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|   | Great Horwood Parish Council  |
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| Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th October 2024 at 7.30pm in the Great Horwood and Singleborough Village Hall, Great Horwood  |

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (JWG) Chairman, Cllr Caroline Cousin (CC) Vice Chairman, Cllr Jackie Goss (JG), Cllr Jonathan Evans (JJ) Cllr Thomas Lee (TL), Sarah Biswell (SB Clerk), Cllr Sir Beville Stanier and 16 members of the public.

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 | **To receive apologies for absence** Cllr John Chilver  |
|  | **To receive declarations of interest** None. |
|  | **Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th September 2024**The minutes were agreed as a true record and were signed by Cllr Gilbey at the meeting.  |
|  | **To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting** (not otherwise included in the Agenda) Statutory Consultation for the proposed 40mph speed limit – no response received from BC – chase again **(Action: Clerk).** Awaiting a date from Councillor Goss for the meeting of the Planter Volunteer group **(Action: Clerk)**Biodiversity Action Plan – agreed to bring to the next meeting – to be on next meeting’s Agenda **(Action: Clerk).**Signs on Nash Road – chased up with LAT – he has heard nothing further and will chase up **(Action: Clerk).**Allotment Plot in Church Lane – matter has been resolved.Overgrown hedge in Spring Lane – this has now been trimmed by Fairhive and therefore matter resolved.Handrail in Spring Lane – Clerk in correspondence with Fairhive **(Action: Clerk)**Worthy Causes Grants - dealt with in Item 22.Tree offer from the International Tree Foundation – dealt with in Item 22. |
|  | **Public Participation Period**One resident had sent an email to the Parish Council prior to this meeting with concerns about the proposed Croudace Homes development and also asked questions concerning the Neighbourhood Plan. These were read out by the resident and each question answered by the Parish Council.  |
|  | **Report from Buckinghamshire Councillors**No report received prior to meeting. Sir Beville Stanier reported that there was immense pressure on the Buckinghamshire Council budget for the coming year.  |
|  | **Horwode Pece Management Committee Report**Report received and noted. The Parish Council thanked the Management Committee for the 2025 Budget forecast. |
|  | **Footpaths Report**No report receivedCllr Cousin reported that a footbridge in Singleborough where FP4 crosses FP5 has become unstable.This issue has been forwarded to the Rights of Way Operations Team for review. The Footpath Monitor is aware of this.  |
|  | **Roads Report**Anglian Water were in the village again on Sunday 6th October. The High Street was closed for a short while for completion of a new water supply and maintenance work |
|  | **Parish Maintenance** Nothing to report.  |
| 11. | **Planning Report**Report received. |
| 12. | **Issues arising from the Planning Report** 2 determined applications this month. There is one current application outstanding that has a deadline of 1st November 2024. All Councillors have seen this application.  |
| 13. | **Other Planning Matters**Cllr Cousin attended the online Bucks Town and Parish Council Planning Forum on 14th October 2024.The entire Planning department is to be restructured in 2025 with several staff losses and reorganisation to absorb vacancies. Only 65% of planning applications are valid on receipt, but a new system is being introduced. The new NPPF is expected to be published in January 2025 with proposals for new housing targets. Under these targets Buckinghamshire will need to find 4122 houses a year, which is 1210 more than at present. The Planning and Infrastructure Bill is not expected to be enacted until Autum 2025. It was agreed to look at the Neighbourhood Plan and an item put onto the Agenda for the next meeting **(Action: Clerk).**  |
| 14. | **Croudace Homes – proposed development**Members of the Parish Council attended the presentation in the Village Hall by Croudace Homes on the 9th October 2024. It was noted that residents also attended this meeting. Cllr Gilbey reiterated that the Great Horwood Parish Neighbourhood Plan (GHPNP) was made in 2015 and covers the period to 2031 and is still the key planning policy for the parish together with the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) which was adopted in 2021 and covers the period to 2033. These two policies will be the overriding ones for Great Horwood until the Buckinghamshire Local Plan is made. Policy 1 of the GHPNP states that the Neighbourhood Plan designates a Great Horwood Settlement Boundary, for the purpose of containing the physical growth of the village over the plan period. A further part of Policy 1 states that development proposals on land outside the settlement boundary will not be permitted in the countryside unless it is necessary for the purpose of agriculture or forestry, or for enterprise, diversification or recreation that benefits the rural economy without harming countryside interests. New development in the countryside should not result in the loss of open land that contributes to the form and character of Great Horwood and Singleborough.It was noted that currently no Planning Application to develop the land proposed by Croudace Homes has currently been put forward. An article by the Parish Council reiterating the above information to all residents will be in the next edition of Focus which is delivered to every household in Great Horwood and Singleborough. Cllr Cousin advised that the deadline for online feedback to Croudace Homes is the 20th October 2024. |
| 15 | **Report from the MVAS and Speedwatch** The MVAS, currently situated in Nash Road, recorded 3 weeks out of 4, due to the battery becoming flat on 22nd September. The average speed recorded was 24 mph. It was agreed to move the MVAS to Little Horwood Road at the end of October 2024. **(Action: Cllr Goss).**Cllr Gilbey advised that to request a change of speed limit will require funding in excess of £10,000.  |
| 16 | **Winslow and Villages Community Board** Meeting held on 26th September 2024 – the minutes are not yet available. There was an update at the meeting for the new parking charges in Winslow. It was thought that parking fees for the Greyhound Car Park and by Winslow Public Hall will be implemented from April 2025. Several local community groups use the Public Hall car park and this may impact attendance at these events if parking charges are to be introduced.  |
| 17.. | **To receive a report from any meetings attended** **Cllr Gilbey (JWG)** 16th September – with MP Callum Anderson 1st October – Special Planning meeting 2nd October – Village Hall Committee**Cllr Cousin (CC)**16th September – with MP Callum Anderson 26th September - James Browning – Lodge Park Homes 1st October – Special Planning meeting 2nd October – Village Hall Committee14th October – Bucks Town and Parish Council Planning Forum**Cllr Goss (JAG)**16th September – with MP Callum Anderson 1st October – Special Planning meeting **Cllr Evans (JE)**16th September – with MP Callum Anderson **Cllr Lee (TL)**1st October – Special Planning meeting  |
| 18. | **Report on developments at Nook Park** No further updates received.  |
| 19. | **Transfer of Liden Park to the PC - update** Heard nothing further from Wellers Headley – chase up progress **(Action: Clerk).**  |
| 20. | **Transfer of Shorts Field to the PC – update**Cllr Cousin met with James Browning – Technical Director of Lodge Park Homes as mentioned above. Cllr Cousin reported that Lodge Park requested that the S106 transfer be delayed until Easter 2025. There will be an element of indexation on the funds received. Lodge Park Homes (LPH) will maintain the grass cutting up until the time of transfer and also maintain the footpath for a 12-month period which will start when the S278 audit has finally been approved.   As well as replacing the tree in the Amenity Space, LPH will fix the gate to the detention pond.   |
| 21. | **Update on EV Charging Points** Due to Buckinghamshire Council’s internal governance procedure, they are not in a position to send out the letter of award to the supplier. It is looking like the end of October 2024 before this could happen and then a couple of weeks for the evaluation process to finish before the contract is signed - mid November is the anticipated date for this – update at the next meeting **(Action: Cllr Cousin).**  |
| 22. | **To receive and note correspondence**The 2 free tree giveaway has now changed and it will only be 1 tree that is offered – collection for residents will be end of November – awaiting further confirmation of who requested a free tree from Greener Winslow **(Action: Clerk).** The Open Space on Liden Park – article in last month’s Focus asked what residents wanted for this space as it is no longer planned to be a play park – only received an email from 1 resident – suggesting a picnic table and benches as the space has been used as a picnic area in the Summer. Suggestion noted by the PC. Worthy Causes Grant – have received five requests for the application form – currently only received one back. Bushes on the Green – a resident has mentioned that the bushes on the green are becoming overgrown – the Clerk has asked Mr David Taylor to trim these back.  |
| 23. | **Finance** **To approve schedule of payments requiring authorisation**

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| **Great Horwood Parish Council Receipts and Payments 14th October 2024** |  |  |  |
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| **Payments**  | **Payee** | **Type** | **Payment £** |  |
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| **Payments due** |  |  |  |  |
| GH 24.062 | PKF Littlejohn - External Audit Fee | FPO | 756.00 |  |
| GH 24.063 | Clerks Salary  | SO | 819.00 |  |
| GH 24.064 | NPower - invoice IN11412651 | DD | 72.20 |  |
| GH 24.065 | SLCC - annual membership  | FPO | 148.00 |   |
| GH 24.066 | Village Hall Hire - planning meeting 1.10.2024 | FPO | 14.80 |   |
| GH 24.067 | Eon Streetlighting maintenance | FPO | 297.60 |   |
| GH 24.068 | Walker Grass Cutting - Horwode Pece - invoice 790 | FPO | 157.50 |   |
| GH 24.069 | Walker Grass Cutting - GH - Invoice 791 | FPO | 610.50 |   |
| GH 24.070 | SICO Invoice - modular 3 step Unit with integral handrails | FPO | 2470.80 |  |
| GH 24.071 | Clerks Expenses - printer ink | FPO | 42.72 |  |
| GH 24 072 | BMKALC - Biodiversity Seminar | FPO | 10.00 |   |
| GH 24.073 | Unity Trust Bank Quarterly Service Charge  | FPO | 18.00 |   |
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|  | **Total of T1 Current Account as of 09/10/2024** |  | **17,490.37** |  |
|  | (excluding above payments to be made, items marked where payment has been made)  |  |  |
| **Receipts****/Transfers** |  |  |  |  |
| GHR 24.07 | Precept 24/25 2N | FPO | 16500.00 |   |
| **Transfer**  | **Transfer in from HP Account to T1 to pay invoice 790**  | **Transfer**  | **157.50** |  |
| GHR 24.08 | Funds from Village Hall for last payment for refurbishment  | FPO | 265.19 |   |
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| **Horwode Pece**  |   |   |   |   |
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| **Receipts****/Transfers** |  |  |  |  |
| **Transfer** | **Transfer to Current T1 Account to pay invoice 790 - Grass Cutting**  | **Transfer**  | **157.50** |  |
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| **Income****/Interest** | Unity Trust Bank Quarterly interest - paid 30/09/2024 |  |  | 18.10 |
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|  | **Total of Horwode Pece Account as of 09/10/2024** |  | **2,246.36** |  |
|  | (excluding above payments to be made, items marked where payment has been made)  |  |  |
| **Reserves** **Account** |   |   |   |   |
| **Receipts****/Transfers** |  |  |  |  |
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| **Income****/Interest** | Unity Trust Bank Quarterly interest - paid 30/09/2024 |  |  | 312.56 |
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|  | **Total in Reserves account as of 09/10/2024** |  | **45,405.26** |  |

**To review the salary of the Clerk**Further details should be available at the next meeting as still waiting for the result of balloting members for Unison and Unite. **Horwode Pece budgetary requirements for the following year to be considered and agreed**Budget received from the HP Committee for consideration by the PC for budget setting for 2025. Further quotes for the outstanding work are required and budget figure to be revisited when received. **Earmarked Reserves Policy for Village Hall – actions to be taken**The final payment has been made from the Reserves and it was resolved to close down this policy. Update on the policy on the website **(Action: Clerk).**  |
| 24. | **Items for the next meeting** To approve schedule of payments requiring authorisationConsider first draft of the Budget Agree funds to be allocated to Worthy Causes Clerk’s confirmed salary rate increaseReport on verification of bank reconciliation |
| 25. | **Confirmation of date and time of the next meeting**Monday 11th November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Great Horwood and Singleborough Village Hall. |

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed Date

**Chairman**

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

**October 2024**

Having finished the new ‘Toddler Surround’ we are all taking a breather this month, while planning the work for the Teenage area. Still, I must say thank you to everyone involved, it was a fantastic effort for the work done so far. To complete the work on the Toddler area took the volunteers 8 weeks, and a total of 165h of work. Undertaking the Teenage area will be twice as much work, so with the Parish Council’s agreement we are looking for some professional help. A job description has been prepared and four local landscape specialists have been asked to quote. In the job description, the work has been broken down into two phases; 1. digging back the rubber chippings, removing the old wooden timber work, and laying the plastic timber footings; then, 2. installing the new plastic timber walls, back filling the rubber chippings, and infilling/ landscaping the grass adjacent to the new plastic timber surround. This two part quotation approach will allow the Council to agree the level of support that is possible within the budget. Any additional work will then have to be undertaken by the Rec. Working party volunteers.

Each week, the Rec. is continued to be inspected by our Rec. Check volunteers. The feedback in these reports is that the Rec. is in overall good condition, with one report commenting ‘Brilliant new surround to the Toddler area.’. During the period of heavy rain in late September, the ground was flooded in places, but within one week these flooded areas drained away.

Outstanding work to note, includes:

* Removing the old bench and seats from the top corner of the Rec. As it is now badly rotten.
* Repairing the wooden slats to the goals, again rotten.
* Check the zip-wire seat height; two reports suggested it may be low.
* Following the heavy rain, the pipes of the seesaw were found to be full of water. This needs to be further inspected, also,
* The rubber coverings on the Pollux look to have deteriorated. They are over 15 years old. We need to investigate the repair of these joints. Inspection of this damage shows that it is cosmetic and does not efffect the Pollux joint safety.

Finally, find attached a draft budget for the Rec. For the 2025/2026 financial year. The exact degree of funding will depend on the remaining reserve funds, plus the costs of professional help to install the Teenage surround. In the proposed budget I have provided my estimate of the costs of this work, for planning purposes. We will have to wait and see what quote prices we receive.

John Nicholls - Chairman

13/10/2024

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| **Planning Committee Report -** for meeting on 14 October 2024 (as at 9 October 2024) |  |
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| Below are current and recent Planning Applications. The Parish Council is invited to ratify the comments made to Buckinghamshire Council on behalf of the Planning Committee since the last meeting.  |  |
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| **CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS** |  |  |  |  |
| **Date Received** | **Application Number** | **Applicant** | **Site Address** | **Details of Application** | **Parish Council Response** | **BC Decision** |  |
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| **Determined** |  |  |  |  |
| 31/5/24 | 24/01562/VRCEmma Mumby | Mr And Mrs H Elliott | Spring Cottage 28 Spring Lane Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0QW | Variation of condition 2 (plans) 12 (parking) relating to application22/03413/APP (Demolition of the existing dwelling and the erection of adetached dwelling with access, parking and amenity space) | No objection | Approved |  |
| 19/8/24 | 24/02429/CPEEmma Mumby | Miss Shirley Isseyegh | Fair Winter Farm Bletchley Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0RB | Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of commencement of development on application 21/03339/APP | No objection | Certificate issued2/10/24 |  |
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| **21/01/2021** | **21/00221/APP**Kirsty Elliott  | J Hanson & Son | Home Farm, 4 Winslow Road, Great Horwood MK17 0QN | Erection of 16 new residential dwellings and the refurbishment and extension of the existing farmhouse, with associated access landscape and parking  | Objection | Awaiting decision |  |
| **21/01/2021** | **21/00222/ALB**Kirsty Elliott  | J Hanson & Son | Home Farm, 4 Winslow Road, Great Horwood MK17 0QN | Erection of 16 new residential dwellings and the refurbishment and extension of the existing farmhouse, with associated access landscape and parking | Objection | Awaiting decision |  |
| **6/12/23** | **23/03802/CPE**Danika Hird | Mr & Mrs P Pearce | Spring Hill Farm Little Horwood Road Great Horwood BuckinghamshireMK17 0NZ | Certificate of lawful existing use for the non-compliance with conditions 3 and4 of 78/01811/AV - (3) The occupation of the dwelling shall be limited to a person solely or mainly employed, or last employed, in the locality in agriculture as defined in Section 290(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1971 or forestry (including any dependants of a person residing with him)or a widow or widower of such a person (4) The accommodation to be provided in the buildings hereby permitted shall be occupied as a single unit of private residential accommodation, and storage of caravans and construction of riding arena | No objection | Awaiting decision |  |
| 12/1/24 | 22/03218/APPEmma Mumby | Mr Octavian Negrea | Land To Rear Of Vine Cottage 3 Little Horwood Road Great HorwoodBuckinghamshire MK17 0QE | Erection of 3 dwellings | Objection | Awaiting decision |  |
| 4/4/24 | 24/00952/APPEmma Mumby | Mr Connors | 3 Nash Park Winslow Road Nash Buckinghamshire MK17 0FD | Change of use of land from a 1 pitch Caravan Site to a 2 pitch Caravan Site (2Static Caravans & 2 Touring Caravans) alongside the retention andconversion of Stables to Dayroom | No objection | Awaiting decision |  |
| 26/5/24 | 24/01245/APPAnna Shah | Mr James Maddock | Park Lodge Singleborough Lane Singleborough Great HorwoodBuckinghamshire MK17 0RF | Householder application for Installation of a 15.2kWp ground-mounted solararray | No objection | Awaiting decision |  |
| 18/06/24 | 24/01794/APPDanika Hird | Mr William McDonaugh | Plot 1 Nash Park Winslow Road Nash Buckinghamshire MK17 0FD | Creation of a 2nd pitch on an existing 1 pitch caravan site to provide 2 staticcaravans and 2 touring caravans and erection of a dayroom | Objection | Awaiting decision |  |
| 28/6/24 | 24/01844/APPRebecca Jarratt | Mr Farokh Khorooshi | Bywater Meadow Pilch Lane Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0NX | Bywater Meadow Pilch Lane Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0NX | Objection | Awaiting decision |  |
| 8/7/24 | 24/01868/APPKerby MacInnis | Mr and Mrs Chris Lewis-Evans | Land Adjacent To Cakeford Little Horwood Road Great HorwoodBuckinghamshire MK17 0NZ | Demolition of building and erection of single storey side extension to existingcommercial building | Objection | Awaiting decision |  |
| 11/7/24 | 24/02043/APPKerby MacInnis | Mr Paul Snell | Land Off Nash Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0RA | Erection of cattle building | Objection | Awaiting decision |  |
| 23/7/24 | 24/02148/APPDanika Hird | Mr Nigel Denne | The Hedgerows Nash Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0EJ | Change of use of land from agricultural to B8 (Storage and distribution) E(a)(Sales / Display of goods other than hot food ) E(g)(i) (Offices). New droppedkerb/access. Erection of building and yard area | Objection | Awaiting decision |  |
| 22/8/24 | 24/02460/APPFaye Hudson | Mr Fred Morris | Land Opposite Ridgehill Farm Little Horwood Road Nash Buckinghamshire | Demolition of existing storage building and replacement with new | No objection | Awaiting decision |  |
| 4/10/24 | 24/03004/APPFaye Hudson | Hennigan Building and Civil Engineering Ltd | Land Between Nash Road And Cross Roads Kennels Nash Road GreatHorwood Buckinghamshire | Hybrid application for the redevelopment of the site comprising outlineplanning permission, with all matters reserved except access, for a drive thrurestaurant (Use Class E(b)/Sui Generis) and EV charging hub and fullplanning permission for an office building (Use Class E(g)(ii)) and a daynursery (Use Class E(f)) with associated landscaping, parking and accessarrangements |  |  |  |

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Colours

Green = applications determined since last report - Yellow = applications received in 2022 - Light blue = applications received in 2021

Pink = applications received in 2023 - Orange = applications received in 2024 Names are those of the Bucks application case officer