



**Great Horwood
Parish Council**

GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting
held on Wednesday 12th September 2007
at 7.30pm at Great Horwood C E Combined
School

Present: Cllr J Gilbey, Cllr R Moulding, Cllr M Brocklehurst,
Cllr I Lamberton, Cllr J Samways, Mrs. S Brazier (Clerk) and six members of the public

- 1 Apologies for absence – none
- 2 Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.
- 3 Declaration of interest – Cllr J Gilbey wished to declare an interest in application no. 07/02237/ATC
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes – The Clerk had received a reply from AVDC re the vacancy for a Parish Councillor. No requests for an election had been received and so the Parish Council can proceed with the co-option of a person to fill the vacancy. Cllr Gilbey will place an article in the next edition of Focus. The Clerk had spoken to Mr Whitehall re his grass cutting duties. He checks/tends to The Green and the verges once a week/fortnight in the growing season, weather permitting. With this information, the Parish Council can now consider his wages at the end of the growing season. The Clerk had written to Thrift Farm in respect of the works necessary to the tree on The Green, however they cannot offer their services at this time. Cllr Lamberton offered to approach a contact to see if they could help. The Clerk had written to AVDC re the bollards on The Green. No reply has been received. A chase up letter will be necessary. Cllr Gilbey produced a revised plan for the Nash Road parking bay. Due to discussions with the residents of the Chapel House, it has now been proposed to leave the area outside this property as it is. Cllr Moulding commented that the said residents did not have any more rights to park on this piece of land than others, since it is part of the highway. Cllr Gilbey is looking after this paperwork and will liase with Mr David Hedley of BCC when necessary.
- 5 Public Participation Period – Mrs Nicholls wondered if the Council had thought any more about a litter pick. Cllr Gilbey replied that a volunteer would be required to co-ordinate the day and therefore he would submit an article for the next edition of Focus to draw attention to this worthwhile exercise. This subject should be made an agenda item for next month. Mrs Nicholls also wished to point out that the Fun Fair did not finish until the early hours of Wednesday morning (8th August). The posters state that they will be open from 6 – 11pm. She also mentioned that they had been allowed to set up earlier in recent years, and this also might affect the trade to The Crown. Cllr Gilbey suggested a letter be written to Mr Smith appreciating their co-operation in the set up time (to be agreed) and making clear the fact that they cannot finish later than 11pm. Cllr Lamberton agreed to draft this letter.
- 6 Report from Recreation Committee – Cllr Brocklehurst mentioned that as well as being

members of the Recreation Committee, he and Cllr Samways had also been elected Trustees of the Committee. Cllr Brocklehurst rightly suggested this should be formally recorded. Cllr Moulding expressed his concern re the ownership of the bank account and the fence to be erected. Cllr Gilbey continued that there were many points the Council needed to be very clear about, including insurance. Cllr Brocklehurst will e-mail Allianz Cornhill directly for clarification. The Clerk had received a reply from the new owner of the mill and it was agreed that the Recreation Committee should reply directly, although responding as the Recreation Committee and not the Council.

- 7 Report from Parish Plan Steering Committee – Cllr Moulding read the report and made particular reference to the following two points: The Farmers Market is dependant on a stalwart band of volunteers and suggested the Council might wish to consider how some degree of back-up might be provided should this be necessary. Cllr. Gilbey proposed that in the first place the Council should write a letter of support to each of the members of the organising team. Cllr Lamberton offered to draft a letter. This topic should be an agenda item for next month. Cllr Moulding reported that several villagers had expressed concerns over the mowing of verges in Pilch Lane which has destroyed much of the natural flowers and plants. Cllr Gilbey will contact BCC/David Hedley to seek his help and advice on dealing with this matter.
- 8 Further discussion on Standing Orders – Due to the considerable amount of work and discussion still required to complete this document, it was decided that Cllrs Gilbey, Moulding and Brocklehurst would get together to prepare a proposed final version to be adopted at a future Parish Council meeting.
- 9 The Green – Cllr Lamberton commented that The Green had been re-seeded, however due to the recent dry weather no growth had been made. A short discussion took place concerning whether this area should be tended. The Clerk will talk with Mr Moore and report back.
- 10 Affordable Housing – Cllr Moulding mentioned that the Clerk has passed the Consultation Papers to him for comment, the deadline being 12th October. A discussion followed re the delegation of this matter to two Councillors. Cllr Brocklehurst proposed this course of action. Cllrs Gilbey and Moulding will meet to discuss.
- 11 Response to AVDC LDF Core Strategy Development Plan Document – Cllrs Gilbey and Moulding have drafted a response which has been sent to AVDC. A further round of consultations will take place next year.
- 12 Panel Report EiP of the South East Plan – The Clerk had received a CD in this respect. Cllr Moulding commented that the increase in housing proposed for Aylesbury Vale did not support the likelihood of the need for a development on the Little Horwood Airfield site. The Council will however ensure a continuous monitoring of any future developments or changes to the Plan.
- 13 North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium – The next meeting is to take place on Wednesday 3rd October in Nash Village Hall. Cllrs Gilbey and Brocklehurst will attend..
- 14 Neighbourhood Action Group – Cllr Gilbey attended the last NAG meeting. He reported that the most common concern in all the villages was speeding.
- 15 Planning Committee – Cllr Moulding commented that new planning applications should be circulated in between meetings whenever possible. He mentioned that all plans

were on the AVDC website and this could be a method to use in the future. It was decided to leave the procedure the same for the time being and discuss again at a later date.

- 16 Conservation and Restoration of pump in Nash Road – A discussion took place concerning the possibility of restoration work. Cllr Moulding offered to make some enquiries.
- 17 Great Horwood Football Club – The Clerk read a letter from AVDC addressed to Mr Kevin Garside, Under 9's Manager, Great Horwood FC. He had successfully applied for a grant to be used for improvements to the football club premises. This was however, on condition that the football club had some guarantee that the land would continue to be leased to them. Also, the letter suggested that a contribution be made by the Parish Council to secure funding. Mr Garside had spoken with the grant funding officer at AVDC and had mentioned the fact that all PC reserves had been used for the street lighting project. AVDC had therefore verbally agreed with Mr Garside that a small contribution in the future would suffice. It was agreed that the letter should be acknowledged recommending that the Trustees support this venture which would be discussed fully at the Castlefields AGM later in the year
- 18 Accounts –
- For Payment – Clerk's remuneration (Standing Order) – 165.00
 - Clerk's Expenses (half of broadband fees) – 89.94
 - Great Horwood C E Combined School (hire of hall) – 25.00
 - ABB (Street lighting project) – 2944.55
 - Mr T Moore (reseeding part of The Green) – 60.00
 - Village Hall (hire of hall) – 36.00
 - ABB (Street lighting) – 100.53
 - Payments received – Mr T Smith (Fun Fair) – 265.00

The Clerk had spoken to Paul Jones at ABB about deferring payment of the street lighting project until after the Parish Precept had been received, sometime in mid September. Mr Jones advised that this would be acceptable. It was noted that the Clerk had been unable to complete the bank mandate to add her signature to the cheque book due to there being no Parish Council meeting since July.

19 Planning Applications –

New – 07/02237/ATC – Mrs M Gilbey, 14 Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood
07/01548/APP – Mr & Mrs Hotard, 85 Spring Lane, Great Horwood

Previous – 07/01564/APP – erection of side extension – refused
07/01559/ALB – as above – refused
07/01404/ALB – alterations to garage – granted
07/01403/APP – as above – granted
07/01440/APP – change of use of garage and annex to residential dwelling and creation of new access for Dorney Cottage – refused
07/01706/APP – rear single storey infill extension – granted
07/01561/APP – erection of bridge pergola – granted
07/01312/AGD – agriculture building – granted

Minor amendment plans – 07/01581/APP – The Retreat, Nash Road, Great Horwood

Cllr Moulding mentioned a new application brought to his attention online – application no. 07/01777/APP to be circulated. He recalled that the previous application on this land had been sent to Great Horwood PC even though the field in question was just within the boundary of Adstock. The new application has again been directed incorrectly to the Council and will need rerouting. Cllr Moulding felt strongly about the way in which this and the previous application had been handled and offered to write to AVDC in this respect. It was also agreed that we would respond to the application.

20 Correspondence –

- AVDC letter – anti-litter campaign enclosing A3 posters.
- Annual Report – Bucks Playing Fields Association. AGM 24TH September
- Aylesbury Vale Transport Users Group – meeting 11th September
- BCC letter – Travel Choice Mobility Week 16 – 22 September
- Hacker Young – receipt and VAT invoice
- BCC letter – new policy for Events Organisers
- Bucks Playing Field Association – newsletter
- AVDC Register of Electors – one deletion, two creations
- AVDC letter – A New Deal for Bucks Draft for Consultation
- AVDC letter – outcome of review of polling districts and places
- CD re The South East Plan EiP Nov 2006 – March 2007
- NALC Poster – Conference in Bournemouth Oct 2007
- e-mail from Cllr Moulding re charging John the Barber for use of The Green.
- Agreed to leave the rent as it is.
- AVDC Poster re public meetings for September and October.
- Letter from Sir Beville Stanier thanking the Council for their letter of condolence
- AVDC letter re moving offices from Exchange Street, Aylesbury to Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury
- BCC letter – Bucks Rights of Way Improvement Plan deadline extended to 31st October
- BCC letter – acknowledging the Council's representation form sent July 2007
- Letter from Greenway Land LLP re update
- Theatre in the Villages information
- AVDC Affordable Housing Consultation Papers – passed to Cllr Moulding

21 Parish Clerk – As this was the last meeting for the Clerk in her capacity as Parish Clerk, she was thanked for her time spent in this role over the past four years. She was also presented with flowers and a card for which she thanked the Council.

22 Items for the next meeting – Litter Pick Day, Report from Recreation Committee, Report from Parish Plan Steering Committee, Stewards position for Farmers Market.

23 Date and time of the next meeting – 29th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall