



**Great Horwood
Parish Council**

GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on
Monday 9th February 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Village
Hall.

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

In attendance: 8 members of the public.

9.1 Apologies for absence

None

9.2 Confirmation of minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 12th January 2009.

These were approved without modification.

9.3 Declaration of Interest.

None

9.4 Matters arising from the Minutes

9.4.1 The old recreation ground Willow Road. The article in Focus has so far generated 3 enquiries from potential new holders and 1 who would like to move from the existing village allotments. The final decision on whether to go ahead will be made at the next meeting after all enquiries have been received.

9.4.2 Village litter pick 2009 Cllr Samways advised that an article will be placed in the next edition of Focus to advertise the event and the equipment to be borrowed from AVDC has been booked

9.4.3 Freedom of Information Policy 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.

Several questions were asked about the possible planning application for a development behind No. 11 The Green and the question of access over the land owned by the Parish Council. The Clerk will look into the current arrangements for access by the existing houses on The Green. It was agreed that the Parish Council will respond in the normal way when a formal planning application is submitted.

A comment was made about the cost of replacing the tree on The Green and the reported link to the need to increase the parish precept for 2009/10.

9.6 Motion to appoint Mr. Jeremy West to the Planning Committee of the Parish Council in accordance with Standing Orders 3.1.2 and 3.1.3.

The Chairman explained that Jeremy West has contributed significantly in the study of the Winslow Green planning application. It was, therefore proposed to co-opt him onto the Planning Committee as a non-voting member.

The appointment was proposed by Cllr. Moulding and seconded by Cllr. Brocklehurst and unanimously approved.

9.7 Report from the Parish Plan Steering Committee Cllr. Moulding

Due to the work related to the Winslow Green planning application activity has been much reduced. Monica Jones has, however set up a Great Horwood and Singleborough Wildlife Project which will work independently of the Steering Committee but will provide input into the Natural Environment Work Group. The Footpaths group will also now be considered as a separate voluntary group within the village.

9.8 Report from the Recreation. Cllr. Brocklehurst.

The contract with WREN has been signed and returned. The work on the fencing contract has been delayed due to the weather but will start soon. The drainage work and the installation of play equipment are both planned for March

9.9 Report from the Planning Committee. Cllr Gilbey.

A report from the meeting of the Planning Committee was distributed to all Councillors. Only two applications had been received in the last month and the Committee made no objections to either.

9.10 Declaration of Vacant seat on the Parish Council.

All councillors had received a report from Cllr Gilbey which he also read out. As Cllr. Yates had not attended a meeting of the Council since 14th July 2008 her position as a Councillor had automatically become vacant on 14th January 2009. A vacancy, therefore, now existed on the Council and the Clerk was instructed to post the notice of the vacancy and the information for electors of the parish to notify AVDC if they wish there to be an election for a replacement. Cllr Brocklehurst noted the if an election is requested the cost to the Parish Council would be approximately £900.

9.11 Annual Parish meeting invitations to village organisation. Cllr

Gilbey. Cllr. Gilbey circulated a draft list of village organisations to be invited to the Annual Parish meeting on 30th April and asked for any suggestions from other Councillors on any additions that they would like to propose. He requested that any changes be notified to him in the next 2 weeks.

9.12 Report from the Tree on The Green Working Group. Cllrs Berrill

and Lamberton. Cllr Lamberton reported that a final proposal had not yet been prepared and that the group would report to the next meeting on 9th March.

9.13 The Parish Council Response to Planning Application

08/02944/AOP/ Cllr Gilbey

Cllr. Gilbey reported that at the Public Meeting held on the 5th February in the village hall a vote of 157 to 1 with one abstention had supported a motion asking the Parish Council to submit a formal objection to the outline planning

application under the name of Winslow Green that had been submitted to AVDC. A draft of the response had been approved by the Planning Committee and was now submitted for approval by the full Council. Cllr Berrill proposed that the draft be accepted and the motion was seconded by Cllr Samways. The motion was passed unanimously and the Clerk was instructed to submit to AVDC.

9.14 For Payment. All agreed

9.15 Payment Received All agreed

9.16 Correspondence. Various items were distributed to Councillors as requested.

3 letters had been received from residents of the village.

Cllr Gilbey to reply to Mrs Monica Jones.

The Clerk will respond to letters received from Mrs Whitehall and Mrs. Brandon who had written with concerns over the replacing of the tree on The Green.

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

9.18 Date and time of the next meeting.

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

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Signed Chairman

Date