



**Great Horwood  
Parish Council**

## **GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting  
Held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2007.  
In the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr J. Gilbey, Cllr R. Moulding, Cllr M. Brocklehurst, Cllr M. Berrill, Cllr J Samways, Mr. D. Trigg (Clerk) and six members of the public

- 1 Apologies for absence – Cllr I. Lamberton
- 2 Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.
- 3 Declaration of interest – none
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes –
  - 4.1 The bollards on the green belong to the Parish. The Clerk to investigate the insurance of these bollards.
  - 4.2 The letter to the Smith family still needs redrafting by Cllr. Lamberton.
  - 4.3 Check the growth of the re-seeded area of The Green in the Spring.
  - 4.4 Parish Clerk to check with Mr. Garside to confirm that the application for the grant from AVDC for improvements to the football ground has been successful.
  - 4.5 Cllr R Moulding advised that a submission was made on behalf of the Parish Council to BCC's Rights of Way Improvement Plan as prepared by the Environments and Footpaths Group and any councillors interested in seeing a copy should contact him.
  - 4.6 Cllr. Gilbey reported that Greenway Land LLP has submitted a 68 page plan to Aylesbury Vale District Council for a development of between 3000 and 3300 houses on Little Horwood Airfield. The submission is available on the Greenway website at [www.greenwaycommunity.co.uk](http://www.greenwaycommunity.co.uk) . One of the road links to the development is planned through the bottom of Spring Lane. The Parish Council will continue to oppose this plan at every opportunity based on its mandate from the village meeting in October 2005.
  - 4.7 ABB contractors have checked the setting of the street light outside the village hall and have confirmed that it is set to shine down as much as possible. The Councillors agreed that the Parish Council should take no further action on this issue.
  - 4.8 The Clerk confirmed that he had submitted the application to AVDC for Great Horwood to host a Perfect Village Sunday event.
- 5 Public Participation Period.
- 6 Cllr. Gilbey reported that David Hedley of BCC has advised that the completion of the Nash Road parking scheme is now not scheduled until January 2008 and the final layout plan is still awaited and that he will be writing direct to those villagers with whom he has had previous correspondence on the arrangements.. The date for resurfacing of pavements in Little Horwood Road etc is still awaited from BCC.
7. Report from the Parish Plan Steering Committee by Cllr R Moulding.

Cllr. Moulding reported that the work of the Environment and Footpaths Group of the Parish Plan in conjunction with BCC is progressing very well. The Environment and Footpaths Group has completed a survey and taken on survey of markers. BCC very happy with work and they will help us and work by them has already started.

However he also reported the very sad fact that the December 9<sup>th</sup> Farmers Market would be the last one in the village due to lack of customers. If anybody has new ideas about how to gain greater support for the market and would consider taking over the organization please contact the Parish Clerk. Cllr Moulding will contact Mrs. P. Brown and Mr. J. West to thank them for their efforts. It was noted that the Development and Planning Group will now have more time to spend on other planning related matters.

8 Report from the Recreation Committee by Cllr M. Brocklehurst.

Minutes from meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October are now on the PC website. The planning application for change of use will shortly be completed and submitted to AVDC. A cheque is needed from the Council to accompany the planning application. Volunteers have been working on the site but more are still needed. The Committee has agreed that an entry on the Parish Council website would be good to tell every one what is happening. Cllr Brocklehurst will write an item and give to Cllr Gilbey for uploading to the website. It has been noted that the traffic in Spring Lane is heavier than originally realised and the committee will be looking into signage to advise motorists that a recreation area is close by. Budget figures were submitted for the expected annual running costs of approximately £2500 for the recreation ground these to be included in future consideration of the Parish precept. Cllr. Brocklehurst also pointed out that that in the consultation process to develop the Parish Plan villagers had responded that they would be willing to pay a contribution of up to £12 per annum for maintenance of a recreation area in the village.

9 Resolution to appoint Mr. Mike Hobday as member of the Recreation committee replacing Mr. G. Burns.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Brocklehurst and seconded by Cllr. J Samways and carried unanimously.

10. Restoration of the pump in Nash Road

It was agreed to leave off this item from the agenda until further notice.

11 Standing orders have been revised and a final draft has been prepared. This will be sent out to all Councillors who have not already got a copy and subject to any comments received the Standing Orders will be adopted at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

12 Resolution to co-opt Mrs Diana Yates to be member of the Parish Council for the remainder of the term.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. J Gilbey and seconded by Cllr M. Brocklehurst and carried unanimously.

13 Cllr J. Gilbey had arranged litter picking equipment from AVDC for the agreed date of 16<sup>th</sup> March. However it now appeared that this date is the proposed date for the Mad March Hare Run organised by the PTA and so a new date of the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2008 will now have to be considered.

14 Cllr. Gilbey had no more information on the traffic calming for the village but was still pursuing the issue with BCC.. The clerk was able to inform the council there is to be a new Mini SID available soon.

15 Cllr Gilbey asked for views on what to do with the old recreation ground in Willow Road. Possible suggestions were to sell it for low cost housing development or use for another purpose. Cllr. Gilbey to contact AVDC to seek its advice on possible future use..

16 Discussion on budgets for 2008/2009. Cllr. J Gilbey produced a report showing predicted expenditure and bank balances to the end of the financial year. This indicated that we will exhaust the funds in our current bank account and will have to use up some of our very small reserves to meet anticipated expenditure. This again indicates a need for a significant increase in the precept that will have to be set for 2008-09. All committees need to submit their 2008-09 budget requirements by the end of November for inclusion in the parish budget which must be submitted to AVDC by the end of January 2008. The Recreation Committee gave an outline budget for the new recreation ground running cost. This would need to be confirmed and

ready for January's PC meeting.

17 Cllr Moulding reported on the Milton Keynes Core Strategy Preferred options. He has registered himself and commented on behalf of the Parish Council and will ensure that any feedback received is communicated back to the Parish Council.

18 Cllr J Gilbey reported from NAG meeting. He said there had been two burglaries in the village and premium rate telephone line deception hoax on undelivered parcels. Is our Neighbourhood watch representative aware?

19 For payment. 1. Clerks remuneration £165.00. 2 Mr W Whitehall £100 for maintaining The Green and new burial ground. 3 Eon street lighting electricity. £183.26 4. AVDC planning application for change of use for new recreation ground £132.50. (This was previously agreed in principle by the PC in October for payment in November.)

20 Report from the Planning Committee by Cllr. J Gilbey. Planning book to make its way around swiftly so submissions can be on time. Cllr J. Gilbey presented a draft report on planning submissions dealt with so that other Councillors are aware of planning applications dealt with. It was agreed that this good idea and will be presented at each parish Council meeting.

21 Resolution to write letter of thanks for the provision of the land for the new Recreation Ground". The Council hereby instructs its Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Mike Sheldon and Ben Boughton for the gift of the land to form the new Recreation Ground for the use of the community. Cllr M. Brocklehurst proposed and seconded by Cllr. M Berrill and carried unanimously.

22 Resolution to write letter of thanks for the typing and layout of Focus. "The Council hereby instructs its Clerk to send a letter of thanks to John and Julie Whitehead for the many years that they have spent in the production of the village Focus magazine". Cllr J. Samways proposed and seconded by Cllr. M. Berrill and carried unanimously.

23 Cllr J Gilbey came up with two schedules for PC meetings for 2008. The PC agreed 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays of the month as the new regular day for Parish Council meetings for 2008. Cllr. Gilbey will publish the schedule on the website.

24 Correspondence. 24.1 AVDC conservation plan given to Cllr M Brocklehurst. 24.2 Email from resident re parking of a Lorry in Nash Road not for the PC to resolve the local police are dealing with it. 24.3 Recreation news and dog bin collection and cleaning. 24.4 Regulated fire safety order audit. 24.5 Standards Board for England, we had not replied, when we had replied they have now been informed. Code of practice adopted.

25 Items for the next meeting – 2008-09 Budget finalisation.

26 Date and Time of the next meeting. Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 7.30 in the village hall