



**Great Horwood  
Parish Council**

## **GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the AGM and Ordinary Meeting held on  
Monday 12th May 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs J. Gilbey (Chairman) R. Moulding (Vice Chairman) M. Brocklehurst, M. Berrill, I. Lamberton, Mr. D. Trigg (Clerk)

**In attendance:** Two members of the public.

### **8.1 Apologies for absence**

Cllrs. Yates and Samways

### **8.2 Election of officers**

8.2.1 Elect a Chairman of the Council. Proposed Cllr J. Gilbey by I. Lamberton and seconded by M. Brocklehurst. Cllr Gilbey accepts. Carried unanimously.

8.2.2 To receive the Chairman's Declaration of office. Chairman accepts

8.2.3 Elect a Vice Chairman. Cllr R. Moulding proposed by J. Gilbey and seconded by M. Brocklehurst. Cllr Moulding accepts. Carried unanimously.

8.2.4 To appoint 2 trustees to Great Horwood and Singleborough Recreation Trust. The existing trustees M. Brocklehurst and J. Samways accept nomination.

Proposed by J. Gilbey and I. Lamberton. Voted and carried unanimously.

8.2.5 To appoint 2 trustees to the Recreation Committee of the council. The existing trustees M. Brocklehurst and J. Samways accept nomination.

Proposed by J. Gilbey and I. Lamberton. Voted and carried unanimously.

8.2.6 To appoint 4 members of the Planning Committee. Chairman and Vice Chairman and two others. Proposed after discussion I. Lamberton and M. Brocklehurst. Carried unanimously.

### **8.3 Confirmation of minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008.**

**Accepted.**

### **8.4 Declaration of Interest.**

Cllr Gilbey declared an interest in item 10 on the agenda as he is a trustee of the Winslow and District Community Bus.

### **8.5 Matters arising from the Minutes**

8.4.3 The notice re horse riding in the alley way leading from the High Street to Spring Lane are now in place.

8.4.1 Mr. Sirett has been advised about the plan to fit a hand rail to the steep path at the bottom end of the Nash Road Parking Bay. Hand rail not yet fitted.

8.4.2 No further action on gas supply to the village.

8.12 The Clerk has written a letter to Mr. Coussell but no response so far.

### **8.6 Approval of accounts**

Copies of the Parish Council Accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 were distributed to all Councillors. It was agreed to postpone approval until the next meeting to give all the Councillors the chance to study the accounts and submit any questions. An item is to be included on the agenda for the next meeting to approve the accounts.

## **8.7 To confirm the payments of annual subscriptions to various bodies**

It was agreed that the Council should continue to subscribe to the following bodies AVALC, NBPPC, AVNSC, BPFA, BCA.

## **8.8 Public Participation period**

The Chairman suspended the formal proceedings of the meeting to hear items from the public. The issue of damage to a garden wall that adjoins The Green was raised. The Clerk will inform the local police. Cllr. Lamberton will draft an article for Focus with a picture. The council will put up a notice on The Green to ask for resident's co-operation.

## **8.9 Report on BCC Aylesbury Vale Local Committee Meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> April.**

Our bid for a traffic calming scheme from funds available from the delegated budget scheme was not successful.

It was reported that BCC have an additional £3.25 million to spend on maintenance of highways in the current financial year. Additional contract staff have been recruited but the work is starting in the south of the county. It is planned that Parish Councils will be asked to advise BCC of areas of the highways that need attention

## **8.10 Reports NAG Meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> May.**

The major topic for all villages represented was speeding traffic. It was agreed with the police representatives not to expect any help from BCC. The main offer is to operate a Community Speed Watch scheme. The equipment would cost around £2,000 and volunteers would be required to operate the equipment and then to go to Buckingham Police Station to enter the data on to the police computer. Letters would then be sent out by the police advising drivers that they had been seen speeding.

It was agreed to invite Davis Rowlands, our County Councillor, to a future meeting of the Parish Council to explain BCC policy on the issue. Cllr Gilbey.

## **8.11 Proposal to agree the payment of £250 to the Winslow and District Bus.**

All agreed that the bus provides an invaluable service to the village. The motion to make the payment of £250 was proposed by R Moulding and seconded by M. Berrill. Carried unanimously

## **8.12 Proposal to accept offer from Mr and Mrs Marshall to fund the purchase of the first dog bin for the village and to purchase a second bin and also pay for the servicing of the 2 bins.**

Cllr Gilbey noted that there had already been considerable discussion on the issue. The vote was then taken with none against and one abstention. So proposal was carried with the proviso that after one year we review again to see if there has been an improvement. Clerk to start arrangements.

## **8.13 Wild flower planting in Nash Road.**

Cllr Yates had spoken to various people including David Coussell who has a business maintaining grounds. He has said he will provide the necessary seed and sow it for the village. BCC have been consulted and they are happy with this. The Clerk to write to Mr Coussell to thank him and arrange for the work to be carried out.

## **8.14 Report from the Parish Plan Steering Committee. Cllr Moulding**

A written report was circulated. Village design statement launch on 26<sup>th</sup> April was well attended with approximately 40 people. In the future an informal group will be arranged to progress the matter. Cllr Moulding thanked all those that had helped.

## **8.15 Report from the Recreation Committee and noting of the minutes of its meetings. Cllr Brocklehurst.**

Planning consent now received. It has two main items before work can start. 1 build the entrance way and hard standing. 2. A fence to be erected along the boundary with the mill. Estimates will be obtained as the further work on purchasing and installing equipment cannot proceed until this initial work is completed.

An article in Focus will state that the Trustees will not object to people continuing to go on to the land

pending completion of the necessary works.

The Parish Clerk will write to the HMRC to seek clarification on the issue of VAT reclaim and try to get confirmation that it is in order for the Parish Council to purchase the equipment and then gift it to the Trust..

#### **8.16 Report from the Planning Committee.**

Cllr Gilbey issued his written report which is appended to these minutes.

#### **8.17 Consider possible alternative uses of the old Recreation Ground in Willow Road**

Now planning permission has been granted for the new recreation area the future of the old Recreation Ground in Willow Road could be considered. After discussions it was agreed that a consultation of the village was desirable and that we should have stall at the Fete to ask villagers for their ideas.

#### **8.18 Report on the review of the committees of the Council.**

No reported conclusion. Another meeting required.

#### **8.19 Bio Diversity report by Cllr Brocklehurst.**

Cllr Brocklehurst handed out his written report from the meeting that he had attended. He advised that all statutory bodies now had to consider the effect on bio diversity of their actions. However he was also able to report that Great Horwood was cited as a good example because of its excellent Parish Plan and also because of its plans for planting wild flowers as in item 8.12

#### **8.20 For Payments**

All agreed

#### **8.21 Correspondence.**

Letter from Mr and Mrs Dewhurst re damage to the verges along the roads in Singleborough.

Clerk to contact BCC and the Local Area Forum.

#### **8.22 Item for the next meeting.**

Approval of the accounts. Condition Bus Shelter in Little Horwood Road. Spring Lane Parking.

Use of horse and traps on the public highway. Items from the public participation at the Annual Parish Meeting.

#### **8.23 Date and time of the next meeting.**

Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Signed  \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

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