



**Great Horwood  
Parish Council**

## **GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

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

### **8.1 Apologies for absence**

Cllrs. D. Yates, M. Berrill

### **8.2 Declaration of Interest.**

None

### **8.3 Confirmation of minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 8th September 2008.**

Approved.

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

8.4.1 A replacement roof for the bus shelter is available from the Hanson family. The Clerk to obtain quotes for installation. Cllr. Moulding asked that the Council look into the possibility of providing a new shelter, which is more aesthetically pleasing. Clerk to look into this.

8.4.2 Dog bins. One is installed in Spring Lane the other is still to be installed. The Clerk to follow up with AVDC. Awaiting new contactors to start so that second bin can be installed

8.4.3 Litter bins. The Clerk has obtained a price of £121.62 and the decision as to whether or not to purchase will be made at the next meeting.

8.4.4 The Clerk has removed the insurance cover on the bollards situated around The Green and an insurance premium refund has been received

### **8.5 Public Participation Period**

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

A strange notice has appeared saying “kill your dog not your child” near the stream close to the footpath from the village to Singleborough. It was decided that of the Parish Council did not have any responsibility for the notice.

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

Please see attached report as appendix 1.

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

WREN has approved the application for the grant for equipment for the new recreation ground.

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

Report attached to these minutes as appendix 2. The terms of reference for the committee were presented and a motion to adopt them was proposed by Cllr. Gilbey and seconded by Cllr Moulding. All voted in favour. Cllr Moulding to formalise the wording.

### **8.9 Consideration/Amendment/Adoption of the structure of the Recreation Ground Committee of the Council and the management committee to be responsible for the day to day running of the new Recreation Ground and the Terms of the Licence which will allow the Parish Council to purchase, install and maintain equipment on Horwode Pece. Cllr. Brocklehurst.**

Formal documents covering these issues will be prepared by Cllr. Brocklehurst for approval at the next Council meeting.

### **8.10 Report on BCC Winslow Local Area Forum Meeting on the 16th September. Cllr. Gilbey.**

Cllr. Gilbey was able to get an item on the agenda to express the strong dissatisfaction of residents of Great Horwood with the lack of any special arrangements when the A421 traffic was diverted through the village to allow the repairs to the Thornborough Bridge. David Rowlands expressed his apologies for the troubles caused.

Among other items reported at the meeting were the setting up of a Anti-Social Behaviour Zone in the centre of Winslow and there was a presentation on the Western Section of the possible East West Rail Link which would if built provide a rail link between Oxford and Bedford through Bicester, Winslow and Bletchley. The Eastern Section would continue on to Cambridge. It was stated that the building of the rail link was not dependent on any developments on the old Little Horwood Airfield. Cllr. Gilbey also pointed out that a NAG group meeting had been arranged for the same day and time and so he had not been able to attend this. He had asked that Great Horwood should be transferred to the same NAG group as all other members of the Winslow LAF so that such clashes could be avoided in the future.

#### **8.11 Report on Neighbourhood Policing and Neighbourhood Watch. Cllr Gilbey**

Cllr Gilbey was not able to attend due to other meeting. The minutes showed that speeding still a major topic of concern. The area has lost its full time Police Constable Nikki Tipping and we now have only a part time replacement in PC Becki Jones. We still have Nicole Bruce as our Police Community Support Officer. Crime figures for the village were also supplied and a Neighbourhood Watch Meeting then took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> September in the village. The total attendance at this meeting was about 9 people from the village but it is hoped to raise the awareness of Neighbourhood Watch in the coming months.

#### **8.12 The condition of the tree on the Green. The Clerk**

We have had a price to remove dead tree. The Clerk to seek advice from AVDC on the procedure for allowing removal of the tree and whether it is necessary to provide a replacement.

#### **8.13 The Recreation Ground Charity. The Clerk**

The Clerk reported that the old recreation ground charity has nothing to do with the recreation ground in Willow Road. Still waiting for the password from the previous Clerk to allow access the website.

#### **8.14 What to do with the Old recreation ground in Willow Road? Review of the responses to the questionnaires received. Cllr Gilbey**

Cllr Gilbey gave a review of the answers. Conversion to use as allotments was the most favoured response. Cllr Gilbey will contact AVDC to determine if change of use to allotments would be allowed.

#### **8.15 Half Year Financial Report . The Clerk**

Due to computer failure the Clerk could only give a verbal report. The Clerk will issue a statement before the next meeting.

#### **8.16 Villagers Information Notice Board. The Clerk**

The Clerk explained he receives various notices with information that should be made available to the villagers and feels that a second notice board would be beneficial.. The cost of a new board similar to the old one. The board could go next to the existing notice board board. The Clerk will contact the owner of the property in order to obtain permission to affix the second one. It was discussed if an alternate site for the second board might be sensible but this was rejected. The Clerk was asked to review the notices he received during the next month that he was not able to display and bring to the next meeting.

#### **8.17 The Cricket Club tenancy and rent review. The Clerk**

The tenancy agreement dated from 1987 for 30 years and was with the Parish Council. The Recreation charity are, however, the owners of the land so should they not be the landlord. It was agreed by the PC that was not a problem. The Clerk to contact the Cricket Club Treasurer to confirm the agreement on the period of years already paid for.

#### **8.18 For Payment**

All agreed plus an extraordinary payment discussed for a new laptop computer as the old one is beyond repair.. It was agreed that the Clerk be allowed to spend up to £515 plus VAT on a suitable replacement.

#### **8.19 Money Received**

All agreed

#### **8.20 Correspondence**

Email from Mrs Vincent re the speed signs that were up and the state of the bus shelter. The Clerk to reply.

Freedom of information from government is a mandatory item for next meeting.

Resident from of 51 The Greenway wrote in to say the tree on the grass area outside his property was over growing his garden and also leaning onto the telegraph pole. The clerk to investigate with BCC who is responsible for this piece of ground and the tree.

Various other items read out and distributed to interested councillors.

#### **8.21 Items for the next meeting**

Terms of reference of the Recreation Committee. Cllr Brocklehurst

Terms of agreement between the recreation ground committee and the Trust management. Cllr Brocklehurst

Draft licence between the trust and the Parish Council. Cllr Brocklehurst  
Half Year Financial Report. The Clerk  
Schedule of meetings for 2009  
Adoption of Freedom of Information policy.

**8.22 Date and time of the next meeting.**

Monday the 10th November 2008 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Signed

**DRAFT**

Chairman

Date

## **Appendix 1**

### **REPORT TO GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL: MEETING OF 13 OCTOBER 2008**

#### **Village Design Statement**

Further steps have been taken to confirm membership of each Work Group, but no additional meetings have taken place.

Great Horwood played host on Saturday 11 October to a Buckinghamshire-wide Village Design Statement seminar organised by Planning Aid and Buckinghamshire Community Action (BCA). Planning Aid is an offshoot of the Royal Town Planning Institute and acts as an independent source of advice and assistance to communities. Four Great Horwood representatives attended, and five other Buckinghamshire villages also sent delegates. In addition to the valuable presentations, Great Horwood benefited from the walkabout workshop session on character, design and materials being held here in the village. We all learned how to look at buildings and spaces with a fresh eye, and spotted some features of the village which we had never previously espied.

#### **Parish Plan**

No additional activity to report.

#### **Rod Moulding**

Chairman, Parish Plan / VDS Steering Committee  
13 October 2008

## Appendix 2

### Great Horwood Parish Council Planning Committee Report

Date 13.10.08

Date	Application Number	Applicants Name	Address	Details of Application	Parish Council Response	AVDC Decision
02/09/2008	08/01830/APP	Ms. Diane Harris	Orchard Bungalow, Singleborough	Erection of replacement conservatory	No objection	Permitted Development
15/09/2008	08/02159/APP	Mr. & Mrs. Taylor	22 Greenway	Erection of two storey attached dwelling and new porch to existing house	Objection - due to overdevelopment of site in tightly packed area of the village and changes a semi into a terrace	Pending Consideration
15/09/2008	08/02195/ATC	Mrs. Caroline Whitlock	Pear Tree House 16 Little Horwood Road	Fell one ash, one pear, crown reduce one chestnut by 30% and reshape and prune back one holly and one bay tree	No objection	Pending Consideration
15/09/2008	08/02204/APP	Mr. Smith	57 Spring Lane	First floor extension to side and rear	No objection	Pending Consideration

