



**Great Horwood  
Parish Council**

## **GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on  
Monday 10th March 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs J. Gilbey (Chairman), R. Moulding, M. Brocklehurst, M. Berrill, J. Samways, D. Yates; Mr. D. Trigg (Clerk)

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

### **8.1 Apologies for absence**

Cllr. Lamberton

### **8.2 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The planning report to be added to the minutes. The Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2008 were agreed and signed.

### **8.3 Declaration of interest**

None.

### **8.4 Matters arising from the Minutes**

**8.4.1** In correspondence with reference to the "Fair" The event should be referred to as it correct name The Great Horwood Feast.

**8.4.2** Nash Road Parking completed. Generally all correct, except some concerns about the steep path at one end. Also see correspondence. Cllrs. Gilbey and Yates have already met with David Hedley of BCC He is seeking advice from the Consultants to BCC and will report back in due course.

**8.4.3** Focus article on horses on footpaths/pavements was not very prominent and notices will be placed at the alley way leading from the High Street and in Nash Road.

**8.4.4** Gas supply. Fulcrum the installation company not forthcoming with information easily. Approx £1100 per house but no data on how many properties need to take it up. Clerk to try to get more information.

**8.4.5** Litter pick. This went well 25/26 people attended and 20 bags of rubbish were collected. The local police attended to help. A big thank you to all those who took part including those who provided the refreshments. The Council will repeat at a similar date in 2009.

**8.4.6** Standing orders were finalised, circulated to all Councillors and added to the web site.

**8.4.7** Volunteer of the year nomination has been submitted to AVDC.

**8.4.8** Cllr. Yates confirmed that fly tipping information will be in the next edition of Focus

### **8.5 Public Participation Period**

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting for this item.

The matter of dog mess in the village was brought up as a concern. Especially in the High Street area.

The Council will put up more notices.

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

Cllr. Moulding reported no new information, except to confirm that the Village Design Workshop will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

### **8.7 Report from the GC2C Local area forum. Cllrs Gilbey and Yates**

Cllrs. Gilbey and Yates had attended a Bucks CC Winslow Local Area Forum meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February where they learnt that there are 19 such forums being set up in Bucks including 7 in Aylesbury Vale. Great Horwood is part of the Winslow Local Community Area (No. 19) together with Winslow Town and 13 other parishes. (Little Horwood, Mursley, Swanbourne, Granborough, North Marston, Oving, Pitchcott, Hoggeston, Dunton, Creslow, Whitchurch, Newton Longville and Hardwick).

The results of a recent resident's survey that had been carried out by Bucks CC were then presented.

The consultation had taken place between 10 Sep 2007 and 12 Oct 2007.

Overall satisfaction with the County Council has improved from 67% in 2005 to 70% in 2007, with satisfaction varying by both district and community. The results of the survey showed that residents in the Winslow Area were the most satisfied in the County with the way that BCC runs things and also gave the highest rating to BCC on giving good value for money.

A summary statement said that Winslow residents are extremely satisfied with the Council and where they live. Three areas came out more important than the County average

- Health Services
- Affordable Housing
- Shopping Facilities

Areas for improvement were far lower than the rest of the County but the key areas highlighted by residents of Winslow were:

- Activities for teenagers
- Low level of traffic congestion
- Public transport

### **8.8 Report on Bio Diversity Cllr Brocklehurst**

Cllr. Brocklehurst had been unable to attend meeting as planned but will book himself on one to be run in the future and will report back at a later date.

### **8.9 Report from the Recreation Committee Cllr. Brocklehurst.**

Report circulated. The planning application is still outstanding and the target date for AVDC to respond is 13<sup>th</sup> March. Estimates for land drainage are being obtained. Grant applications will be delayed to allow a fully backed application to be submitted in order to gain maximum impact. Trees have been planted using volunteer labour. The bodies to which grant applications are being made need confirmation that the Parish council will financially support the project especially in the area of insurance and maintenance. Cllr Moulding proposed the motion that the Council confirm its financial support for these items and Cllr Gilbey seconded it. The motion carried unanimously by the council, on condition that the recreation committee supply the Council with fixed estimates prior to the work being carried out.

### **8.10 Report from the Planning Committee. Cllr. Gilbey.**

Cllr Gilbey circulated the current report, noting some recent decisions. The report will in future be added to the minutes.

### **8.11 Report on the review of the Committees of the Council. Cllrs Gilbey, Moulding and Brocklehurst.**

The Councillors have met but have not yet reached final recommendations to place before the Council. The function and standing of the Recreation Committee and its relationship to the Parish Council and the trustees of the charity has still to be resolved. It is anticipated that the Planning Committee will make more use more of the AVDC planning web site to facilitate the consideration

of planning applications in the village. The addition of an emergency finance committee is being considered.

#### **8.12 Report on the current financial situation. By the Clerk**

The Clerk reported that his signature had been omitted by Lloyds TSB and so he had been able to get information on current bank account balances. This has now been rectified. The current account balance is 96 pence. So the Clerk has transferred a £1000 from the business account to the current account. This can be transferred back when we received the precept. In summary we reached the end of the financial year with very little in reserve. The Clerk will look into internet banking so the financial situation can be monitored more efficiently and regularly.

#### **8.13 Approval of the purchase of the book Local Council Administration.**

The Clerk to go ahead and source the book as the old book is out of date.

**8.14 Payments.** BALC subscriptions £104.60. Clerks remuneration £165

#### **8.15 Correspondence.**

Letter from T Smith confirming Fair terms for 2008

Letter from Monica Jones asking if wild flowers could be sown on the re sown areas of Nash Road by the new parking area, D.Yates to follow it up.

Info from NATS on the proposed changes to the airspace around the major airports in the South East and any possible effect on Great Horwood

Information on BCC best kept village 2008

AVDC standards committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> march 2008.

AVDC play around the parishes. Clerk to contact re cost dates etc.

Fire authority risk plan. Passed to Cllr Moulding.

Letter from L. Siret re steep slope to the new pavement in Nash Road parking area. Clerk to write back with information we have from BCC.

#### **8.16 Items for the next meeting**

Agenda for Parish Meeting to planned.

The committee structure review

Discussion to resolve some of the dog fouling issues that have been sent in by residents..

#### **8.17 Date and time of the next meeting**

Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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Chairman

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