	Mr Douglas Foster	Medical Dogs	Single Storey Extension	No Objection	Approved 24/03/2016
18/02/2016	16/00579/APP	Mr & Mrs Elliott	Spring Cottage, 28 Spring Lane GH	Demolition of existing extension and erection of two storey side extension	No Objection	Approved 05/04/2016

#### Pending

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	Awaiting Inquiry decision
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	Still awaiting decision
24/11/2015	15/03884/APP	Mr & Mrs Wootton	9 a 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
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 Road	Construction of vehicular access and off street parking	No Objection	
14/03/2016	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/playroom to form the annexe	No Objection	
17/03/2016	16/00877/APP	Mr Paul Fello	Land off Nash Road	Residential development of 14 dwellings with associated garaging and parking and formation of new access.		

## Horwode Pece Management Committee - Report to Parish Council April 2016

Last month I reported on the planned 'Working Party' and listed some of the jobs that needed completing. It gives me pleasure to report all the planned jobs were completed and some additional repair work to the wood surround of the teenage area. It was originally planned to complete this work of two days, the 12th and 13<sup>th</sup>, but because of the good turn out on Saturday all jobs were completed and there was no need for the Sunday work party. Work started at 10.00am on the Saturday and was completed by lunchtime. The following work was completed:

- Check all equipment; then, tightening up bolts on the 'Pullox' in the teenage area, and the 'Motorbike' in the toddler area.
- Repair the wood surround of the toddler area.
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- General maintenance: the wood chip was raked level for both the toddler and teenage areas, the condition of benches and tables were checked – it is clear that the two older picnic tables will need replacing this year! Also, the goals were measured. After the working party, I ordered replacement nets and now have them. I checked the existing nets – on my most recent Rec. inspection – and noted that the old goal nets were still serviceable, although the one nearest to the teenage area was a little worse for wear. So, I do not think that they need replacing as a matter of urgency. Should the damage to them increase so that they are no longer usable, then we will need to arrange a further working party to replace them.

As stated last month, the biggest ongoing maintenance this year will be the topping-up of the woodchip, late spring, which will be sub-contracted out. Overall, the Rec. is in great shape. It shows what can be achieved when regularly inspected, regularly cut and maintained as required. Thanks to all, who regularly help and the intrepid band of workers who undertook the required maintenance work at the latest working party.

John Nicholls  
Chairman

## Report of meeting of North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium held on 6 April 2016

- The group considered the impact of recent judgments on AVDC's assessment of Neighbourhood Plans which did not appear to support AVDC's views.
- There was a lengthy discussion about the development and the likely timetable of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan which will include numbers and identify proposed sites for development. It is understood that the next stage of the consultation is due to take place for a period of eight weeks from early July to early September with the intention of submitting the final plan for assessment in early spring 2017.

(NB This could result in the consultation period falling between the July and September meetings of Great Horwood Parish Council. Perhaps AVDC need to be reminded of :-

1. The Cabinet Office guidelines on consultations which state: "**Consultations should take account of the groups being consulted.** Consult stakeholders in a way that suits them. Charities may need more time to respond than businesses, for example. When the consultation spans all or part of a holiday period, consider how this may affect consultation and take appropriate mitigating action."
  2. That AVDC required the consultation period for the Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan to be longer because it was over the summer holidays.)
- It was noted that there had been lively meetings a Newton Longville and Whaddon about Plan:MK about whether development would be to the southwest of MK or to the east of the M1.
  - The large scale of developments in and around Aylesbury (Stocklake, Bierton, Aston Clinton) as well as other substantial potential applications in and around northern Bucks was noted. If all were completed there would be some 15,000 houses built.
  - It was noted that AVDC are now outsourcing planning decisions to planning consultants.

MALS  
10 April 2016