



**Great Horwood
Parish Council**

GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting
Held on Monday 29th October 2007
At 7.30pm at Great Horwood Village Hall

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

- 1 Apologies for absence – Cllr J Samways
- 2 Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.
- 3 Declaration of interest – None
- 4 Cllr Gilbey proposed the following motion “The council confirms the appointment of Duncan Trigg as Clerk to Great Horwood Parish Council with effect from 1st October 2007.” The motion was seconded by Cllr Moulding and approved unanimously.
- 5 Matters arising from the minutes –5.1 Cllr Lamberton advised that a tree surgeon would be inspecting the tree on the green in early December. 5.2 The issue of the ownership of the bollards around the green had still to be resolved. 5.3 Cllr Lamberton to redraft the letter to the Smith family re the fair. 5.4 Cllr Moulding to contact AVDC re the planning application at the Adstock end of Pilch Lane. 5.5 re item 9 in previous minutes the clerk to follow up and check reseeding has been successful. 5.6 re item 17 in previous minutes clerk to contact Mr Garside to confirm that application for grant from AVDC has been successful. 5.7 Clerk to send out revised letter of thanks to the farmers market organisers as soon as possible.
- 6 Public Participation Period –6.1 David Bolton thanked the Council for publishing the minutes of its meetings on the Notice Board. He also suggested that the Council needs to consider the costs of maintaining the new Recreation Ground when considering the next year budgets. Cllr Gilbey responded by suggesting that this issue could be more fully dealt with under item 17 on the agenda. 6.2 Liz Nichols advised that PC Nikki Tipping and the Fire Brigade are assisting with investigating the safety issue with the Mill adjacent to the Recreation Ground. 6.3 Mrs. A. Whitehall raised the issue of the letter that she had written to the Council concerning her disappointment with the proposal for the Nash Road parking scheme. If the scheme is implemented, as currently proposed, then her husband would not have anywhere to park his works commercial vehicle. Cllr. Gilbey advised Mrs. Whitehall to wait until she received a letter from David Hedley of BCC. 6.4 Mrs. Yates complained that the street light had been moved from the centre of the parking bay without consultation. Cllr. Gilbey advised that the Council had made the decision about the repositioning of the street light in good faith.
- 7 Nash Road parking scheme. Cllr Gilbey reported that David Hedley of BCC will be issuing a revised plan and writing to the residents who have contacted him.

- 8 Report from Recreation Committee and noting of its meetings. Cllr Brocklehurst advised that since the last Great Horwood Parish Council Meeting the Committee had two meetings. The minutes of these meetings are published on the Great Horwood Parish Council website. The transfer of the land is now completed and Public Liability Insurance has been arranged. This has been paid for from Recreation Committee funds. Contact has been made with the owner of the Mill re safety issues. PC Nikki Tipping and the Fire and Rescue Service are also assisting with this issue. A planning application is needed for the change of use. This will be done in the name of the Parish Council and it was agreed in principle that the Great Horwood Parish Council would fund this application
- 9 Report from Parish Plan Steering Committee. Cllr. Moulding made a verbal report that the Development and Planning Group are almost solely focussed on the Farmers Market. The Environment and Footpaths Group has been very busy preparing the response to the BCC's Rights of Way Improvement Plan as in item 9. The Recreation Group is now the Recreation Committee of the Parish Council. The Transport and Traffic Groups are more or less defunct at present.
- 10 Great Horwood Parish Council response to BCC's Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2007-2011. Cllr Moulding reported that the environment and footpath group had prepared a draft response which will be finalised and submitted to BCC on behalf of the Parish Council by the due date.
- 11 Further discussion on Standing orders Cllr Gilbey reported that no progress had been made since the last Parish Council meeting, but that a meeting is planned for the 7th November 2007 with Cllrs Gilbey Moulding and Brocklehurst to try to finalise the document.
- 12 Report from North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium meeting of 3rd October. Cllr Brocklehurst reported that the report on the SE Plan did not make any significant changes affecting Great Horwood, but did propose a significant MK development affecting Newton Longville. The provision of an East West rail link is retained as an important part of the plan. The NBPPC has already lobbied John Berrow our local MP and he has agreed to attend the next meeting of the NBPPC, which will take place on 29th November. Cllr Gilbey explained that additional housing resulting from the development of windfall sites had previously been allowed to count against required building developments for an area but under revised Government planning policies this is no longer the case. This change is widely opposed.
- 13 Report from BCC Aylesbury Vale Local Committee meeting of 3rd October by Cllr Gilbey. He reported these items of interest from this meeting. A. Grants available for community projects. B. Speed limit review completed by 2009 for our area time scale for implementation not clear. C. BCC has carried out a detailed analysis of all Buckinghamshire roads to decide the priority for salting in the event of icy or snowy weather. D. BCC has consulted local councils on rural grass cutting performance. E. Switch off street lighting scheme to save energy. No very local schemes to Great Horwood but BCC claim significant cost savings and reduction of CO2 emissions from the scheme.
- 14 Conservation and Restoration of the pump in Nash Road. Cllr RM said the pump has history and can we do anything with it. Nash PC Clerk had given him information on how they restored their pump. Would anyone in Great Horwood do the same? Cllr Berrill volunteered her assistance in this project. Cllr Moulding to put an item in Focus to raise interest.

- 15 Proposed Litter pick. Cllr Gilbey had no response from his article in Focus. AVDC have the picker sticks and bags that we can borrow FOC. Great Horwood Parish Council set a date for a village litter pick on 16/03/2008. Cllr Gilbey to contact AVDC to reserve equipment. Focus article needed to promote this event at a later date.
- 16 Possibility of traffic calming for the village. Cllr Gilbey is trying to get an estimate for traffic calming scheme for the village from BCC. Has not had response to several emails but is progressing this item. Cllr Brocklehurst asked about the scheme that had previously been mentioned to buy a speed indicating device (SID) and share with other parishes. Cllr. Gilbey to follow up.
- 17 Initial thoughts on 2008/2009 budgets. Cllr. Gilbey circulated two documents. The first showed that if the precept for 2008/2009 is set at the same level as for the existing year the Council would have no money available for any projects or discretionary spending. The second document compared the Great Horwood precept with those of all surrounding local councils and showed that we collect significantly less in precept than all of these other authorities. It is clear that there will have to be a significant increase in the precept for 2008/2009 and all Councillors were asked to submit their thoughts on required expenditure for the next meeting. If necessary we will have to have a Parish Council meeting in December to discuss the topic.
- 18 Great Horwood Parish Council Response to AVDC Affordable Housing draft. Response was prepared by Cllrs Gilbey and Moulding and submitted to AVDC by due date. The response is published on the Parish Council website.
- 19 Great Horwood Parish Council responses to MK core Strategy Preferred Options September 2007. Cllr. Moulding volunteered to draft response for submission.
- 20 Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) No items for this group's next meeting on 1st November. Cllr. Gilbey plans to attend the meeting.
- 21 For Payment: - Clerks remuneration cheque £165.00 Gt. Horwood Combined School (Hall Hire) £25.00
- 22 Planning applications. Three received. The planning book is on the way around.
- 23 Correspondence. 23.1 Cllr. Gilbey has had a letter re one of the allotments (belonging to Mr. F Nash) with a propane gas bottle left there. Cllr. Gilbey to check on situation and contact owner and ask to remove it. 23.2 AVDC Transport symposium. 23.3 AVDC strategic plan meeting. Cllr. Moulding to try to attend re AVDC conversation area. 23.4 received from 3 High Street re new street light by village hall shining in their window. Cllr. Gilbey to deal with this. 23.5 AVDC parish touring Schemes 2008 various activities. Council asks the clerk to make application for a Perfect Village Sunday.
- 24 24.1 Cllr Gilbey to Contact Mrs Yates as she has confirmed her interest in being co-opted on to the Parish council. 24.2 work out a schedule of meetings for the whole of 2008 in advance to help all to plan time.
- 25 Date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday the 20th of November 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.