



**Great Horwood
Parish Council**

GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes an Ordinary Meeting held on
Monday 9th June 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

In attendance: Six members of the public.

8.1 Apologies for absence

None

8.3 Declaration of Interest.

None

8.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2008 were agreed and signed.

8.4 Matters arising from the Minutes of 12th May

8.5 The notice re horse riding in the alley way leading from the High Street to Spring Lane has suffered from water ingress and so has been removed. Clerk to provide more weatherproof versions and re-install.

The hand rail in the Nash Road parking area is still to be fitted. Footpath in front of houses uneven and BCC will be contacted to see if they take responsibility.

8.13 Letter written to Mr Coussell with no reply from him. Cllr Yates to contact him to ask him to go ahead – see item 12 of this months agenda.

8.12 Dog bin positions needed to instruct AVDC to install and maintain. Cllrs to visit sites and approve position.

8.21 No answer to letter sent to D.Hedley. Cllr Gilbey will add to list of issues to be discussed at his meeting on 12th June.

8.10 Speeding in the village. Cllr Gilbey has emailed and hand delivered an invite to David Rowlands – County Councillor to attend a PC meeting to explain BCC policy on speeding and traffic calming in villages.

8.5 Public Participation Period

The Chairman suspended the formal proceedings of the meeting to hear items from the public.

A question concerning the condition of the bus shelter was raised. This will be dealt with under item 15 of this meeting.

A question was asked about parking in Spring Lane and after some discussion it was explained that the issue is to be discussed with D. Hedley of BCC as in item 8.16. A suggestion was also made to see if there is

any possibility of obtaining any public parking spaces in land owned by Home Farm. The Clerk to look into this.

8.6 Report from the Parish Plan Steering Committee. Cllr Moulding

No report

8.7 Adoption of the Accounts for 2007/8

Cllr Moulding asked for explanation of what are S137 payments. Cllr Gilbey explained what they are.

Cllr Moulding asked why the bollards on The Green are in the assets at such a high value. The Clerk to investigate.

Cllr. Moulding moved the motion to adopt the accounts.

Seconded by Cllr Brocklehurst.

The motion was passed unanimously..

Cllr Brocklehurst asked about a Governance statement. Cllr Gilbey to investigate and report to the next meeting..

8.8 Report from the Local Area Forum Meeting on the 4th June Cllr Gilbey

Cllr. Gilbey reported that topics covered at the meeting included:-

Representatives from Winslow Fire Station describing the work that they now do in carrying out Home Safety Checks – leaflets to be obtained.

The PCSO from Winslow who mentioned the common issues that arise as speeding traffic, antisocial behaviour and thefts of farm equipment.

An introduction from BCC to its new initiatives on adult social care with Social Care Surgeries being held in each area at least twice per year. Each local area will also have representative from the BCC Adult Social Care team. They also plan to set up community links so that local people can gain a better understanding of the services in their area and thus provide informal advice/support to their community.

There was a presentation on local rural transport options.

Lastly a presentation on “No Door Step Selling” zones.

This was discussed at the Parish Council meeting but it was not felt necessary to consider such a scheme in our village.

8.9 Report from the Recreation Committee and noting of the minutes of its meetings. Cllr Brocklehurst.

The Committee had held meetings on the 15th May and 13th June.

Cllr. Brocklehurst reported that the likely cost of the works required to satisfy the planning conditions set by AVDC is around £14,000. This is in addition to the cost of providing drainage on the site. Grants are available for this type of work and it is hoped that the owner of the old Mill may contribute to part of the cost of the fencing and so much work is still going on to obtain the necessary finances.

The question of VAT and how best to deal with it is also under consideration as it appears that the VAT can only be claimed back if the Parish Council pay for the equipment. The Clerk has written to HMRC to seek advice on this matter but has not yet received a reply.

8.10 Report from the Planning Committee. Cllr Gilbey

Report attached to these minutes.

8.11 Report from the NBPPC AGM Cllr Brocklehurst.

This was held on 27th May 2008 and Cllr. Brocklehurst gave a brief report on the proceedings. He also reported that the participation in NBPPC activity by Great Horwood during the previous year has been greatly appreciated. The full minutes of the meeting are published on the Parish Council website on the page entitled "Further Information"

8.12 Wild flower planting in Nash Road. Cllr Yates.

Cllr Yates to let Mr Coussell know he can carry this out now.

8.13 Report on the review of the committees of the Council.

No reported conclusion. Another meeting will be arranged.

8.14 State of the white lines in the roads in the parish. Cllr Brocklehurst

On the road to Singleborough including the junction with Pilch Lane the white line road markings have badly faded Cllr Gilbey to add to list of issues to discuss with D Hedley when he meets with him.

8.15 Condition of the Bus Shelter in Little Horwood Road. Cllr Berrill and the Clerk

It was noted that the bus stop post adjacent to the bus shelter has been replaced along with all signs and boards attached to the bus stop posts in the village.

Cllr Berrill has spoken to Mr John Hanson. He is happy that the bus shelter is repaired. Cllr Berrill is to ask if he is willing to contribute towards the cost and also if he would like a plaque placed in the shelter.

The Clerk has examined the shelter. The structure is sound but the roof is made of a fibrous material, possibly asbestos, and is broken at the edges. A new roof and a coat of paint would revamp it. The Clerk will get quotes for the repair and also investigate the cost of a new shelter and a seat

8.16 Parking situation in Spring Lane

Discussion held in public participation period. Cllr Gilbey will speak to D Hedley of BCC to find out cost of putting in a parking area into the bank on the left hand side just round the top bend of this road

8.17 Use of Horse drawn vehicles on the Public Highway. The Clerk

The Clerk confirmed that the same rules apply as to other vehicles under the Highway Code but that protective head gear is not required.

8.18 Items raised by the public at the annual Parish Meeting and not dealt with elsewhere.

The provision of litter bins. The Clerk has contacted AVDC and they have

confirmed that they are responsible, but no answer from the relevant department as yet. The Clerk will continue to follow up.

8.19 For Payments

All agreed

8.20 Money Received.

As reported

8.21 Correspondence.

Planning permission granted for change of use the new recreation ground.

8.22 Item for the next meeting.

Cllr Gilbeys's report from his meeting with David Hedley of BCC

8.23 Date and time of the next meeting.

Monday the 14th July 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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Signed _____

Chairman

Date _____