



**Great Horwood
Parish Council**

GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting

Held on Monday 14th January 2008 at 7.30pm.in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr J.Gilbey, Cllr R. Moulding, Cllr M. Brocklehurst, Cllr M. Berrill, Cllr J Samways, Cllr I. Lamberton, Cllr D.Yates, Mr. D. Trigg (Clerk) and six members of the public.
Part time Tim Fowler and Ann-Marie Davies of Buckinghamshire County Council.

Cllr. Gilbey opened the meeting by welcoming Tim Fowler and Ann-Marie Davies from BCC.

- 1 Apologies for absence – None
- 2 Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed. NB Clerk to check if in future in the Public Participation period whether public comments should be noted. Item 7 should have stated that The Environments and Footpaths Group have taken on maintenance of footpath markers.
- 3 Declaration of interest – none.
- 4 Cllr Gilbey welcomed Cllr Yates to the Parish Council.
- 5 Matters arising. 5.1 Clerk said that the bollards on The Green are included in insurance. However Council need to know how much for. 5.2 Cllr Lamberton has now produced the letter to the Smith family re noise at the fair. All agreed the Clerk can send out. 5.3 Clerk informed council Mr Garside has all he needs at present. 5.4 Nash Road parking. Information from David Headley of BCC works should start 25th February 2008 it may start a little later but will be inform us. Willow Road works will not now start until after April 2008. 5.5 The litter pick will now be held on March 9th and equipment from AVDC is available. 5.6 standing orders will be discussed at the next meeting. 5.7 Cllr Gilbey still awaiting a meaningful response from AVDC on possible change of use of Old Recreation Ground in Willow Road.
- 6 Traffic Calming in the village. A lengthy discussion took place with input from Tim Fowler on the possibilities of introducing traffic calming measures on the approaches to the village. A report has been prepared by David Cairney of BCC on the possibilities for the village. This report will be posted on our village website for those who wish to view it in full. Due to the BCC Speed Limit Review not being completed for this area of the County for up to another 2 years it is not easy to find a simple cost effective solution for the problem of vehicles speeding into the village but the Parish Council will give further consideration to the issue in the next month or two. Cllr Brocklehurst noted we should plan in our future agendas to add traffic calming so we can make sure any funds can be applied for this subject.
- 7 Public participation period. The issue of horses using the footpath between The High Street and Spring Lane was raised and the more general topic of horses on other footpaths and pavements in other parts of the village on which they also left a mess. The Clerk to ascertain the legal situation with regard to horses on footpaths and pavements.

- 8 Finalisation of the Budget for the next financial year and motion to adopt the precept. After much discussion over the requirement for the next fiscal year the figure of £15,000 was set. This was proposed by Cllr. Moulding and seconded by Cllr. Yates and carried unanimously. The Clerk to submit the paper work in time for the dead line.
- 9 Report from the Parish Plan Steering Committee. Cllr Moulding reported on behalf of the Parish Plan Steering Committee that the Environments and Footpath Group has met with the Woodland Trust and Bucks County Council to consider how to achieve better pedestrian access to College Wood through a link to the rights of way network. This is a long-term project, and will involve neighbouring parishes. He also noted that the vigorous and detailed consultation response prepared by the E&F Group to BCC's Rights of Way Improvement Plan, and submitted jointly with the Parish Council, has evidently been noticed. We are one of only three parishes not already part of the Parish Paths Partnership (PPP) that have been invited to participate in a PPP meeting on 22 January. The PPP may be a source of funding for existing and new footpaths, and in any case it is clear that we are now being involved more closely. This can only be helpful to the parish.
- 10 Report from the Recreation Committee. Cllr Brocklehurst reported on behalf of the Recreation Committee and the full minutes of all its meetings are published on the PC website. It now appears that AVDC will approve change of use of the new Recreation Area without further problems but Cllr Brocklehurst made it clear that due to the timescales for applying for and getting grants for equipment this means that the Recreation Area would not be fully operational before the end of the summer.
- 11 Report from the Planning Committee Cllr Gilbey. A print out from the spreadsheet log was circulated to all Councillors. The log will continue so that all councillors can keep upto date on the Parish Council's responses to planning applications. Cllr Moulding formally proposed the log becomes part of the minutes, this was agreed The Clerk asked again the planning book is swiftly passed around to give him time to put in the application.
12. For Payment - Clerk's remuneration (Cheque) – £330.00 Dec 07 & Jan 08
E.On electricity bill £36.66
ABB Street Lighting Maintenance end Dec 07 £100.53
Buckingham Community Action Membership £20.00
Payments received 13/12/07 John the Barber rent £10.00
13. Correspondence various.
Joining instructions for councillor training.
Bucks car share information.
Email from Mr Ramsdale asking about the land opposite side of the road to Chapel House.
Various magazines related to the parish council.
Winter driving from AVDC.
Letter from AVDC about land ownership.
SALC training day.
AVNSC AGM.
Information on a Sustainability Fund from BCC – Gilbey to follow up
14. Item for the Next Meeting. Standing orders to be discussed. Traffic Calming. Old recreation ground.
15. Date and Time of the next meeting. Monday 11th February 2008 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

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Chairman

Date