



Great Horwood Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 13th March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

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Present: Cllr Mary Saunders (MS) Chairman, Cllr John Gilbey (JWG) Vice Chairman, Cllr N Heywood (NH), Cllr Jane Holland (JH), Cllr Angela Mayne (AM), Mandy Cliffe (Clerk), County Cllr John Chilver and 8 members of the public.

Prior to the meeting a £500 donation cheque was presented to the Great Horwood Combined Church of England School for the purchase of tables and benches for the nature area.

1.	<u>To receive apologies for absence</u> All Councillors were present, however, apologies were received from Dist. Cllr Sir Beville Stanier
2.	<u>To receive declarations of interest</u> No new declarations were made.
3.	<u>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th February 2017</u> The Minutes were approved without amendment.
4.	<u>To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting not otherwise included on the agenda</u> All matters arising are included elsewhere in these Minutes.
5.	<u>To consider the response to the Parish Councillor vacancy</u> There has been no response to the casual vacancy. Notices will continue to be placed in Focus and on noticeboards. (Action Clerk)
6.	<u>Public Participation Period</u> A problem with traffic in School End and the dangers it poses to pedestrians was raised by concerned parents. The Chairman noted these concerns and said they would be considered at the next meeting. Cllr Chilver advised that work would be carried out to improve the A421 Thornborough junction in the wake of the fatal accident in November 2016. Additionally, Cllr MS reported problems with repair work to a drain at the first turning to Thornborough (from the Great Horwood Direction) where there was little warning of the hazard. Cllr Chilver said he would report this. Cllr MS reported that the A421 triangular hidden dip road sign at the entrance to Pilch Lane was broken and asked the Clerk to report it. (Action Clerk)
7.	<u>Horwode Pece Management Committee Report</u> a. The Management Committee Report is attached to these Minutes. It was noted that there had been an incidence of fly tipping at the Rec and paving slabs donated for the new picnic benches had been stolen.
8.	<u>Footpaths Report</u> a. Footpath Monitor Mr Robert Deuchar (RD) reported: "I have cut down the branch which was at head height across the stile on FP 2 (North Bucks Way) just across the stream bridge, where it diverges from FP 3. This is where the PC is considering installing a metal pedestrian gate. I have pruned some of the Parish's Footpaths and will finish the list by the Easter weekend. I am not aware of any problems". b. The Clerk was able to find and contact the landowner for their permission to proceed with the new footpath gate as mentioned above. GHPC is waiting for verbally agreed permission to be received in writing. The Clerk was asked to amend the list of Footpath landowners. (Action Clerk)
9.	<u>Roads Report</u> a. GHPC has not been advised of any planned roadworks in the area and nothing has been reported on roadworks.org. b. GHPC expressed thanks to Cllr John Chilver for his help in expediting the repair to the flashing school warning sign.
10.	<u>Planning Report</u> Councillors were provided with a Planning Report which was ratified with three amendments as applications for Park Lodge 17/00323/APP and 17/00324/ALB have now been approved and the Planning Committee resolved not to object to application 17/00477/APP (April Cottage).
11.	<u>Issues arising from the Planning Report</u> a. Cllr MS raised the issue of 4 unresolved and time expired planning applications. 16/00877/APP (Land off Nash Road), 16/01664/AOP (Land north of Little Horwood Road), 16/03527/APP (9A Little Horwood Road) and 16/03538/AOP (Land south of Little Horwood Road). The Clerk was asked to write to Dist Cllr Sir Beville Stanier and the AVDC Chief Executive to explore what could be done to expedite these applications. b. The PC has objected to planning application 17/00488/ADP (Horwood Mill) as major access changes inconsistent with the original application for outline planning permission (AOP) have been proposed. Cllr MS requested that residents look at the planning application for the Winslow Station car park (16/03132/ADP) as they may wish to comment on the lack of waiting spaces in the plans. County Cllr John Chilver also reported that three consultations would be held on East West Rail. Details of time and venue have not yet been notified, but it was noted that a design report is due in May.

12.	<p><u>To note the draft response to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (SSCLG) on proposals for modernising local government</u></p> <p>It was noted that the final GHPC approved letter had been sent to the SSCLG and a response was awaited.</p>
13.	<p><u>To receive reports from</u></p> <p>a. Meeting 28th February 2017 – The Verney Junction Garden Village Meeting with Green Cities LLP.</p> <p>b. A meeting of the BCC Winslow and District Local Area Forum was also attended by Cllr JWG on 9th March 2017.</p> <p>Reports of both these meetings are attached to these Minutes.</p>
14.	<p><u>To receive updates on</u></p> <p>a. The spring litter pick. This successful event was held on 19th February. Cllr JH will write a report for the April Focus. Thanks were expressed to all participants, especially Mrs Felicity Shippobotham who used her buggy to collect rubbish bags and transport them to The Green. Cllr AM asked the Clerk to contact AVDC to enquire why the litter bin on The Green was not being emptied. Thanks were expressed to Mr & Mrs Thomson who kindly emptied the overflowing bin. (Action JH and Clerk)</p> <p>b. The progress of the sentinel volunteer campaign. GHPC is still working on system familiarisation as so far no cars have exceeded the threshold speed for triggering the camera. Another session has been booked for this week. It is hoped to be able to start training volunteers soon. More volunteers are required and a request will be placed in the next Focus by Cllr JH. (Action JH)</p> <p>c. Progress in recruiting a school crossing patrol officer. There has been no progress in filling this vacancy. Cllr JRH advised that the school were investigating the possibility of combining it with a part time administration post if budgets will allow. The Clerk was asked to research the cost of a zebra crossing as an alternative to a crossing patrol (Action Clerk).</p> <p>d. Availability of lamps for street lighting. It was discovered that concerns about the availability of sodium street lamps will not affect Great Horwood as our inventory comprises 29 low pressure mercury lamps and 1 high pressure mercury lamp. The latter type is no longer available due to a change in legislation and will need to be converted to low pressure (or LED) if a problem arises with the lamp. It was resolved not to convert all GH street lamps to LED due to the cost (approx £350 per lamp).</p>
15.	<p><u>Village Green</u></p> <p>a. Further consideration was given to the request for funding a traditional K6 red telephone box for the Village Green. Whilst the idea of having such a box has been generally well received, the PC has been advised that it has no legal powers to fund it unless a specific purpose could be found. GHPC would have no objection to residents placing a K6 box in the space occupied by the current box, provided the appropriate base was provided and the box maintained.</p> <p>b. It was decided to ask residents if anyone would like the opportunity to sponsor a bench on The Green in memory of a loved one. Otherwise, benches should be provided by the PC from the maintenance budget. (Action Clerk)</p>
16.	<p><u>Parish Maintenance</u></p> <p>a. To approve the spring/summer planting. It was resolved to approve the replanting of containers for the spring/summer season.</p> <p>b. To approve the repair of the village sign. The village sign blew down during storm Doris as the post had rotted. The Clerk has asked a joiner to look at the sign and quote for its refurbishment. It was decided to look at re-siting the sign to a more prominent position in the forthcoming village green refurbishment. (Action Clerk)</p> <p>c. To approve the removal of the storm damaged tree branches from Little Horwood Road. In view of health and safety considerations, the branches were cleared and the tree trimmed on Friday 11th March.</p> <p>The hedge on Little Horwood Road near the corner with Wheathouse Copse has been trimmed. It may need further work in the growing season to restrain its growth over the path.</p>
17.	<p><u>Cricket Club Lease renewal</u></p> <p>The Cricket Club has not responded to the letter written after the previous PC meeting. However, they have advised of a resolution to change their constitution. They will register as a Community Interest Company Limited By Guarantee (CIC LBG) in order to limit the liability of the directors to £10.00. The club has also said that there are a number of other elements of the draft lease that they will challenge at a later date, however, no details have been received other than an intention to challenge the way any rent increase is calculated, (the draft lease postulates a review every 5 years with the potential to increase the rent in line with RPI). It was resolved to issue a section 25 notice to bring the current lease to a close at the end of its 30 year term in September 2017. It was decided that Cllr JRH would speak to the club chairman in order to get details of their concerns as the PC needs sufficient time to submit them to their legal advisors. (Action JRH)</p>
18.	<p><u>Battle's Over Commemoration</u></p> <p>It was decided to ask for ideas and support at the Annual Parish Meeting on 18th May.</p>
19.	<p><u>To approve and adopt revised Council Standing orders</u></p> <p>The revised Council Standing orders were approved and adopted. The Clerk was asked to update the website to this effect. (Action Clerk)</p>
20.	<p><u>To discuss arrangements for the 2017 Annual Parish meeting 18th May 2017</u></p> <p>Whilst there is formal business to conduct including the Chairman's annual report, the format of the meeting will be more informal this year with table displays from various clubs and organisations. The WI have kindly offered to provide teas and coffees with biscuits on the night in exchange for a donation. Several organisations have already offered their support for table displays. The Clerk was asked to ensure that as many organisations as possible were informed of this opportunity. (Action Clerk)</p>
21.	<p><u>To consider plans for installing the Internet connection in the Village Hall</u></p> <p>It was resolved to install an internet connection in the Village Hall. A preferred place for the router was identified and the Clerk asked to progress the installation. (Action Clerk)</p>
22.	<p><u>To receive and note correspondence</u></p> <p>Correspondence was received from</p> <p>a. The National Association of Local Councils on 3 legal topics and a letter on Parish precepts.</p>

	b. Community Impact Bucks (CIB) emailed offering to help with the updating of Parish Plans. The Clerk was asked to copy the email to Cllr JRH so that he could liaise with CIB to find out what assistance is available when work on the Parish Plan restarts after VALP. (Action Clerk & JRH)
23.	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>The following items were agreed for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bucks Playing fields Association - Chq - £20.00 ii. AVDC Dog Waste Service - FPO - £622.37 iii. Lynch Garden Services - Chq - £40.00 iv. Demystifying Planning Course, Clerk training - Chq £57.90 v. Giffords Recycling Limited – Chq - £1824.00 vi. Clerk's Salary – SO - £281.84 vii. Eon power – DD - £73.23 <p>a. The following payments were received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Internal Transfer from Horwode Pece Acct - £2855.00 ii. Business Instant Access Acct interest March - £0.83 iii. LAF grant for replacement of MVAS Ground screw - £259.20
24	<p><u>Items for the next meeting</u></p> <p>The Green and parking in School Lane.</p>
25	<p><u>Confirmation of date and time of next meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Monday 10th April 2017 at 7.30pm</p>

The meeting closed at 9.26 pm

Signed DRAFT Date 10th April 2017

Horwode Pece Management Committee - Report to Parish Council **March 2017**

At the January 'Horwode Pece' management committee meeting it was decided that most important maintenance items for the Spring were to top up the woodchip and to repair the damage wood surround to the toddler area. The topping up of the woodchip is planned for the 30th March, while I completed the repair of the wood surround for the toddler area this weekend.

An order for 80 metres of 'Cushion Fall' woodchip has been placed with Giffords and a proforma invoice has been sent to the Parish Clerk for payment. Provisionally, the delivery date is the 30th March, but this will be confirmed by Giffords after payment has been received. I have contacted David Spooner and he has agreed to lay the woodchip for us and is ready to do this from the 30th March and over the days immediately following, provided Gifford delivers the woodchip on the 30th. He will invoice the Parish Council in due course.

Further items of maintenance completed this month include, raking the woodchip level (thanks to Mike Hobday) prior to the delivery of the woodchip and installing a new stainless steel bolt in the zip-wire seat. This I did four weeks ago and this weekend I checked it and can confirm it is tight, so the problem of the seat slowly coming undone is now solved.

Other items of maintenance for later in the Spring include: installation of new goal nets when the old ones finally fail (this last month these have been repaired again), replacement of some plastic caps on items of equipment, fixing fall-matting and infilling with top-soil around the zip-wire and installing new posts for the Rec. noticeboard. These items will be addressed as part of the planned Spring working party.

Equipment wise, this year we will need to replace two picnic tables that are now in a poor condition. Apart from these items of maintenance, the Rec. is in good condition.

Finally, some items the Parish Council should be aware of. Fly tipping: a large piece of steel plate, plus a wheel and tyre (ex – car/trailer) were cleared from the Rec. – thanks to Steve da Nobrega – also, the 30+ paving slabs that had

previously been donated to the Rec. maintenance committee to be used as bases for the new picnic tables have been stolen, only a few broken bits remain.

John Nicholls - Chairman
11/3/2017

Report on meeting of 28th February 2017 with Green Cities LLP

I attended this meeting to represent GHPC and was accompanied by David Saunders. The meeting was also attended by Councillors from Winslow Town Council and Little Horwood Parish Council.

The representative of Green Cities LLP explained their vision for a development based around Verney Junction which would initially provide 6000 dwellings but could eventually reach 13,500.

Their argument for the development is that in their view East West Rail cannot provide a proper schedule of trains without a passing place in our section of the line. They further argue that Verney Junction is the only available place in sufficient space for this to be sited and that as part of the development they would provide the funding for the necessary rail facilities. They were very short of details and provided no documents to illustrate their proposals. They did however promise to provide these details in the near future.

This is an extract from their submission to AVDC re the emerging VALP:

"Through this representation, the land at Verney Junction is put forward as a potential new settlement, based on Garden Village principles that would assist in delivering the growth aspirations of Aylesbury Vale and its ability to assist with unmet need from surrounding Local Authorities. This representation demonstrates that a new settlement at Verney Junction is a viable and preferable alternative to the options identified at this stage by the Council at Haddenham and Winslow that could deliver the minimum requirement of 4,500 new homes, alongside employment and supporting infrastructure, and could also accommodate the growth attributed to surrounding towns and villages in the north of the District (including Winslow, Steeple Claydon and potentially Aylesbury) with further growth beyond the Plan period. The connectivity of Verney Junction gives an excellent opportunity for the creation of a hub for innovation and business linked to the research and development activity flowing from local universities. The aspiration is to deliver a highly sustainable community based on Garden Village principles, along the future Oxford, Milton Keynes and Cambridge Growth Corridor."

During the meeting it became clear that the grandly named Green Cities LLP has only this project ongoing and that it is being funded by A2Dominion whose website has the following information:

"A2Dominion is a residential property group with 36,000 homes across London and the South East, and thousands more in the development pipeline. The Group offers high-quality sustainable homes for sale and shared ownership, available through its FABRICA by A2Dominion brand. It also provides affordable, private and social rented homes, student, key worker and temporary accommodation, as well as supported and sheltered housing.

With a unique approach to housebuilding, all of the profits the Group generates are reinvested into supporting its social purpose, helping it to deliver more affordable homes and services to customers. A2Dominion is part of the g15, a group of the largest housing providers in London."

It is apparently involved in one of the large developments taking place in and around Bicester.

There were a number of questions raised about road connections and in particular the importance of knowing the route that will eventually be chosen for the proposed Oxford Cambridge Expressway. The feeling is that this proposal will not feature in the current version of the VALP but may well be put forward again in the next phase as the VALP is revised.

Cllr. John Gilbey
10 March 2017

Report on the BCC Winslow and District LAF Meeting held on 9 March 2017

The meeting took place in Furzedown School and was quite well attended by a number of the local councils which are in the LAF area. I have placed the reports pack on the PC website on the Bucks CC Winslow & District Local Area Forum page. This pack contains the reports from various bodies which were submitted in writing for the meeting and the minutes of the previous meeting. The reports provided in writing in the pack include:

Transport for Buckinghamshire

AVDC Update

BCC Update

Local Priorities Budget

During the meeting verbal reports were also received from

Thames valley Police

Produced statistics to show crime falling over all classifications with our LAF area which is a low crime area.

Did mention his lack of resources for dealing with traffic management issues (including speeding)

Also mentioned that the previous day a cannabis "factory" had been found in Winslow and that they were hoping to arrest the perpetrator imminently.

Fire and Rescue Service

Gave some figures on the number of calls made on the Winslow station which is deemed to be extremely efficient. Mentioned that crews have received training which now enables them to better support ambulance crews.

Men In Sheds

Running successfully in a site off Station Road Winslow – always welcomes new members. Have been approved for funding from the LAF priorities budget of nearly £3000 to enable them to purchase a Dust Extraction system, a Router & Table and a Scroll Saw

Aylesbury Youth Action Seem to run activities based on schools not youth clubs.

North Bucks rRIPPLE (Ramblers Repairing and Improving Public Paths for Leisure & Exercise)

We have already made use of them for installing a gate in the parish.

Current situation of the local priorities budget.

The Winslow & District Local Area Forum is recommended to support the proposals summarised in the table below. Detailed descriptions and evaluations of the proposals are contained in the report.

Proposal	Match Funding	Total Cost	Amount Recommended
Newton Longville Feasibility Study*	£5122	£10244	£5122
Men In Shed Winslow		£2896	£2896
Total	£5122	£13140	£8018

Which leaves £13912 from the original allocation of £21930

Cllr John Gilbey
10 March 2017

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 13th March 2017

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
Determined						
15/12/2016	16/04119/ALB Sonia Crawford	Mr & Mrs S Oddey	Church Hill, 1 School End, GH Bucks, MK17 0RG	Remove section of internal wall below an existing window to create doorway and facilitate easy access to breakfast/dining room and relocated kitchen.	No Objection	Consent granted
28/10/2016	16/A2335/DIS Diana Locking 25/11/2016	Mr N Hanson	The Old Bakehouse, 11 The Green, Great Horwood, MK17 0RH	Submission of details pursuant to Condition 2 (full details of new window) relating to Listed Building Consent 16/02335/ALB	No Objection	Approved
19/12/2016	16/04466/APP Abigail Chapman	Mr & Mrs H Elliott	Spring Cottage, 28 Spring Lane, Great Horwood, MK17 0QW	Demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of six dwellings with access parking and amenity space.	Objection	Application withdrawn
24/01/2017	16/04578/AOP Tom Cannon	Mr & Mrs P Sheldrick	Shucklow Cottage, Shucklow Hill, Little Horwood, Bucks, MK17 0PY	Outline planning permission with access to be considered and all matters reserved for a site for one dwelling including removal of existing kennel/cattery buildings and associated enclosures.	Objection	Permission refused
19/01/2017	17/00088/APP Amit Patel	Mr & Mrs J Maddock	Park Lodge, Singleborough, Great Horwood, MK17 0RF	Single storey side extension and internal alterations.	No Objection	Approved
19/01/2017	17/00089/ALB Amit Patel	Mr & Mrs J Maddock	As above	As above	No Objection	Consent granted
9/02/2017	17/00323/APP Tom Cannon	Mr & Mrs J Maddock	As above	Erection of Barn and car port	No Objection	Approved
9/02/2017	17/00324/ALB Tom Cannon	Mr & Mrs J Maddock	As above	Erection of Barn and car port	No Objection	Consent granted
Pending						
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	No Objection (subject to qualifications in letter)	Awaiting decision
14/06/2016	16/01664/AOP	Brendan O'Neill rCOH Ltd	Land North off Little Horwood Road Great Horwood Bucks	Outline Application with all matters reserved for a residential development of 15 dwellings on 0.5ha of land north of Little Horwood Road along with the allocation of 0.4ha of land as a public park to serve both the new development and the existing local community.	No Objection (subject to qualifications in letter)	Awaiting decision
05/10/2016	16/03527/APP Simon Dunn-Lwin 04/11/2016	Mr & Mrs T Wootton	9A Little Horwood Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0QE	Demolition of 9a Little Horwood Road and construction of five detached dwellings.	Objection	Awaiting decision
06/10/2016	16/03538/AOP Sue Pilcher 04/11/2016	Agent Mr James Yeoman of Savills	Land South of Little Horwood Road	Outline planning permission with access to be considered and all matters reserved for a residential development of up to 30 dwellings with associated amenity green space and sustainable drainage.	No Objection, (qualified by letter)	Awaiting decision
21/02/2017 NEW	17/00477/APP Bibi Motuel 17/03/2017	Mr & Mrs Richard Edwards	April Cottage Singleborough Lane Singleborough, GH, Bucks MK17 0RF	Single storey rear extension	No objection	Awaiting decision
02/03/2017 NEW	17/00488/ADP 30/03/2017	Mr Peter Dean	Horwood Mill Spring Lane Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0NY	Application for reserved matters pursuant to outline permission 15/00774/AOP relating to access, appearance, landscaping, scale and layout for 7 no. detached dwellings with associated garaging and parking	Objection	Awaiting decision