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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 9th May
2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr Angela Mayne (AM), Cllr Mary Saunders (MS), Cllr Jane Holland (JH), Cllr John Huskinson (JRH), Mandy Cliffe (Clerk), 8 members of the public including County Cllr John Chilver and District Cllr Sir Beville Stanier

1. Introductions
Cllr Mayne opened the meeting in the absence of Cllr Scholtens, who had resigned as Cllr and Chairman, and Vice Chairman John Gilbey (JWG) who is on holiday.
2. To receive apologies for absence
Cllr JWG and Cllr Gunn.
3. To elect the Chairman of the Council for 2016-2017
Cllr AM asked for nominations for the post of Chairman. Cllr Saunders agreed to stand for the post. This was seconded by Cllr AM. Cllr MS was elected unanimously.
4. To receive the Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office
Cllr MS confirmed her acceptance of the appointment and took over as Chairman of the Meeting. She thanked Cllr Scholtens for all the time, energy and hard work he had invested into his time in office.
5. To elect a Vice-Chairman of the Council
A nomination has been received from Cllr JWG. This was seconded by Cllr MS and Cllr JWG was elected unanimously.
6. Declarations of Acceptance
These are only required in an election year.
7. To appoint representatives to outside bodies:

7.1. Bucks County Council Winslow and District LAF	JWG/AM
7.2. AVDC Local Council Planning Liaison Group	JWG
7.3. North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium	JWG/MS
7.4. Aylesbury Vale Association of Local Councils (AVALC)	JWG
7.5. Bucks Playing Field Association	JAG
7.6. Village Hall (includes Cllr MS as an ex-officio member)	JH/AM
7.7. Poors Allotment (Castlefields)	AM/JH
7.8. Other	Not required
8. To appoint members of the Committees of the Council
 - 8.1. As Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Cllrs MS and JWG are automatic members of the Planning Committee and Cllrs AM, JRH and JS indicated their willingness to continue as members.
 - 8.2. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are automatic members of the Recreation Committee. It was agreed that Cllrs JH and JAG would continue as Parish Council representatives on the Committee.
9. Councillor Vacancy
It was **resolved** to recruit a new Parish Councillor and to co-opt them at the next PC Meeting. The Clerk will inform AVDC Electoral Services and arrange for appropriate notices to be placed. **(Action Clerk)**
10. To agree payment of annual subscriptions to BALC, AVALC, Community Impact (Bucks), NBPCC, AVNSC, BPFA
Subscriptions to these organisations are budgeted for in 2016/2017 financial year. Payment to the Society of Local Clerks (SLCC) is also included in the budget. Councillors **resolved** to pay them.
11. Update of Contact Details
Councillors provided updated contact details and these will be posted on the website, noticeboard and in Focus. **(Action Clerk)**
12. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th April 2016
These were approved with a minor spelling modification. (Item 13 "The Clerk was asked to advise the LAF of this decision").
13. To receive declarations of interest
None received.
14. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
 - Item 8 - Potholes on The Green are the responsibility of GHPC. The Clerk contacted Bucks CC LAT and ABH Landscaping Services. The former recommended a good DIY product (£25 per bag) and a quotation for repair was requested from the latter (£55). It was **resolved** to contract ABH to undertake the repairs. **(Action Clerk)**
 - Item 11 - Cllr MS drafted a response to the Nash Road planning application and this was emailed to AVDC.

- Item 11 - The clerk contacted AVDC with the S106 decision for the Nash Road planning application. Monies available under this provision would be used to refurbish the Village Hall or to provide adult exercise equipment on Horwode Pece.
 - Item 12 - Cllr JWG had met with John Goodger to discuss the renewal of the Cricket Club lease. It was decided that the matter needed further discussion and would be placed on the agenda for the next PC Meeting when Cllr JWG would be present.
 - Item 13 - The Clerk informed the LAF of the Council's decision not to pursue the matter of the B4033 footpath. There is no further news about the A421 roadworks but the Clerk will publicise any information when it becomes available **(Action Clerk)**.
 - Item 15 - The Clerk placed notices on cars to clear the Green for the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations on 21st April. Cllr JH placed advertisements around the village following on from her very successful Clean for the Queen. Rubbish was cleared by helpers, the Clerk and AVDC. Cllr MS thanked everyone involved.
15. Public Participation Period
- Gill Wood asked if taller plants could be used in autumn planters as daffodils growing on the banks obscure low growing plants in the Spring. (The planters cannot be moved as they are concreted in).
 - Gill Wood asked whether the grass cutting contractor could blow any grass cuttings back from paths and roads as they become slippery in the wet.
 - Mick Wood reported that he had deployed the MVAS in Singleborough for one week. Analysis of data showed that speeding was a matter for concern in the hamlet with an average speed for 80% of vehicles at 36.6 mph. One individual was recorded at 60mph and 2 at 50mph all in a 30mph zone.
 - Mick Wood reported that Speed Watch had recorded a number of speeding vehicles. The organisation of Speed Watch is in its early stages and thought needs to be given to making the best use of the equipment and to ensure its use throughout the village and Singleborough.
 - Cllr JH raised the issue of cars parking on pavements. This has become a problem throughout the village and is causing problems for the elderly, disabled residents, parents with buggies and children. Cllr JH offered to place a notice in Focus as parking on pavements is a criminal offence.
16. Planning Report
The planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes. Cllr MS commented that she was pleased to see that AVDC had attached stringent drainage stipulations to the Singleborough Road application (16/00851/APP).
17. Planning Issues
17.1. Councillors discussed the Nash Road planning application (16/00877/APP) and agreed a letter that was subsequently sent to AVDC as consultee comments.
18. Report from the Recreation Committee
The Report from the Recreation Committee is attached to and forms part of these minutes. Cllr MS commented that the submission of 2015 accounts and annual return to the Charity Commission was overdue.
19. Footpaths Report
There is nothing to report this month but Robert Deuchar has confirmed he will continue as Footpath Monitor for the next year.
20. Neighbourhood Plan
The Great Horwood Neighbourhood plan would be reviewed on a five yearly cycle. It was decided that this item would be reviewed again in September.
21. Parish Plan 2015
It was decided that discussion on the Parish Plan 2016 would be postponed until after the Weston Road Inquiry decision had been made in August as the final amount of S106 funding will affect planning. The plans for the School Crossing Patrol are progressing. Bucks CC is in the process of recruiting a patrol officer and painting of white and yellow lines was planned for June. It was hoped that the patrol would be operational for the Autumn term.
22. Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan next stages
Cllr MS reported that the VALP scrutiny committee was due to meet this week. It was noted that Gladmans had reaffirmed an interest in developing the Greenway airfield site. The VALP consultation period will run from 7th July – 5th September. AVDC is also holding a Parish Councils event on 11th July. As the timing of the consultation period is effectively outside Parish Council meetings it was **resolved** that the planning committee would email comments to AVDC.
23. Pilch Lane
The Clerk reported a general deterioration in the surface of Pilch Lane due to heavy lorries using it to access Pilch Farm. A contractor is still being finalised by Transport for Bucks for the work at the top of the lane. Until this work is completed, the lorries will continue to use Pilch Lane as it is a public road.
24. Devolution of services update
This item was deferred until the next meeting.
25. Review end of year accounts
It was **resolved** to ask Claire Black to act as Internal Auditor. **(Action Clerk)** Cllr JFH offered to work with the Clerk to ensure the Audit paperwork was completed properly.

26. Review of Annual Parish Meeting

Cllr MS commended Cllr Scholtens report (in the May issue of Focus) to the Meeting, emphasising his five priorities – Influence, Recreation, Road Traffic Impact, Environment and Community. Feedback suggested that the meeting went on too long and a less formal seating plan with chairs and tables would be appreciated next time.

27. Summer planters

Cllrs agreed that the five planters should be replanted for the summer at a cost of £52 per planter by Heady Plants. It was **resolved** to ask Robert Heady to go ahead with the planting. **(Action Clerk)**

28. Receipts

- Precept paid in £12,947.50

29. To agree items for payment

- Eon Street Lighting power DD - £67.56
- Clerk's Salary SO - £281.14
- Leigh Day Barrister Weston Road Inquiry cheque - £7000
- Clerk's training cheque – £105.38 (Agendas and Meetings & Website courses)
- Transfer of funds into the reserve account - £27925.18

30. Items for next Meeting

Speed Watch
School Crossing Patrol,
Cricket Club Lease
Review of Asset Register and Standing Orders
Review and Allocation of Reserves
Acceptance of Annual Accounts
Devolution of Services update
Kissing Gate

31. Confirmation of date and time of next Meeting

The next PC Meeting will be held on Monday 13th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.52pm

Signed _____ **DRAFT** _____

Date _____

Horwode Pece Management Committee - Report to Parish Council May 2016

After the Spring working party, as reported last month, the Rec. is in great shape. It shows what can be achieved when regularly inspected, regularly cut and maintained as required.

We are pleased to report that Margaret Michalski has offered to join the Volunteers inspecting the Rec. and on her first check she noted that Christine's roses needed pruning and has now done this. The more volunteers we have, the easier for everyone.

On the 19th April, we held the 'Horwode Pece Management Committee' early spring meeting to review issues for the forthcoming year. Here I reported that Val Porritt had resigned from the Committee and thanked her by email for her time – almost 6 years - on the committee. I also reported the very productive working party, as reported last month to the Parish Council, as this was the first management committee since the work was done. To remind the Parish Council, members of the committee and volunteers repaired the wood surround to both Toddler and Teenage Area and undertook general maintenance on the Pollux, Nest Swing, Crazy Scrambler, and Parallel bars. Also, the woodchip was raked level.

The maintenance schedule for 2016-17 was discussed and agreed. This on-going maintenance will look to replace the goal nets when they finally fail. Replacements have been purchased for both goals, but it was agreed to leave the current netting in place over the summer as they were still serviceable and replace them when one of them fails in an irreparable way. Items that still need to be completed are: non-slip grip for ramps, earth around the zip wire and laying of slabs. The slabs and the earth go hand in hand and John G has confirmed that Ian Walker (the mowing contractor) is monitoring how wet the land at the Rec. is so that he can do this job as soon as it is dry enough to drive over without churning the Rec. It has also been reported (in the Rec. checks) that there is a piece of split wood on the Toddler ramp which I have agreed to look into.

The biggest job this year is the topping up of the woodchip. As reported at the 'Annual Parish Meeting', 90 cubic metres is likely to be required (a lorry load and drag). John Gilbey is to ask if Ian Walker if he will quote for the work to move and spread the woodchip. This job in the past has proved too much for the volunteer group and should be sub-contracted. It was agreed, also, to purchase two tarpaulin sheets to have the woodchip delivered onto as this makes moving it and clearing up much easier.

RoSPA is due May/June, so it would be preferred that the woodchip is delivered and spread before then.

To progress the purchase of the teenage slide, or alternative new equipment, Jane has had a meeting down the Rec. with a rep from Jupiter Play to discuss options and prices. The likelihood is that we will need to apply for a grant to pay for it.

The next item on the agenda was 'Picnic on the Pece'. It will be held on Sunday 19th June. Giocoso have agreed to play there again and we are grateful for their continued support to this annual village event. The Youth Club is to be asked to help on the day, possibly running various games and Short tennis.

It was suggested that we should have a Youth Membership on the committee to put forward 'youth' ideas and everyone agreed was a good idea. The Youth Club has been approached to see if they would like to nominate somebody, Jake Christies' name was proposed and he has agreed to do it. So, we would like to welcome Jake to this committee.

We are still looking at organising other events throughout the year down the Rec. Jane Holland is looking at organising a 'Party' at the Rec. – Summer Solstice? Also, the possibility of a Firework party was discussed, but this seems less likely, and will be confirmed after a further risk assessment has been taken.

John Nicholls
Chairman
8/05/2016

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 9th May 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

29/02/2016	16/00661/APP	Mr Paul Maling	Roddimore Stud, Winslow Road GH	Formation of facilities for disabled	No Objection	Approved
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	Approved
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	Certificate Issued
10/03/2016	16/00851/APP	Mrs Catherine Hems	The Cottage Singleborough Road	Construction of vehicular access and off street parking	No Objection	Approved

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
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 PC letter)	Awaiting decision