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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
10th November 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey, Cllr John Scholtens (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Russell Margerrison, Cllr Angela Mayne,
Cllr Ian Lamberton, Cllr Ann Elliott
Karen Francis (Clerk)
7 members of the public including District Cllr Sir Beville Stanier

1. To receive apologies for absence
Cllr Porritt was absent due to family commitments. County Cllr John Chilver also sent his apologies.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th October 2014
Two small spelling amendments were made.
3. To receive declarations of interest
Cllr Elliott declared an interest in Planning Application 14/03044/APP.
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
 - The hedges by the Manor House have been cut back.
 - The Singleborough noticeboard has been installed.
 - The bollard on The Green has been fixed.
 - The planters have been planted for winter.
 - The bike thefts case has been closed due to lack of evidence.
5. Public Participation Period
 - David Saunders commented that the bus timetables at the bus stops don't state concessionary passes can be used on the 8.53. Cllr Gilbey said he would put a notice up with this information.
6. Planning Issues
 - 6.1. Councillors were provided with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. Three new applications had been received and two applications had been determined. The planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
7. Report from the Recreation Committee
 - The woodchip has now been topped up and looks very good.
 - A new shelter has been installed at The Rec with two resting rails.
 - Some paving slabs have been removed from The Rec so now there are only enough to lay areas under the picnic table and not under the basketball hoop as planned.
 - The Committee are awaiting a quote from Bucks University Technical College for laying the patio slabs and a concrete semi-circle under the basketball hoop.
 - The Committee also ask residents to be vigilant. Equipment has been stolen from the Rec and some fly tipping has also taken place. If any resident sees anything suspicious please advise either the Parish Council or the Recreation Committee.
8. Footpaths Report
There is nothing to report this month.
9. Neighbourhood Plan
The hearing for the Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan is to be held on Thursday 27th November from 1pm in the Village Hall. The agenda has been provided by the examiner who will follow a standard procedure. The examiner has decided who will participate in the hearing and has invited those parties. The general public are allowed in the hall to watch proceedings but are not allowed to speak.

After the hearing the examiner will consider the plan and the produce a report stating what happens next. It is expected that this should be in December.

All information on the hearing and the plan is on the Great Horwood website at

<http://www.bucksvoice.net/greathorwoodpc/neighbourhood-plan/>

10. Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan

David Saunders attended the Parish and Town Council Forum on 16th October and represented Great Horwood. After the meeting an information pack was published and circulated which asked Councils to respond to some questions. Prior to this meeting Cllr Gilbey circulated a draft response for consideration.

One key question was whether there were any settlements in the wrong category. Great Horwood has always been assessed as a large village even though we fail many of the criteria and it is believed that we match the criteria of a smaller village. This affects the number of new houses AVDC believe Great Horwood should build over the next few years.

After discussion, Cllrs agreed that the response that had been circulated should be sent and the Clerk will now arrange this.

11. Chairman's Report

Since the last meeting Cllr Gilbey has attended a number of meetings.

The first was the North Bucks Parish Planning Consortium (NBPPC). At this meeting members were informed that a Planning Inspector had allowed an appeal by a developer against AVDC's refusal to grant planning consent for 47 homes at Aston Clinton. The inspector had also recalculated AVDC's planning consents and ruled that AVDC only currently has housing development approvals covering 4.3 years which is significantly less than the 5 years required by the government. This means that there is now an automatic presumption in favour of approving planning applications. Subsequently the AVDC Strategic Development Management Committee approved an application by a developer for 85 homes at Tingewick. The only safeguard against this presumption is if a Neighbourhood Plan is in place or has at least proceeded to the 6 week publicity period.

The next was the Local Council Planning Liaison Group (LCPLG) on 30th October where information was provided on the new consultee access for planning applications. Cllr Gilbey went through the information but the planning committee will be provided with more information once the system is live.

The officers also provided information on the expected number of homes that would need to be included in the new Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan. It is expected that 1000 homes per annum will be needed to meet local demand and also, between an additional 200 to 500 per annum to meet the needs of other local authorities who do not have land available within their own districts.

On 1st November Cllr Gilbey attended the AVALC AGM where a number of presentations were made. At the AGM 8 members of the committee were elected (out of 12 available posts) including Cllr Gilbey who was re-elected as Vice Chairman.

Finally on 7th November Cllr Gilbey attended the BMKALC AGM where the members rejected the proposed budget for the next financial year and also rejected the proposed increase from 16p to 17p per elector for member parishes. The Extraordinary General Meeting which was supposed to take place following the AGM was not able to take place as not enough notice had been given in accordance with the constitution.

12. Village Green Legal Position

The Clerk contacted the legal team at BCC who confirmed that a village green cannot be disturbed unless it is for the benefit of everyone. The team advised that Anglian Water would need to find an alternative route and the Clerk contacted AW with this information. Additionally BCC stated that a soakaway could be installed as the reduction of flooding would benefit all users of the village green.

13. Soakaway on The Green

A contractor has been appointed and the Clerk is waiting to be advised of a start date. The other contractors have been advised they have not been successful.

14. Traveller Site in Nash

At the LCPLG Cllr Gilbey raised a question about the gypsy and travellers policy in AVDC. Prior to this meeting Cllr Gilbey had circulated information on a consultation taking place which could change the rules about granting planning permission for gypsy sites. However it is not known whether this will have any effect on the traveller site in Nash Road.

Alongside this consultation, a meeting has been arranged with AVDC councillors Cllr Neil Blake, Cllr Paternoster and Cllr Stanier and AVDC officers Tracey Aldworth and Andy Kirkham to discuss the issue of the Nash Road Traveller Site. Cllrs Gilbey and Scholtens have been invited to attend.

15. Defibrillators

Cllr Mayne gave an update and the Clerk confirmed there had been £2000 of reserves ring-fenced to install a defibrillator. The Council agreed that providing costs were kept within this amount the defibrillator should be installed. The Clerk agreed to contact Winslow and Buckingham Town Councils to find out a little more information about who installed their defibrillators.

16. First Draft of Budget 2015/2016

Prior to the meeting the Clerk circulated a first draft of the budget for Councillors to consider.

An updated budget for Horwode Pece had been provided totalling £3565. It was agreed to include this. It was also agreed that the Play around the Parish budget would be removed as the costs had increased to £200 per session and since the events held in the parish in 2014 had been so poorly supported.

Cllr Gilbey suggested a general figure for donations rather than for specific causes. This was agreed but Focus would still receive a specific donation.

The Clerk will make these changes and the budget will be discussed again at the next meeting.

17. Dates for 2015

The Clerk circulated proposed meeting dates for 2015. These were agreed by all Councillors. Cllr Gilbey also advised that a January meeting may be needed depending on what comes from the hearing for the Neighbourhood Plan. If this meeting takes place it would be on January 12th 2015.

18. Vodafone Open Signal

At the last meeting Cllr Elliott took away some information on this. However there is no update and will be carried forward to the next meeting.

19. To agree items for payment

- The Lawn Ranger £80.00 – BACS
- Luke Millar Studio – Noticeboard – BACS £144.00
- Clerk's Expenses – BACS £83.99
- Colin Beckett – Horwode Pece – Cheque £3440.00

Cllrs Gilbey and Lamberton agreed to authorise the online payments.

20. To receive and note correspondence

- Invitation to participate in Music in Quiet Places
- Request for funding from Citizens Advice Bureau. This was declined.
- Request for funding from Aylesbury Vale Dial-A-Ride. This was declined.
- Request for funding from Winslow Community Bus. This will be paid at the next meeting.
- An email from the Lord of the Manor stating as he has now retired he will no longer be making donations to the village.
- A letter from John Bercow regarding a letter he had received from a resident commenting on the Neighbourhood Plan.

21. Items for the next meeting

- Traveller site in Nash and meeting with Neil Blake
- Second draft of budget

22. Confirmation of date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th December at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.01pm.

Signed _____

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Date _____

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 10th November 2014

- Below are current and recent Planning Applications. The Parish Council is invited to ratify the comments made to AVDC on behalf of the Planning Committee since the last meeting.

CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Date Received	Application Number	Applicant	Site Address	Details of Application	Parish Council Response	AVDC Decision
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Determined

09/09/14	14/02526/ APP	Mr & Mrs Cliffe	3 Spring Close	Single Storey side and rear extension	No Objection	Approved
15/10/14	14/03003/ ATC	Mr C Fellingham	4 Spring Close	Reduce height by approx 4-5m back to growth points of one Beech Tree; reduce crown by 3m of one Horse Chestnut Tree	No Objection	Proceed with Works

Pending

24/04/14	14/01047/ ATC	Mr P Morris	Mulberry Cottage	Pollarding of two large Acer Saccharinum trees on side of boundary of site	No Objection
29/05/14	14/01255/ APP	Mr & Mrs Cook	2 Greenway	First floor rear extension, two storey extension and new garage to side of existing dwelling.	No Objection
05/06/14	14/01540/ APP	Taylor Wimpey	Land off Weston Road	The erection of 45 no. residential dwellings together with associated access, car parking, landscaping and open space provision.	Objection
29/08/14	14/02414/ AOP	Talbot Homes	Land at Willow Road	Outline application with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for the erection of up to 34 dwellings including associated infrastructure and work.	Objection
25/09/14	14/02779/ APP	Mr & Mrs Wootton	Land off 9a Little Horwood Road	Erection of three detached dwellings with associated parking	Objection
25/09/14	14/01540/ APP (Revised)	Taylor Wimpey	Land off Weston Road	The erection of 42 no. residential dwellings together with associated access, car parking, landscaping and open space provision.	Objection
20/10/14	14/03044/ APP	Mr & Mrs Elliott	Spring Cottage 28 Spring Lane	Change of use of 2 existing bedroom within Spring Cottage and conversion of existing detached annex and office buildings into an additional 4 bedroom suites to be operated as a bed and breakfast business with associated parking and new access.	
30/10/14	14/03127/ ATC	Mr E Maddock	Park Lodge, Singleborough	Fell down one Beech Tree	Objection
04/11/14	14/03080/ APP	Mr E Maddock	Park Lodge, Singleborough	Construction of a hard surfaced tennis court with surround fencing	