

**Great Horwood
Parish Council**

GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on
Monday 14th July 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs J. Gilbey (Chairman) R. Moulding (Vice
Chairman) M. Brocklehurst, M. Berrill, D. Yates, J Samways
(arrived late at item 8.7)

Mr. D. Trigg (Clerk)

In attendance: Eight members of the public.

8.1 Apologies for absence

Cllr I. Lamberton

8.2 Declaration of Interest.

None

8.3 Confirmation of minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 9th June 2008.

Accepted.

8.4 Matters arising from the Minutes

8.4.1 New weatherproof notices re horse riding have been put up at both ends of the alley way leading from the High Street to Spring Lane.

8.4.2 A replacement roof for the bus shelter is available from the Hanson family. The Clerk to obtain quotes for installation.

8.4.3 From the issue raised during the public participation re the problem of parking at the top end of Spring Lane the Clerk has ascertained that it is not possible to obtain any additional parking spaces on land owned by Home Farm.

8.4.4 Dog bins. One is installed in Spring Lane the other is still to be installed. The Clerk to follow up with AVDC.

8.4.5 Litter bins. No response yet from AVDC. The Clerk will follow up.

8.4.6 Cllr Yates advised that the wild flower seeding adjacent to the lower end of the Nash Road Parking Area will be carried out in September.

8.5.7 The Clerk to review the insurance value of bollards situated around The Green.

8.5 Public Participation Period

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

Only comment from a member of the public was that the Parish Council is doing a good job.

8.6 Motion to approve the annual governance statement in the annual return for the Audit Commission.

The motion was proposed by Cllr Brocklehurst and seconded by Cllr Berrill.
The motion was carried unanimously.

8.7 To consider possible arrangements for the Parish Council to apply for grants for new equipment for the New Recreation Ground (Horwode Pece) from WREN and other grant agencies.

A lengthy discussion took place on all aspects of the situation that the Recreation Trust cannot claim back the VAT on purchases. The Parish Council can if they apply for and receive the grant, order and pay for the equipment and retain ownership. The trust would need to licence the siting of the equipment on its land. Is the PC happy to do this?

Cllr Moulding has concerns over this licence. The licence should be for siting the equipment only and no land ownership requirement. The licence should not be open-ended. The Recreation Trust should apply each time they might consider a new requirement.

Cllr Brocklehurst (member of the recreation trust committee) agreed it is siting only and that consultation would need to take place upon each request.

Cllr Yates was concerned over the legality of this. Cllr Brocklehurst assured the PC that this situation has been handled like this before by other Councils.

It was suggested that the Chairman and Vice Chairman should be involved in the Recreation Trust's discussion of what equipment is being purchased. All parties agreed to this and eventually a motion was proposed as follows:-

“That the trustees appointed to the recreation committee plus the chairman and vice chairman of the PC should be empowered (having already applied for grants) to select and order playground equipment, for purchase by the PC. The PC should retain the option of taking over the grant application and that equipment should be sited on Horwode Pece under licence from trustees”.

The motion was proposed by Cllr Moulding and seconded by Cllr Gilbey.
The motion was carried unanimously.

8.8 Report from the Parish Plan Steering Committee Cllr Moulding

Report added to minutes. See addendum 1.

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

There was a discussion of VAT as in 8.7 above as the main topic.

Also a large ash tree on the site has a rotten section. Professional advice has been obtained that it should be removed. The Parish Council was asked to approve payment of the £500 cost as part of the already agreed maintenance budget. This was approved by the Council.

8.10 Report from the Planning Committee. Cllr Gilbey

Report attached to these minutes. See addendum 2

8.11 Report on the review of the committees of the Council

Planning Committee.

No major changes are currently deemed necessary in the operation of the planning committee except that a review of the applications dealt with in the previous month should be held in public as per the Council's Standing Orders. It was agreed that the Planning Committee would meet in the Village Hall 15 minutes before the start of the main Parish Council meeting each month and that the meeting would be open to the public. For the September meeting the start time was agreed at 7.15pm.

Recreation committee.

In accordance with the Council's Standing Orders this should be chaired by a parish councillor with parish councillors the only members being entitled to vote. Therefore the current organisation needs to be amended. So a proposal would be prepared by Cllr. Brocklehurst for the September meeting of the Council in which the Recreation Committee would be set up consisting of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council and the 2 members of the Council who are the trustees of the Great Horwood and Singleborough Recreation Trust.

The committee will appoint a management committee or working group to handle the day to day operation of the recreation ground in accordance with the Committee's instructions which will include reporting arrangements so as to enable the Recreation Committee to provide regular reports to the Parish Council. The management committee or working group may constitute the same persons as may be appointed by the trustees of the Trust to carry out equivalent functions on behalf of the trustees.

8.12 Report from Cllr Gilbey after site visit by David Hedley of BCC.

Parking bays in Spring Lane. This could be achieved by removing part of the bank opposite the entrance to Wigwell Gardens. The likely cost is around £10500 due to the large amount of excavation work required. The change would probably only provide one or two more parking spaces but could ease the congestion problem in this area of Spring Lane. The Council would have

to apply to BCC for funding from the delegated budget scheme and due to the limited amount available and the number of competing schemes the chances of getting funding in 2009/10 were not very good.

Resurfacing of the footpaths in The Close, Weston Road and Townsend Cottages is once again being considered by BCC.

The damaged area of pavement outside St James Church has once again been repaired.

The hand rail in Nash Road should be completed soon.

Hedge trimming in Spring Lane will be done very soon.

White lines in Pilch lane area. Maybe done in late September.

Island at Pilch and Singleborough Lane. Curbing would be best but no money at present.

Slabs outside houses in Nash Road. Mr. Hedley has advised that this is not owned by BCC and so Cllr Yates agreed to consult the relevant residents to check their tenancy agreements or their deeds to determine ownership and responsibility.

Cllr Moulding wanted to know about the degradation of the verges in the Singleborough area. So he can report back to the residents who asked about the situation. Cllr Gilbey to follow up.

8.13 For Payment

All agreed

8.14 Monies Received

All correct.

8.15 Correspondence

Items read out and distributed to those requiring them

Letter of thanks from the Winslow community bus for the GHPC donation.

Email from Pat Berry. Mentioning the liberal use of weed killer on the allotments and garden waste on compost heaps leading to presence of rats.

The clerk to write to the allotment owners to emphasize the careful use of these products and instructing them that containers for weed killer must not be left on site.

Also nesting time in the hedges and cutting of the hedges. (This has been dealt with the appropriate body)

Nomination of AVDC Volunteer of the Year Award. The Council has been advised that Jeannie Marshal had won a Certificate of Merit and as Jeannie was present at the meeting she was given warm congratulations and a round of applause by all those present..

8.16 Item for the next meeting.

The condition of the tree on the Green.

Report on the review of the committees of the Council. Cllr Brocklehurst
What to do with the old recreation ground in Willow Road? Cllr Gilbey

8.17 Date and time of the next meeting.

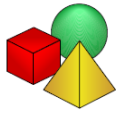
Monday the 8th September 2008 7.30pm in the Village Hall. **NEW** The public participation period of the planning committee will be at 7.15pm also in the Village Hall.

Signed

Chairman

Date

Addendum 1



Great Horwood Parish Plan

REPORT TO GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL: **MEETING OF 14 JULY 2008**

Village Design Statement

Following the successful launch event on 26 April, a follow-up meeting was held at the Hall on Thursday 10 July. About 24 people attended, all by personal invitation; some of these were veterans of the April event, others were people who had been unable to come along then. Wine, soft drinks and nibbles were served.

We were delighted to welcome Sarah Allwood of Bucks Community Action, who provided additional sample VDSs and answered a number of questions.

I gave a short presentation which focused on the benefits a VDS can deliver and on how to operate a VDS projects. Several of those present volunteered for VDS working groups or for a re-formed Steering Committee. The groups will (provisionally) be: Buildings; Ecology / sustainability / landscape; Local history. The revised Steering Committee will meet shortly to review the groups and the process, and may re-brand itself to reflect the emphasis on the VDS project.

My thanks to Jane Moulding, Alison Moulding and James Moulding for their help with the meeting and with the refreshments in particular, and to John Gilbey for taking notes.

Bus Timetable

David Saunders prepared a summarised Great Horwood Bus Timetable, showing all services through the village, and *Focus* printed this with the July issue as a loose insert for readers to keep for reference.

Little Horwood

Little Horwood is starting a Parish Plan project. I have said that we will help in any way we can.

Rod Moulding

Chairman, Steering Committee 14 July 2008

Addendum 2

Great Horwood Parish Council Planning Committee Report

Date 14.07.08

Date	Application Number	Applicants Name	Address	Details of Application	Parish Council Response	AVDC Decision
22.03.08	08/00334/APP Variation of condition 6 of 04/01015/APP	Mr. and Mrs. Reddrop	Sunnyhill Farm, Little Horwood Road	Cancellation of demolition of existing dwelling	Support	Refused
22.03.08	08/00650/APP Variation of condition 6 of 04/01015/APP	Mr. and Mrs. Reddrop	Sunnyhill Farm, Little Horwood Road	Change of use from residential to holiday accommodation Relocation of the entrance to the property from the side to the front of the property	Support	Refused
17.04.08	08/00955/APP	Graham R Barrett	Springfield Farm, 20 Nash Road	Re-siting of garage	No objection	Approved
08.05.08	08/01154/APP	Mrs. Yasmin Seddon	Ivy Cottage, Singleborough	Re-siting of garage	No objection	Approved
08.05.08	08/01153/ALB	Mrs. Yasmin Seddon	Ivy Cottage, Singleborough	Single storey rear extension	No objection	Listed Building Consent
08.05.08	08/01151/APP	Mrs. Yasmin Seddon	Ivy Cottage, Singleborough	Single storey rear extension	No objection	Refused
08.05.08	08/01152/ALB	Mrs. Yasmin Seddon	Ivy Cottage, Singleborough	Single storey rear extension	No objection	Listed Building Refused
11.06.08	08/01361/APP	Mr. David Taylor	19 The Green	Erection of roof over garden room		