



**Great Horwood  
Parish Council**

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr Ian Lamberton, Cllr Moya Berrill, Cllr James Samways, 8 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence  
Apologies received from Cllr Michael Brocklehurst and Cllr Rod Moulding.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009  
These were approved without modification.
3. To receive declarations of interest  
None received.
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
  - The issue of parking at the top of Spring Lane has been raised with the PCSO Lucy Andrews who is looking into what can be done.
  - Waste bins have been ordered and are expected to be delivered during the middle of November.
  - The Pub Lunch Club took place at The Swan with 22 attendees. It has now going to be a regular fixture on the last Tuesday of the month. The next Lunch Club will be 27<sup>th</sup> October.
5. Public Participation Period  
Cllr Gilbey reminded the public that contributors will be named in the minutes of the meeting. Liz Nicholls explained that bike racks will shortly be installed at The Rec and it had been suggested that bars (similar to those at the bottom of the alleyway in Spring Lane) were installed instead of a gate at the pedestrian entrance in order to improve safety at the site. David Bolton requested that the Parish Council paid for the bars to be installed and it was agreed in principle that the Parish Council would pay around £250 for installation of metal bars.
6. To receive and consider reports from Committees of Council
  - 6.1. Cllr Gilbey updated the Council on the Planning Committee with current open applications. No new applications have been received. The only application pending has just been given Householder Approval. Full details are available from the minutes of the Planning Committee.
  - 6.2. Cllr Gilbey updated the Council on the recent inspection report from Horwode Pece. A number of issues have been highlighted including the following.
    - Fencing on the north side is being repaired.
    - The retaining clamp for the goal netting is hoped to be received this week.
    - There is a split in the wooden edging to the older childrens play area and Kompan have been informed of this.
    - A working party has been arranged for 24<sup>th</sup> October to carry out general maintenance and volunteers from the village are being sought.
    - Grants have been secured from BCC and AV North Sports Council totalling £3,500.
    - Tom Saunders will be installing paths and a bike rack within the next week.
    - The insurance renewal needs to be paid by the Parish Council. This totals £371.72.
7. Finance Review  
A review of the Parish Council finances has taken place. The bank balances are currently healthy and there should be enough funding for the Parish Council to carry out the planned projects for the rest of the year.

The Parish Council were also asked whether they would be happy to have the accounts moved from a paper ledger to a spreadsheet. This was approved by all councillors.

8. Update on Whaddon Chase Community Green Infrastructure Plan  
Workshops have been held to report back the latest developments. Parish Councils have been invited to attend a presentation evening on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at Shenley Brook End Parish Council Offices at 7.30pm. Cllr Moulding has confirmed he will be attending but the Planners are asking Parish Councils to send three attendees.
9. Review of the Conservation Area  
A letter has been received from the Conservation Areas Officer of AVDC explaining information is being gathered in preparation for a review of the conservation area within the village. The clerk has responded with a letter giving details of the reference to the conservation area within the Parish Plan.
10. Report back from Local Area Forum  
Cllr Gilbey attended the BCC Local Area Forum (LAF) in Winslow which covers issues within local parishes. The report back from the LAF included the following items.
  - The latest allocation of grants was detailed with the Rec Committee receiving £2000 for Horwode Pece.
  - It was highlighted there were three Community First Responders based in Winslow. First Responders are people who are trained to deal with a medical emergency who may be able to provide first aid whilst waiting for an ambulance. An article will be included in Focus to see if there are any volunteers within the village.
  - The delegated budget within Transportation has been announced for the next financial year and the Winslow LAF has £17,850 available. The Parish Council need to decide whether there is anything transport related that could be applied for and examples given included dropped kerbs along Little Horwood Road, a vehicle activated sign, a bus shelter or parking areas. Applications need to be in by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009.
11. Delegated Budget  
Although a separate item on the agenda this topic was covered within the third point of item 10.
12. Update on Willow Road Allotments  
Cllr Gilbey sent an email out during the month asking whether there was any objection to Tom Saunders preparing the ground in Willow Road Allotments. There were no objections so it will be arranged to level off the ground, kill the weeds and rotavate it in order to make it usable.
13. Holiday Activities  
AVDC have sent information of touring schemes taking place in Aylesbury Vale parishes in 2010. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would contact AVDC to find out more information about Music in Quiet Places, Perfect Village Sunday and Play around the Parishes.
14. Parish Youth Council  
Cllr Gilbey explained that AVDC were providing support in setting up a Parish Youth Council. The councillors agreed it would be a good idea and that the Clerk should contact AVDC for more information. If this went ahead it could be given further publicity within Focus.
15. Receipts
  - Precept £8500.00
  - John the Barber £10.00
  - Allotment Rent £20.00
  - Vat Refund £745.58
16. Payments Made
  - Allianz Insurance £65.56
17. To agree items for payment
  - Eon Light Maintenance £92.25
  - Walt Whitehall £100.00
  - Rec Insurance £371.72
  - Dog Bins Purchase and Maintenance £838.76
18. To receive and note correspondence  
None

19. Items for the next meeting

The 2010/2011 budget needs to be set in the next meeting. To assist, Cllr Gilbey and Clerk Karen Francis will put together and circulate budgetary plans before the next meeting.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ **Draft** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_