



## GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting  
Held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 7.30pm.in the Village Hall.

### Great Horwood Parish Council

**Present:** Cllr. J. Gilbey, Cllr. R. Moulding, Cllr. M. Brocklehurst, Cllr. I. Lamberton, Cllr. D. Yates, Mr. D. Trigg (Clerk)

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

**1 Apologies for absence** – Cllr. Berrill and Cllr. Samways.

**2 Minutes of the previous meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008 were agreed and signed.**

**3 Declaration of interest.** None

#### **4 Matters arising.**

4.1 It was confirmed by the Chairman that issues raised in the Public Participation Period will be recorded in the minutes but without reference to the name of the member of the public who raised the matter.

4.2 The Clerk reported that the bollards on the green are insured for £6089.40.

4.3 The letter to the Smiths re the fair will be sent along with the formal request letter to come to Great Horwood in 2008

4.4 Nash Road parking scheme has started.

4.5 The Clerk to prepare and submit an article for Focus re horses being taken on to footpaths and pavements and subsequent fouling.

4.6 Sustainability grants. The Chairman reported that he had investigated this scheme and found that the money was only available in the form of loans. He has, however, been advised that there will be in a new scheme in April where money will be available in the form of grants. No information has yet been received. Cllr Brocklehurst advised that he is aware of some new technology becoming available for more efficient control of street lighting and he will follow up.

#### **5 Public Participation.**

A comment was made that the removal of the Bollards on the green would not stop the football.

The Council were also asked to remind the Smiths that the fair should not arrive until 4pm. Clerk to add this stipulation to letter he is writing.

There was a request to follow up the information previously obtained about the possible provision of a piped gas supply to the village. Clerk to investigate.

**6 Planned Litter Pick 9<sup>th</sup> March.** Notice has gone out in Focus. Cllr. Gilbey has put up laminated signs around the village. Time set for 10am start at the Village Hall. Volunteers still required.

**7 Traffic Calming.** Cllr. Gilbey reported no news on our grant application. It is clear from the information gained at the BCC Local Committee meeting that BCC are not very enthusiastic about a variety of traffic calming schemes. We have, however received information from our PCSO on a new form of portable Speed Indicating Device called Community Speed Watch which we will follow up.

#### **8 Report from BCC Aylesbury Vale Local Committee Cllrs. Gilbey and Moulding.**

Only items of note were a presentation on the Simply Walk Programme and the I-VAN. This is a mobile multi-media ICT studio mainly for the use of young people but it can be used to provide IT training for all age groups. The cost of hire is high per hour, so at present not something the council can consider.

#### **9 Report From BALC Training Course for Councillors held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 08.**

All councillors that attended said it was very valuable training day. From the training it has become clear that we need to review the membership constitution of the Parish Council committees. It was also agreed that we should investigate whether we need a new committee to be formed for the emergency expenditure of funds.

A working group was formed to work out committee formats and procedures. It was agreed that Cllr. Moulding, Cllr. Lamberton, Cllr. Brocklehurst and Cllr. Gilbey will form this working group. They will report to the next meeting.

**10 Motion to adopt Standing Orders as previously circulated to all councillors.**

Cllr Moulding gave his report on how the Parish Council arrived at the proposed version of Standing Orders. Cllr Moulding then proposed the motion to adopt and Cllr Brocklehurst seconded it. The Parish Council voted unanimously in favour of the motion. Cllr Moulding will now finalise and issue the final version to all Councillors.

**11 Report on possible alternative uses of the Old Recreation ground off Willow Road Cllr. Gilbey**

A letter from AVDC planning has been received. The view was that access for the site is difficult as previously noted. The use to create affordable housing would have to be referred back to BCA. Cllr. Gilbey asked for Councillors views. Affordable housing was raised by Cllr Yates. A discussion took place and situation clarified. Item to be discussed again at the next meeting after the Planning Consent has been received for change of use of the land for the new Recreation Ground.

**12 Report from the Parish Plan Steering Committee. Cllr. Moulding**

Cllr. Moulding reported on his attendance at a BCC Rights of Way event and advised that due to the work of the Great Horwood Parish Plan Environment and Footpaths Group we are well placed to secure beneficial results. He also reported on the decision of the Parish Plan steering Committee to launch a Village Design Statement. "A VDS is intended to influence the operation of the statutory planning system, so that new development is in harmony with its setting and makes a positive contribution to the immediate environment." A launch event is provisionally planned for the morning of Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Other Councillors said they will support Cllr. Moulding in this activity.

**13 Report from Recreation Committee. Cllr. Brocklehurst.**

The minutes from the last committee meeting are not available as yet. The Planning application has now been submitted to AVDC for the change of use. There is a deadline for grant applications to WREN of 5<sup>th</sup> April and so it is hoped to have all the information available before then. Quotes are being obtained for the work needed. Tree planting will take place soon.

**14 Report from the AVNSC AGM. Cllr. Brocklehurst.**

Cllr Brocklehurst reported AVNSC can make grants of up to £2000, but not maybe for the recreation ground but other sporting groups in the village. Useful information gained. The Football Club are members, the cricket club are lapsed. The Clerk will send a letter to the Cricket Club to say this is a worthwhile group that they may like to re join.

**15 Report from the Planning Committee. Cllr. Gilbey.**

Cllr Gilbey circulated the current report, noting some recent decisions.

**16 For Payment.** Clerk's remuneration (Cheque) – £165.00 Feb. 08. Rent for Village Hall July 07-Oct Nov 07, £36.00 in total. Stamps and stationary £35.98 AVNSC subscription £10.00, Councillors training with BALC £148

**17 Correspondence.** Clerk will list in future email only correspondence received.

A letter from Mrs Garside. Asking if the Parish Council would consider the AVDC Skate Park coming to the village. The costs were explained. The council decided at present it was not something they would consider. It has been passed to the Church Fete committee as they expressed an interest. The Clerk will inform Mrs Garside of this decision..

BCC waste procurement.

AVDC. Perfect village Sunday. Our application has been turned down.

BCC Planning application legislation changes. Passed to Cllr Moulding.

AVDC Volunteer of the Year. Given to Cllr Gilbey. All council to consider and give answer to Cllr Gilbey.

AVDC Core Strategy. Comments Logged.

The Smiths of the Fair. Asking for form for this years visit. Clerk to respond.

Buckinghamshire Parish Council Fly Tipping information pack. Given to Cllr. Yates to prepare article for Focus.

**18 Items for the next meeting.**

Report on GC2C meeting.

Bio Diversity. Cllr Brocklehurst.

**19 Date and time of the next meeting.** Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

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Date