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Minutes of meeting held on 14th September 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr Michael Brocklehurst, Cllr Moya Berrill, Cllr James Samways

1. To receive apologies for absence
Apologies received from Cllr Ian Lamberton and Cllr Rod Moulding.
2. To received declarations of interest
None received.
3. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th July 2009
These were approved without modification.
4. Introduction of PCSO Lucy Andrews
The new PCSO for Great Horwood attended the meeting and was introduced to the Parish Council by Winslow PCSO Wendy Taylor. A new office is opening in Winslow shortly for PCSOs meaning Lucy is based close to the village. She can be contacted on 0845 8 505 505 or lucy.andrews@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Lucy also suggested there may be a new Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) set up with Little Horwood, Nash and Whaddon.

Issues raised with the PCSOs included parking at the top of Spring Lane, additional patrols along Pilch Lane, regular patrols around The Rec and problems with dogs.

Cllr Gilbey thanked the PCSOs for attending the meeting.

5. Public Participation Period
No members of the public wished to comment.
6. To receive and consider reports from Committees of Council
 - 6.1. Cllr Gilbey updated the Council on the Planning Committee with current open applications. One new application has been submitted which has received a 'no objection' submission from the committee. Full details are available from the minutes of the Planning Committee.
 - 6.2. Cllr Brocklehurst updated the Council on the recent inspection report from Horwode Pece. A number of issues have been highlighted including the following.
 - Gaps in hedges along the north side have been reported. Stronger and higher fencing will be installed.
 - Drainage on the site is good
 - The rubber matting along side of the zip wire has been damaged by Tuckwells, presumably having their mower set too low. This damaged section will be replaced.
 - The seat on the zip wire has been getting lower. Kompan came out to inspect, but stated it was still within the recommended height. Apparently the wire may need tightening every three months and, after the initial twelve months warranty, this will be chargeable. We are negotiating with them about acquiring a handle so that we can tighten it ourselves.
 - Further grants are being applied for. There is a greater chance of receiving these grants if letters of support from users of The Rec are received. These should be sent to David Bolton.
 - £3500 is to be spent on footpaths around The Rec.
 - The insurance is due in the middle of October and a cheque will be required from the Parish Council at the next meeting.

7. Update on Whaddon Chase Community Green Infrastructure Plan
New meetings are taking place this week, details of which have been circulated and posted around the village. Cllr Gilbey is hoping to attend and will be able to report back at the next meeting.
8. Replacement of the tree on The Green
The Terkelsen family would like to contribute to a replacement tree on The Green in memory of Toby Terkelsen. A reasonably large oak tree has been sourced which is suitable as a replacement for the old beech tree. At the moment the exact position of the tree has not been determined as the tree is unlikely to be able to be planted until the New Year although it must be in by the end of March.

Cllr Samways explained the tree would have root barriers to stop the roots over time growing under the houses around The Green. It was also mentioned that the positioning will need to be considered carefully as the tree will grow and spread.
9. Update on Willow Road allotments
The site has been cleared of rubbish but the weeds have now expanded and are not going to die off over the winter. It was suggested that a contractor is probably needed to resolve the problem and Cllr Gilbey and Clerk Karen Francis agreed to investigate this.
10. Update on new litter bins
AVDC only supply green litter bins but a supplier has been found who can supply black litter bins which will be more aesthetically pleasing along the High Street. It was agreed that four bins were required which will be fixed to existing poles at the following locations.
 - Outside Townsend Cottages in Little Horwood Road
 - At the bus shelter in Little Horwood Road
 - At the entrance to St James Church
 - By the Old Dairy in the High Street
The cost of these four bins would be slightly over the budget but it was agreed by the Council that they should be purchased.
11. Update on Pub Lunch Club
The first meeting of the Pub Lunch Club is to be held on 29th September at The Swan in Great Horwood. Currently approximately 12 people are planning to attend although this number is expected to increase. Cllr Gilbey explained that he had agreed to pay £40 for the flyers and the rest of the Council accepted this.
12. Proposed mass burn incinerator at Edgcott
Cllr Samways confirmed that Bucks County Council had decided not to build an incinerator at Edgcott and instead it would be built at Rookery South Pit, Stewartby, Bedfordshire.
13. Proposal for budget items for 2010/2011
Cllr Gilbey asked for any budget items to be made known to him very soon as the precept level for the next financial year needs to be agreed by the end of the year. Cllr Brocklehurst presented some numbers giving details of support required from the Parish Council for The Rec. It was decided it would be useful to have a financial review at the next meeting and Clerk Karen Francis agreed to pull this information together.
14. Proposal to incorporate identities into minutes of PC meeting during public participation sessions
Cllr Gilbey explained that based on information from NALC (National Association of Local Councils) the identities of the public who contribute during the public participation session could be included in the minutes. It was agreed that Cllr Gilbey would include this information in Focus and that going forward it would be explained in the meeting that identities will be recorded where appropriate.
15. Receipts
 - Vat Refund £6896.95
 - Eon Wayleave £53.95
 - Funfair £275.00
16. Payments Made
 - VAT Payment to Robert Tuckwell £90.00
 - NBPPC Subscription £20.00
 - Eon UK (March to July bills) £183.30

17. To agree items for payment

- Clerks remuneration S/Order £175.00
- Eon Light Maintenance £35.48
- Clerks Expenses £97.53 (new email address & registration, broadband expenses, stationery)
- Pub Lunch leaflets £40.00
- SLCC Membership £72.00

18. To receive and note correspondence

- Age Concern request for donation (declined)
- Request for attendance at the AGM of the Buckingham Playing Fields Association
- Request for completion of questionnaire on Planning Process (forwarded to Cllr Moulding)
- Local Priorities Budget at the Local Area Forum (forwarded to David Bolton)
- Review of NAG's (forwarded to Cllr Gilbey)

19. Items for the next meeting

No items were raised.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 12th October 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.47pm

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