



**Great Horwood
Parish Council**

GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on
Monday 12th January 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Village
Hall.

Present: Cllrs J. Gilbey (Chairman) R. Moulding (Vice
Chairman) M. Brocklehurst, J Samways, M. Berrill, Mr.
D. Trigg (Clerk)

In attendance: 13 members of the public.

9.1 Apologies for absence

Cllr. D. Yates and Cllr I. Lamberton

9.2 Confirmation of minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 10th November 2008.

These were approved without modification.

9.3 Declaration of Interest.

None

9.4 Matters arising from the Minutes

9.4.1 Bus Shelter. It has now been found that a replacement roof is not available. The Clerk advised of some prices for possible complete replacements for the shelter but it was decided to leave this open until the precept and budget have been set.

9.4.2 Litter bins. A new bin has been installed in the High Street. AVDC have advised that it was not possible to re-fit in the original position as it would have been too high. The bin has been supplied by AVDC for less than £50 and will be emptied by them without charge. The Council will consider whether it wants additional bins installed during the coming year.

9.4.3 The approved Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee The agreed document has now been formatted and posted on the Council's web site.

9.4.4 The Tree on the Green. The Clerk had forwarded to the Councillors an email from AVDC on the types of tree that could be considered. A quote has been obtained to include the supply of a new tree and removal of the old tree of approximately £2600. After a discussion it was decided to create a work group to consider what type of tree should be planted and its exact location taking into account the views of the village design group. The Work Group will consist of Cllrs. Berrill and Lamberton together with Pauline Brown and Monica Jones. The group has been asked to make a recommendation to the next Council meeting.

9.4.5 The old recreation ground Willow Road. Cllr Brocklehurst confirmed that the Parish Council can apply for change of use to agricultural purposes without the need for planning consent but has to advertise the change in 2 editions of a local newspaper and consider any objections that are made. Cllr.

Gilbey will submit an article for the February edition of Focus to ask for definite expressions of interest in allotments on this site.

9.4.6 Adoption of Freedom of Information Policy (previously circulated) Cllr Gilbey.

This has been finalised, circulated to all Parish Councillors and a copy placed on the notice board and on the Council's website.

9.5 Public Participation.

A question was asked about the Planning Application that has been made to AVDC for a major development called Winslow Green. It was explained that the Parish Council will be arranging a public meeting to seek the views of the residents before responding to the application.

One villager commented that the new gates on the footpaths are much appreciated. The Chairman commented that this was not a direct result of any action by the Parish Council but that his kind comments would be passed on to the relevant villagers.

Speeding traffic through the village was once again raised as a problem. The Chairman reminded those present of his article in the November 2008 edition of Focus explaining what the Council had tried to do and how BCC do not fund traffic calming measures.

The issue of the parking problem in Church Lane alongside the village hall at the early morning peak made vision difficult when entering and exiting this junction.

9.6 Freedom of Information Model

Dealt with in matters arising.

9.7 Report from the Parish Plan Steering Committee Cllr. Moulding

The next meeting of the Steering Committee is planned for 15th January and the three work groups are active.

9.8 Report from the Recreation. Cllr. Brocklehurst.

The crossover and hard standing have been built. The WREN contract for the provision of the funds for purchase of the equipment has been agreed but the final documentation has not yet been received.. The contract for the supply of the play equipment has been placed with Kompan. Quotes for the fencing and drainage works have been received and instructions to proceed will be issued shortly. The clerk will prepare these letters which will be sent on behalf of the PC or the Trust. Cllr Gilbey asked for confirmation that the funds being sought are still within the £2500 maintenance budget allocated for the year. This was confirmed by Cllr. Brocklehurst.

9.9 Report from the Planning Committee. Cllr Gilbey.

A report from the meeting of the Planning Committee was distributed to all Councillors. The report now contains details of all Planning Applications updated since the previous meeting in 3 sections i.e. Determined, Pending and New.

The Council also confirmed the view of the Planning Committee that it would not be willing to enter into any discussions on arrangements for granting an

easement for access to new homes proposed for development behind 11 The Green until a formal Planning Application has been received.

9.10 Budget 2009/2010. Cllr Gilbey.

The proposed budget had been previously circulated to all Councillors. Cllr Berrill asked if all items were necessary for example extra dog bins and notice boards. The councillors discussed this. Cllr Gilbey pointed out they were trying to make the village a better place to live. Cllr Moulding felt it was the duty of the Parish Council to inform the village with the information it receives from various sources. The decision was made to monitor these amounts throughout the year. A motion to accept the budget as presented was proposed by Cllr Moulding and seconded by Cllr Samways. The budget was approved with 3 in favour and 2 abstentions.

9.11 Precept 2009/2010.

Precept agreed at £17,000 in line with the budget set in 9.10

9.12 Date for the Annual Village Meeting.

This was agreed to be on the 30th April 2009. Village Hall booked

9.13 Village Litter Pick 2009

Date set for 8th March 2009. Cllr Samways will run it.

9.14 Greenway LLP/Winslow Green/Little Horwood Airfield Planning application including plans for a Village meeting on Thursday 5th February 2009.

The wording of a flyer to be distributed to all households was submitted by Cllr. Moulding and agreed by the Council.

Cllr. Gilbey submitted the wording for a press release which was agreed with some minor changes.

It was agreed that the Public Meeting will go ahead on the 5th February and that at its next meeting on 9th February the Council will finalise its response to the planning application in the light of the feedback received from the village at the meeting.

9.15 For Payment. All agreed

9.16 Correspondence. Various items were distributed to Councillors as requested. Clerk to reply to email from resident on road gritting.

9.17 Items for the next meeting. Report from tree working group

9.18 Date and time of the next meeting.

Monday the 9th February 2009 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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Signed Chairman

Date