

Great Horwood Parish Council

GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 13th July 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs J. Gilbey (Chairman) R. Moulding (Vice Chairman) M. Brocklehurst, J Samways, I Lamberton, M.Berrill

Mr. D. Trigg, Karen Francis (Clerks)

In attendance: 11 members of the public.

The meeting commenced with a minutes silence in memory of Toby Terkelsen. Cllr. Gilbey advised the meeting that Toby's family would like to provide the replacement tree on The Green in his memory. Cllr Gilbey will liaise with the family and will provide a proposal for the September meeting.

1. To receive apologies for absence.

None

2. Motion to approve the appointment of Karen Francis as Parish Council Clerk from 1st July 2009.

Proposed by Cllr Gilbey and seconded by Cllr Brocklehurst.

Unanimously approved.

3. To receive declarations of interest None

4. To confirm the Minutes from the last meeting.

Unanimously approved.

5. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting.

5.1 Some street lights are still out of action. The Clerk will email E.ON.

5.2 The replacement of the tree on The Green This has been postponed until the September meeting.

6. Public Participation Period

A member of the public expressed concern about the HGV lorry that is regularly parked in a dangerous place by the bus shelter in Little Horwood Road. The council replied that they are dealing with the situation by approaching various authorities, such as TVP, VOSA and the DVLA.

Lots of signs from events in and around the village are left up after the events. This is not a Parish Council issue.

Another traffic concern brought to the Councils attention was that of vehicles parking in Spring Lane on the pavement. The Council is aware of the situation but has no solution at present.

Llew Monger from BCA took the floor to explain a new project funded by BCC that is backed by Bucks Community Action. It is a Pub Lunch Club aimed at the older population that does not find it easy to get out and communicate

with others and maybe socially isolated. The meeting is based on lunch once a month at local pub. The idea was explained to the council. The council agreed to back the project and help with information when needed.

7. To receive and consider reports from Committees of Council:

7.1 Planning Committee (Cllr Moulding).

Cllr. Moulding reviewed the current open Planning Applications and full details are available from the minutes of the Planning Committee.

7.2 Recreation Committee (CIIr Brocklehurst)

A picnic table has recently been installed. A disposable BBQ area has been set up. Litter is not currently proving a problem and weekly inspections are ongoing to ensure the continued safety of all the equipment. New applications for grants are being prepared for more equipment.

8. Proposed submission on the Aylesbury Vale Local Development Framework Core Strategy. Cllr. Moulding

Cllr. Moulding explained the status of the strategy document and expressed the view that the Council should continue to oppose the categorisation of Great Horwood as a 4th tier settlement, since it did not meet most of the criteria for such a classification. It was agreed that he would draft a submission and circulate for comment and approval before submitting to AVDC before the deadline of 5.15pm on 22nd July.

9. To receive and consider a report of the North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium meetings held on 23 June. Cllr Gilbey

Cllr. Gilbey explained that the consortium had held its AGM and an Ordinary meeting on 23rd June. Amongst items dealt with at the AGM were the Chairman's annual report, the Treasurers report and the election of officers. Amongst topics discussed at the Ordinary Meeting were Winslow Green, the South East Plan, Salden Chase development, the proposed incinerator at Calvert and the AVDC LDF Consultation process. Copies of the minutes of both meetings are available from either Cllr. Moulding or Cllr. Gilbey.

10. Update on the BCC Speed Limit Review Area 12. Cllr. Gilbey

The Council has submitted its response as agreed at the last meeting. We have already received confirmation that the new 40 mph limit on the Nash Road is proposed to start North of the entrance to the cricket ground. We are awaiting the final version of the proposals which will then be subject to public consultation.

11. Update on the Whaddon Chase Green Infrastructure Plan. Cllr Moulding.

There had been 2 workshops held, in Whaddon, Little Horwood but the one planned for Great Horwood on the morning of the village fete did not take place due to a very low level of attendance. The organisers will now review the information received and have scheduled 3 more workshops for September. Cllr. Moulding recommended that we continue to monitor the project but without any great hopes of a significant outcome.

12. Plan to install additional budgeted dog bins. Cllr. Gilbey

It was unanimously agree to install 2 additional dog bins in the village. One will be sited at the junction of Pilch Lane and Singleborough Lane. The second one will be in Little Horwood Road adjacent to the entrance to The Close.

13. Plan to install additional budgeted litterbins. Cllr. Gilbey.

It was unanimously agreed to install 4 additional litter bins in the village. They would be placed adjacent to the existing bus stops. The Clerk will investigate and report back on the types of bins available and the costs for installation.

14. Willow Road Old Recreation Ground and provision of new allotments.

This has now been cleared, Cllr Gilbey to contact those who expressed an interest in the allotments to ascertain they still want a plot before additional expenditure is incurred to prepare the site for use as allotments.

15. To agree items for payment:

- 15.1 Clerk's remuneration S/Order: £175.00 July 2009. Approved
- 15.2 Clerks expenses. £18.99 storage boxes. Approved
- 15.3 North Bucks Tree Surgery. Removal of tree on the Green £350. Approved
- 15.4 Tuckwells. Clearing of Willow Road site £600. Approved.

16. To note receipts:

VAT reclaim to 30/03/09 £1063.24 VAT reclaim to 31/05/09 £6896.95

17 To receive and note correspondence.

Letter from Great Horwood Cricket Club. Re their lease. The Clerk to respond with a letter explaining they need to write to the trustees of the Recreation Ground Charity and itemise the length of lease that they are seeking and the reasons why the new extended lease is required.

Letter from Howden solicitors re the SAVI and the incinerator at Calvert. The Council will consider this if and when felt appropriate.

18. Items for the next meeting.

The tree on The Green.

Budget planning for 2010/11

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 14th September 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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Signed Chairman	_	Date