



**Great Horwood
Parish Council**

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th March 2026 at 7.30pm in the Great Horwood and Singleborough Village Hall, Great Horwood

Present: Cllr Caroline Cousin (CC) Chairman, Cllr Jonathan Evans (JJ), Cllr Jackie Goss (JAG), Cllr Mary Saunders (MS), Sarah Biswell (SB) Clerk, and 4 members of the public.

Please note, to comply with Data Protection rules, names (other than councillors or persons who have previously given their permission) will not be used in Great Horwood Parish Council Minutes.

1.	To receive apologies for absence Cllr Thomas Lee (TL), Cllr Mahmood Malik (MM). Bucks Councillor John Chilver - absent
2.	To receive declarations of interest None
3.	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th February 2026. The minutes were agreed as a true record and were signed by Cllr Cousin at the meeting.
4.	To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting (not otherwise included in the Agenda) Path kerbstones to be put in place in front of residence in Spring Lane by BC – it was noted that white paint has now been sprayed on the area that needs attention –no further information - update at next meeting (Action: Clerk to continue to monitor with the LAT). 30mph sign in Little Horwood Road is still in the verge – this is still outstanding - (Action: Clerk to monitor with the LAT). Cllr Evans to meet with the Footpath Monitor - meeting not yet taken place Cllr Evans to rearrange (Action: Cllr Evans to report back). Letter to Buckinghamshire Council to request a 20-mph speed limit through the village has been issued but no response received – Clerk to chase up for a response (Action: Clerk).
12	Co-option of a New Councillor A unanimous resolution was passed to co-opt Mr Christopher Cook as a Parish Councillor for Great Horwood Parish Council. The Declaration for Acceptance of Office was signed by Cllr Cook and the Proper Officer at the meeting. Welcome to the Parish Council from all Councillors.
5.	Public Participation Period No issues raised.
6.	Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor – John Chilver Cllr Chilver was not at the meeting and no report was received prior to the meeting.
7	Horwode Pece Management Committee Report No report received prior to the meeting. The Clerk has received confirmation from the contractor that the parallel bar would be fixed in the next 2 weeks Clerk to chase this up. (Action: Clerk). Chippings still to be purchased. The sloe bushes have been trimmed – the Parish Council extended their thanks to the volunteers involved in getting this work completed since the last meeting.
8	Footpaths Report No report received prior to the meeting.

9.	<p>Parish Maintenance Church Lane allotments.</p> <p>Work has been completed to clear the three overgrown allotment plots. Photographs of the work undertaken were placed on Dropbox. The Parish Council resolved to pay the invoice for this work to RTM Landscapes. Cllr Lee advised that there was overgrown vegetation on what was thought to be the cyclepath or footpath on the A421 just past the roundabout. Cllr Cousin and Clerk are meeting RTM later this week prior to the grass cutting season starting – will bring this to their attention and ask them for a price for clearing it. (Action: Cllr Cousin and Clerk).</p>
10.	<p>Planning Report Report received.</p>
11.	<p>Issues arising from the Planning Report 3 decisions have been made since the last meeting.</p>
13	<p>Land North of Little Horwood Road & Cherry Leas – Appeal under Section 78 (Croudace) Nothing further to report at present. The Appeal is due to start on the 21st April 2026.</p>
14	<p>Adoption of street lighting – East Field/Crabtree Close Correspondence from Developer Support (on behalf of Croudace Homes) has been received concerning the adoption of street lights in the above roads. The roads have not yet been adopted and there is no date for this at the moment. The Parish Council also asked Developer Support to check what lights have been installed, as the Parish Council would only consider adoption of LED lights. (Action: Clerk to chase reply).</p>
15.	<p>20mph speed limit for Buckinghamshire – collaboration with parishes The Parish Council have received an email from a Councillor from Whaddon Parish Council requesting support to encourage Buckinghamshire Council to adopt a consistent 20mph speed limit across local villages. The PC resolved to support this endeavour (Action: Clerk to contacted Whaddon Parish Council).</p>
16	<p>Bucks Local Plan Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment. (HELAA) The HELAA outcome was published on 17 February and was sent to all Councillors at that time. The assessment looked at 9 sites that had been submitted in the call for sites. Two were dismissed as too small and all bar two of the rest were discounted as unsustainable. The two that were deemed to be acceptable for housing were the land off Weston Road and the land behind 10 & 12 High Street. They proposed 56.4 dwellings on the former (cf 35 in the current planning application) and 50 in the latter. They hadn't noticed that this site is in the conservation area. It was proposed that a response should be submitted objecting to all the sites on the grounds that none of them was sustainable, but commenting on some of the errors in the assessment. It was resolved to submit this by the deadline of 16 March.</p> <p>New and Expanded Settlement Study (NESS). Cllr Cousin drafted a response from Great Horwood to the proposal for Winslow in advance of a meeting with Winslow Town Council, Addington Parish Meeting and Little Horwood Parish Council she and Cllr Lee attended on 3 March. A slightly modified version was presented to the Council who resolved that it should be submitted by 16 March.</p> <p>It broadly said that GHPC objected to the proposed development on the airfield to the north of Winslow but if it were to proceed Buckinghamshire Council should prepare a master plan before any development took place to ensure that the necessary infrastructure would be delivered. Cllr Cousin said that she and Cllr Lee would be going to a further meeting on 12 March, and minor amendments may be needed in the light of discussions at this meeting. It was resolved to submit the final response by the deadline of 16 March.</p>
17	<p>Neighbourhood Plan The Steering Group (majority of 6/1) agreed that it would be beneficial to have a purpose-built website for this project – a link has been sent to all Parish Councillors to review this offering. Funds for this can be paid from the Earmarked Reserves. The Parish Council unanimously resolved to go ahead with the website. Feedback on this to be taken back to the next meeting of the Steering Group (Action: Clerk to receive invoice for payment of website).</p>

	<p>One site has been withdrawn so there are now just six sites for consideration. There is to be a public consultation in the Village Hall on Saturday 21 March and Sunday 22 March. Cllr Cousin has prepared display boards using the information on sites provided by the landowners or their representative. There is a meeting of the Steering Group on the following evening (10 March) and if the boards are agreed Cllr Cousin will take the files to the printers later in the week. (Action: Cllr Cousin)</p>								
18	<p>Website and email The new Website has been handed over to the Parish Council to amend/update/check. It was resolved to change the photo on the front page of the website to a general shot of the village – a copy of this photo was on Dropbox for last month’s meeting. (Action: Clerk to amend website). Aubergine asked for a preferred launch date – it was resolved to use the 31st March 2026 as the launch date. Clerk to send the password to all Councillors for the website so that they can have a look at the content transferred. Cloud Next have provided the new gov.uk email programme – Clerk to send a note of the log in and password to all Councillors for their own gov.uk email address (Action: Clerk to send emails).</p>								
19	<p>Annual Parish Meeting – 18th May 2026 An invite has been sent to Callum Anderson MP for this and not yet received a reply. Parish Council agreed to go along with the similar format to last year. John Nicholls was asked to come and report on Horwode Pece over the last 12 months. This event is to be advertised in the Focus magazine not just in the Parish Pump but as an advert. It was resolved to send an invite to all those to who attended last year. Refreshments will be provided. Item is to be on the next meeting Agenda for an update (Action: Clerk to contact all attendees).</p>								
20	<p>Report from the MVAS Report received and placed on Dropbox. The MVAS has been moved to its new location in Winslow Road. The maximum speed recorded for January and February in its previous location was 55mph.</p>								
21	<p>EV Charging points The Parish Council have received an email from Cllr Thomas Broom, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Minister for Transfer for Buckinghamshire Council. The Council is unable to proceed with the project due to the significant delays to the programme, and therefore had to return the Department for Transfer funding. It was therefore resolved by the Parish Council not pursue this project any further.</p>								
22.	<p>Planters A local company have been approached to assist with the planting, requested annual costings figure and suggestions for planting. (Action: Clerk to chase up for reply and on April Agenda).</p>								
23	<p>To receive a report from any meetings attended Cllr Cousin</p> <table> <tr> <td>Steering Group NP –</td> <td>10.2.2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Town and Parish Planning Forum –</td> <td>16.2.2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Harlequin Press</td> <td>17.2.2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bucks Local Plan (Winslow) –</td> <td>3.3.2026</td> </tr> </table> <p>Cllr Goss Steering Group NP – 10.2.2026</p> <p>Cllr Lee Bucks Local Plan (Winslow) – 3.3.2026</p>	Steering Group NP –	10.2.2026	Town and Parish Planning Forum –	16.2.2026	Harlequin Press	17.2.2026	Bucks Local Plan (Winslow) –	3.3.2026
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24	<p>Transfer of Shorts Field to the PC – update Waiting to hear back from the developers Solicitors. Cllr Cousin has been in correspondence with the Technical Director over various issues such as grass cutting and accessible gates.</p>								
25	<p>Correspondence received To Note</p>								

	<p>Dog Waste bin collection payment paid last month – an oversight has been found on the recently invoiced and paid service; a refund is to be with GHPC shortly as VAT was added twice to the invoice. (Action: Clerk to monitor for refund to be received).</p> <p>Devolution 2026 document has been received with incorrect address of the Parish Council – requested a correct version of this document before signing (Action: Clerk to chase up document if not received before next meeting).</p>
26	<p>Finance</p> <p>To approve schedule of payments requiring authorisation – see page following these minutes – resolved to approve these payments.</p> <p>RFO to present statement of receipts and payments to date under each head of Budget – resolved to accept the figures on the spreadsheet – there will be an anticipated surplus of 25/26 budget spending, to be confirmed at next meeting. There is also the £250 donation received from the Quiz Nite organisers to be used for the village footpaths. It was suggested that hardcore is used make some of the footpaths more stable – no decision made on this spending at this meeting (Action: Clerk to report on surplus).</p> <p>Review of Risk Register and Management policy – resolved to accept amendments for 2026/2027 and publish on website (Action: Clerk to amend document and publish).</p> <p>To approve list of regular payments for the year ahead – resolved to accept list provided on Dropbox.</p> <p>Virgin Money application - update - account set up, waiting for online access (Clerk to follow up).</p> <p>HMRC for NI Contributions – update – received letter from HMRC - updated Basic Tools with new details – waiting to hear from HMRC on submitted figures. (Action: Clerk to monitor).</p>
27.	<p>Items for the next meeting</p> <p>To approve schedule of payments requiring authorisation</p> <p>Approval of use of variable direct debit/standing orders/BACS and CHAPS</p> <p>Review and approval of fees and charges – including Allotments</p> <p>Annual Parish Meeting</p> <p>Great Horwood Silver Band – use of The Green for summer concerts</p> <p>Virgin Money application - update</p> <p>HMRC for NI Contributions - update</p>
28.	<p>Confirmation of date and time of the next meeting</p> <p>Monday 13th April 2026 at 7.30pm in the Great Horwood and Singleborough Village Hall.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.42pm

Signed

Date

Chairman

Great Horwood Parish Council Receipts and Payments up to 6th March 2026

Current Account T1 Account number: 20500946

Payments	Payee	Type	Payment £
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Payments due

GH 25.114	Npower - IN14961716 - January 2026	DD	127.21
GH 25.115	Unity Trust Service Charge - January 2026	DD	6.00
GH 25.116	Clerks salary - February 2026	SO	878.80
GH 25.117	Clerks expenses - printer ink	FPO	19.95
GH 25.118	Barclaycard - part payment for chippings for HP	DD	1000.00
GH 25.119	Rebound - part payment for chippings for HP	FPO	2192.24
Transfers			
Transfer	Transfer received from HP for payment of invoice GH25.118/GH25.119	Transfer	3192.24

Total of T1 Current Account as of 6th March 2026

7,191.43

(excluding above payments to be made, items marked where payment has been made)

Horwode Pece Account number 20500962

Receipts/Transfers

Transfer	Transfer to T1 Current Account to settle GH25.118/GH25.119	Transfer	3192.24
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Income/Interest

Total of Horwode Pece Account as of 6th March 2026

3,410.12

(excluding above payments to be made, items marked where payment has been made)

Reserves Account Account number 20500959

Receipts/Transfers

Income/Interest

Total in Reserves Account as of 6th March 2026

39,672.11

(excluding above payments to be made, items marked where payment has been made)

Liden Park Account Account number 20508922

Receipts/Transfers

Interest/Income

Total in Liden Park Account as of 6th March 2026

27,047.76

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 9 March 2026 (as at 7 March 2026)

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.

CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Date Received	Application Number	Applicant	Site Address	Details of Application	Parish Council Response	BC Decision
4/10/24	24/03004/APP Faye Hudson	Hennigan Building and Civil Engineering Ltd	Land Between Nash Road And Cross Roads Kennels Nash Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire	Hybrid application for the redevelopment of the site comprising outline planning permission, with all matters reserved except access, for a drive thru restaurant (Use Class E(b)/Sui Generis) and EV charging hub and full planning permission for an office building (Use Class E(g)(ii)) and a day nursery (Use Class E(f)) with associated landscaping, parking and access arrangements	Objection	Approved
22/1/26	PL/25/6236/FA Faye Hudson	Katarzyna Kielbiewska	5 Weston Road, Great Horwood, Buckinghamshire, MK17 0QQ	Single storey side extension including a new roof to the existing porch	No objection	Approved
29/1/26	PL/25/6339/HB Anna Souter	Mr A Mirza	6 - 10 Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood, Buckinghamshire, MK17 0QE,	Listed building consent for re-rendering of property	No objection	Approved
21/01/2021	21/00221/APP Kirsty Elliott	J Hanson & Son	Home Farm, 4 Winslow Road, Great Horwood MK17 0QN	Demolition of existing agricultural buildings; erection of 15 residential dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping; extension and refurbishment of existing listed farmhouse.	Objection	Awaiting decision
21/01/2021	21/00222/ALB Kirsty Elliott	J Hanson & Son	Home Farm, 4 Winslow Road, Great Horwood MK17 0QN	Demolition of existing agricultural buildings; erection of 15 residential dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping; extension and refurbishment of existing listed farmhouse.	Objection	Awaiting decision
12/1/24	22/03218/APP Emma Mumby	Mr Octavian Negrea	Land To Rear Of Vine Cottage 3 Little Horwood Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0QE	Erection of 3 dwellings	Objection	Awaiting decision
4/4/24	24/00952/APP Emma 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 (2 Static Caravans & 2 Touring Caravans) alongside the retention and conversion of Stables to Dayroom	No objection	Awaiting decision
18/06/24	24/01794/APP Danika Hird	Mr William McDonough	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 static caravans and 2 touring caravans and erection of a dayroom	Objection	Awaiting decision
23/7/24	24/02148/APP Danika 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 dropped kerb/access. Erection of building and yard area	Objection	Awaiting decision
20/11/24	24/03472/APP Danika Hird	Mortlake 17 Llp	Land To The East Side Of Winslow Road Winslow Road Great Horwood MK17 0NP	Four no. commercial stables, ancillary facilities, parking, landscaping and internal road	Objection	Awaiting decision
2/12/24	24/03513/APP	Andrew Marshall	Faccenda Chicken Thornhill Poultry Farm Pilch Lane Great Horwood	Temporary change of use for 3 years of land and dwelling to allow use as a lorry park and offices (retrospective)	Objection	Awaiting decision

			Buckinghamshire MK17 0NX			
12/3/25	25/00518/ADM	Chris Lewis-Evans	Unit A At Land Adjacent To Cakeford Little Horwood Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire	Prior notification application (Part 11, Class B) for demolition of building	No objection	Details required
4/3/25	25/00425/APP	Mr And Mrs H Elliott	Spring Cottage 28 Spring Lane Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0QW	Householder application for construction of detached car port	No objection	Awaiting decision
2/6/25	25/01623/APP	Tim Northey (Abbeymill Homes)	Land South Of Weston Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire	Erection of 35 detached and semi-detached 2 storey dwellings with new access off Weston Road, footpaths, garaging, parking, landscaping and all enabling works	Objection	Awaiting decision
9/12/25	PL/25/4881/FA Anna Souter	Mr & Mrs Cook	Singleborough Stud , Bletchley Road, Great Horwood, Buckinghamshire, MK17 0RB	Proposed single storey rear extension including an external swimming pool	No objection	
23/12/25	PL/25/5205/FA Anna Souter	Paul Aldridge	15B Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood, Buckinghamshire, MK17 0QE,	Installation of air source heat pump to side of dwellinghouse.	No objection	
29/1/26	PL/25/6139/FA Ana Souter	Ms Ella Swinhoe	Great Horwood Church of England Combined School , School End, Great Horwood, Buckinghamshire, MK17 0RG	Replacement of existing windows with new aluminium double-glazed units	No objection	
27/2/26	PL/26/01412/KA Ana Patriarca	Mr Ryan Reid	9A Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood, Buckinghamshire, MK17 0QE	T1 - Remove conifer hedgerow along main access track. T2- height reduction of conifer down to approximately 7ft. T3 - height reduction of Leylandii/ Spruce to approximately 7ft. (Great Horwood Conservation Area)		

Key –

Colours

Green = applications determined since last report

Light blue = applications received in 2021

Orange = applications received in 2024

Yellow = Applications received in 2025

Turquoise = applications received in 2026

Names are those of the Bucks application case officer