



**Great Horwood  
Parish Council**

# **GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2007  
in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr T Kelsey (retiring Chair), Cllr M Berrill, Cllr J Samways, Cllr M Brocklehurst, Cllr R Moulding, Cllr J Gilbey, Cllr I Lamberton, Mrs S Brazier (Clerk) and twelve members of the public.

- 1 Apologies for absence – none
- 2 Cllr Kelsey invited the new Councilors in turn to sign the Declaration Book in the presence of the Council together with their Declaration of Acceptance and Register of Members' Financial Interests. The Clerk will keep these records on file.  
Election of Officers – Cllr Samways had in advance proposed Cllr Gilbey as Chair. This was seconded by Cllr Berrill – unanimously agreed. Cllr Lamberton proposed Cllr Moulding as Vice Chair, seconded by Cllr Brocklehurst – unanimously agreed.  
Rec Sub-committee – it was agreed that Cllr Samways and Cllr Brocklehurst would take on this role.  
Village Hall – Cllr Berrill and Cllr Lamberton offered to take up these positions.
- 3 Planning Committee – This sub-committee will be made up of Cllrs Gilbey, Moulding, Berrill and Samways
- 4 Confirmation of minutes – agreed and signed
- 5 Declaration of interest – none
- 6 Matters arising from the minutes –
  - 6.1. Land at Greenway Farm – The Clerk read the sub-committee report from the previous meeting: the Charities Commission application is being re-submitted; a solicitor has been appointed; a consultation event will take place soon; an information stall at the fete has been requested; proceedings have been started to transfer the land from agricultural to recreational use; a further 200.00 has been raised towards the Rec Fund by another of Sheila Finlayson's concerts. The report also stated that the Mill was believed to be dangerous and infested with rats. Mrs Cathy Holland, Secretary, had written to the Clerk requesting that she write to Deans Farm Foods about this serious problem.
  - 6.2. Parish Plan – Cllr Moulding read the Steering Committee report: a review will take place re how the Steering Committee and Work Groups operate after the Council's AGM; other items raised include Great Horwood and Singleborough Conservation Areas; the feasibility of mains gas in the village; dog mess and the College Walk guided walk.

- 6.3. ABB Street Lighting – The Clerk advised that markings had been placed at the areas where new street lights were to be located. She had received a phone call from Mr G Magyer asking whether the new street light to be located outside their property could now be placed even further away than originally agreed. Cllr Gilbey offered to walk up to the Nash Road area in question and report back.
- 6.4. Designated Parking in Nash Road – The Clerk informed the Council that they had been successful in gaining 20,000 from BCC to improve the parking in Nash Road. Mr D Chapman will be looking after this project. BCC have requested that the Council might make a contribution towards the scheme. The Clerk thought that a decision on this matter might be taken after the approval of the accounts. The Clerk was asked to check that BCC had advised the residents of this decision and also make sure that they were kept informed of work dates etc.
- 6.5. Affordable Housing – The Clerk had received a reply from BCA stating that the Housing Needs Survey was the only official way to establish whether there was a need for housing in the parish. Jean Fox also stated that since there were at least 20 people who needed housing according to the Parish Plan questionnaire, the Council might make contact with these people. If they registered with the District Council this would help. With lots of publicity beforehand, BCA could then conduct another survey at some point in the near future. It was agreed to make this an agenda item for next month.
- 6.6. SID – Cllr Gilbey had analysed the data collected. 24% of motorists had exceeded the speed limit and the problem was especially noticeable at the village entry from Nash Road. He had written to Thames Valley Police and Nigel Spencer/BCC with his findings, asking for any suggestions re how this problem might be rectified. He informed the Council of a new speeding device that was being piloted in Swanbourne in June. Although still in the early stages, there was a possibility that the device could be purchased by several Parish Councils and therefore shared among them.
- 6.7. Outstanding rent from the Cricket Club – the cheque will be signed at the next Cricket Club meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June.
- 7 Democratic Discussion Period – Mrs Nicholls informed the Council that Mr Mike Sheldon's Solicitor had discovered that there was already an existing recreation charity for Great Horwood on the Charities Commission website. On further investigation, Mrs Nicholls found out that this charity had been lumped together with the Great Horwood and Singleborough Charities, the money of which is distributed to certain senior citizens at Christmastime. There appears to be no paperwork or Constitution for this charity, so it is still appropriate for the rec sub-committee to start their own charity. However, the Clerk will investigate further re the existing charity.
- 8 Approval of Accounts – After a brief discussion on the make up of the accounts, they were duly signed by the Chairman and the Clerk with no amendments. It was mentioned however, that it would be a good idea to look into the Council's insurance in terms of items covered now and in the future. The Annual Return was also signed and will be sent to Hacker Young. A notice will be displayed on the notice board inviting members of the public to view the accounts in June.

## 9 Accounts -

For Payment – Clerk's remuneration (Standing Order) – 165.00  
AVNSC (Subs) – 10.00  
Rec Sub-committee (donation from concerts) – 225.50

Payments received – Parish Precept – 3250.00  
Rent (John's Barbers Van) – 10.00

## 10 Planning Applications -

New – 07/00989/AGN – Mr D Pinkney, Land off Pilch Lane, Singleborough  
07/01008/APP – Dr Ward, Pear Tree House, Singleborough

Previous – 07/00590/APP – Mr A Hern – erection of conservatory - refused

Cllr Moulding informed the Council that AVDC had not yet reached a decision on application number 07/00536/APP in respect of use of land on Pilch Lane.

## 11 Correspondence -

Letter from Hastoe Housing Association inviting the Council to a viewing of Affordable Houses in Tingewick.

ABB Street Lighting – invoices re replacement lights – no money to pay as payment made in advance.

BCC poster looking for people to join their Independent Education Appeal Panels.

AVDC Register of Electors – 2 creations, 1 deletion

AVDC Letter re Play around the Parishes – The Clerk will reply re availability of Cricket Ground/ Rec site

BCC Letter – closure of part of A421 at Thornborough, 21 – 25 May

BCC Letter – closure of part of A413 at Adstock, 25 June – 10<sup>th</sup> July

Phone call from Mrs P Hogston re horses being ridden in alleyway. Look into what can be done.

E-mail from Mrs S Walsh at The Crown re use of The Green for a bouncy castle on Bank Holiday May Day.

Cllr Moulding informed the Council of the sad news that Sir Beville's wife had passed away. A Thanksgiving Service will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm in Buckingham Church.

A representative from the Council could perhaps attend the service, and the Council's condolences sent by letter very soon.

12 Items for the next meeting (and future meetings) – Village Green, Insurance, SID, Affordable Housing, Planning Committee, Vacancy for Parish Councilor, Local Development Framework, Greenway, Co-operation with other Parish Councils, Improved Communication with Village in general, Teas and Coffees at PC meeting, Welcoming newcomers to the village.

13 Date of the next meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall