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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 9th November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood

Present: Cllr John Scholtens (JS) (Chairman), Cllr John Gilbey (JWG) (Vice Chairman), Cllr Angela Mayne (AM), Cllr Mary Saunders (MS), Cllr Jane Holland (JH), Cllr John Huskinson (JRH), Karen Francis (Standing in for the Clerk), 8 members of the public.

1. To receive apologies for absence
Cllr Gunn sent his apologies.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th October 2015
No amendments were made in the meeting. The Minutes had been amended prior to the meeting to make small changes to the Motions.
3. To receive declarations of interest
None were received.
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
 - Ask Ian Walker to do a trial for strimming. **(Action Clerk)**. The Clerk also confirmed the last invoice was for summer planting.
 - Cllr Gilbey will continue to update the website as and when necessary.
 - Steve Brigden stated that the financial report for the Great Horwood and Singleborough Recreation Trust had been submitted to the Charity Commission and the website for Horwode Pece should have been updated. He would check this.
 - JS had contacted Claire Bayley to get clarification on the proposed white lines in the Willow Road planning application. He was assured no decision would be taken until all information was available.
 - JWG had circulated a document identifying financial reserves provision history. JWG had discussed with the Winslow Clerk what was classed as an acceptable level of reserves. It was suggested it was based on assessment of risk rather than a proportion.
 - The Clerk confirmed the street lighting loan finishes in February 2022.
 - JWG discussed the proposed devolution budget for services from BCC and explained the latest estimate is £1500 - £1800 per year. After discussion it was agreed a final decision whether or not to accept devolved service responsibility would be deferred until the December meeting.
 - A response has been received from PCSO Wendy Taylor about speeding in the village to say that the speed van team are agreeing an official enforcement area within the village.
5. Report from Thornborough and Coombs Enterprise Trust to update on the Community Woodlands
Mary Taylor and Tania Pepin, volunteers from a new charity, the Enterprise Trust, attended the meeting to give an update on their Community Woodlands. The lease for this land is held with Thornborough PC and a charity has been set up to manage the woodland.

There plans include setting up an education centre, marking out pathways for walking etc but the reason for attending the meeting was to raise awareness of the site. Some information and a footpath map were provided and this will be added to the PC website **(Action Clerk)**,

Volunteers are required and the PC was informed that anyone volunteering to help cut down wood could take it away for free.
6. Public Participation Period
 - Gill Wood stated she had received some responses to the Parish Plan 2016 Consultation and these were passed to Cllr JRH who was coordinating the process.
 - Gill Wood also stated she didn't agree that planting trees around The Green would be sensible as there would be visibility issues. AM stated that the trees were not going to be big.
 - Duncan Trigg stated no picture had been taken for the MVAS ground screw and AM stated this was to be replaced after being highlighted as a problem on the village walk around.

- Duncan Trigg also thought that trees on The Green was not a good idea as it could affect traffic vision at the bend.
- Steve Brigden passed around a Horwode Pece Maintenance Budget sheet for the next financial year. It is proposed to keep funding at the same level as the current year although Cllrs questioned the capital expenditure grant that had been assumed. JWG also highlighted that this did not include the replacement of woodchip which needed to take place every two years.
- Sir Beville Stanier passed on a letter regarding the planning decision at Earls Barton. He also defended his position of not being able to attend the Strategic Development Management Committee meeting when the Weston Road Planning Application was discussed and approved. It was noted that legally he could not have directed his replacement on which way to vote.

7. Planning Issues

Councillors were provided with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. One new application had been received and two applications had been determined. The planning report is attached to and forms part of these Minutes.

8. Weston Road Planning Application

This application has been called in by the Secretary of State. It has Rule 6 status which means the PC will be one of the formal contributors at the meeting. It could take up to 10 months for this to be heard.

The PC are currently in the process of getting the written statement together although they will need legal advice to inform the report. David Saunders has spoken with Neil Homer who has offered to write the statement of case which will cost c£3000 and the legal advisors will agree a cap on expenditure.

After discussion it was agreed in principle that the PC would use the rest of the funds in the NPT account and £5000 of reserves which are held for legal challenges for this purpose.

9. Report from the Recreation Committee

The report is attached to these Minutes.

10. Footpaths Report

No report had been received but all footpaths are well pruned.

11. Update on the Neighbourhood Plan

No further update was necessary.

12. Parish Plan 2016

JS thanked JRH for his considerable work on the Plan consultation. The spare consultation documents were needed for the consultation event in the Village Hall on 22nd November. JS will contact Harlequin Press to arrange for their collection. **(Action JS).**

Five Cllrs confirmed they would attend the 22nd November event. JRH will coordinate. **(Action JRH).**

It was agreed that Focus is still the best way for communicating events in the village. The Vale Lottery was discussed as local organisations can get funding from it. It was agreed to put a link to the lottery onto the PC website **(Action Clerk).**

13. Report from Gypsy and Traveller meeting with John Bercow

JS attended this meeting along with Sir Beville Stanier, John Hamilton from Nash PC, Carole Paternoster from AVDC, John Bercow MP (JB) and SofS for Communities and Local Government Greg Clark MP. All the policy issues were discussed and then summed up by letter from JB. Of significance, SofS had said that he did not wish to see temporary sites in open countryside made permanent by AVDC unless there was an overriding reason and AVDC should look at the land they currently have but also make provision as part of new large-scale housing developments. The AVDC rep suggested that they would give an extension to the temporary permission for the Nash Park site for 2-3 years to coincide with alternative site provision by the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) in Spring 2017.

14. Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan

The VALP consultation document has now been issued and a draft response by the PC has been proposed. Some amendments to this response were agreed and all Cllrs were in agreement it should be finalised and submitted to AVDC **(Action JS. To finalise and forward to the Clerk for sending).** Deadline for submission is 4th December.

15. Budget

There were no further updates and it will be finalised at the next meeting.

16. Consider how the donations to worthy organisations will be allocated and by whom

Donation requests need to be received by end November. JWG suggested a small committee to make a decision but this was overruled in favour of circulating all applications and sending comments via email with final approval at the next meeting.

It was questioned whether past recipients of donations should be contacted to explain the change in the procedure and it was agreed that they should be emailed. The Clerk will ensure all past recipients are contacted **(Action Clerk)**.

17. Request for Donations

It was agreed that the request from the Village Panto would be considered with all other applications. The funding application from Dial a Ride was declined.

18. Village Walk Around

AM attended the village walk around and gave an update:

- The renewing of white lines is still on the list.
- The path outside the Rec will be repaired and Cllr John Chilver will let us know when the funding is available.
- The repair of the Weston Road path is on a 28 day order.
- MVAS – the fixing is to be lowered but a new ground screw will be required as the thread is damaged.
- The LAT's are aware of the problems of the road in front of the church.
- The LAT's are investigating whether pedestrian signs can be installed at the top of Pilch Lane.

It was noted from comments by Steve Brigden that the sign for the North Bucks Way off Nash Road is too low and therefore a safety risk. The LAT needs to be informed **(Action Clerk)**.

19. Request for Winter Planting

AM provided an alternative quote for the winter planting but this was more expensive than supply from Heady Plants. It was agreed to contact Heady Plants and ask them to replace the planters for winter.

20. To agree items for payment

- Eon - £67.56 BACS
- Cllrs Expenses (JS) - £94.82 BACS
- Horwode Pece Maintenance - £140.00 BACS
- Harlequin Press - £124.00 BACS (from NPT account)
- Focus Donation - £250.00 Cheque

Councillors JWG and AM agreed to authorise the payments.

21. To receive and note correspondence

- Letter from John Berrow re a response from Winslow Town Council.
- Notification of appeal for Weston Road application.

22. Items for the next meeting

Devolved Services.

Budget

Parish Plan 2016 consultation.

23. Confirmation of date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14th December at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.32pm.

Signed _____ **Draft** _____

Date _____

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 9th November 2015

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

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| 08/07/2015 | 15/00060/REF | Mr & Mrs Wootton | 9 Little Horwood Road | Erection of three detached dwellings with associated parking | Objection | Appeal dismissed |
| 24/04/2014 | 14/01047/ATC | Mr P Morris | Mulberry Cottage | Pollarding of two large Acer Saccharinum trees on side of boundary of site | No Objection | TPO issued |

Pending

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| 29/08/2014 | 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 |
| 25/09/2014 | 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 |
| 29/04/2015 | 15/00038/REF | Ms M McArthy | Land Off Little Horwood Road Nash Buckinghamshire | Change of use of land to residential use for one static caravan , one touring caravan and car parking for Gypsy family | Objection |
| 07/07/2015 | 15/02233/APP | Mrs Carmel Williams | Land opposite Causter Farm | Removal of Condition 2 on planning application ref 10/00680/APP allowed on appeal with ref APP/J0405/C/11/2148933 and APP/J0405/A/11/2148930 to allow permanent occupation of the mobile homes on site | Objection |
| 18/08/2015 | 15/02811/APP | Mr E Dablin | Timbers, 2 Church Lane | Refurbishment of roof and new gate and fence | No Objection |
| 18/08/2015 | 15/02602/ALB | Mr E Dablin | Timbers, 2 Church Lane | Internal alterations; convert 2 no. windows to door openings; refurbishment of roof and new concrete ground floor slab | No Objection |
| 05/11/2015 | 15/03656/APP | Mr S Hole | Cross Roads Kennels | First Floor Rear Extension | |

Horwode Pece Management Committee
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A working party was carried out at the Rec. over the weekend of 17/18th October.

Foam was injected into the top of the metal poles that support the nest swing to stop rain entering and rusting the insides. Previously, plastic caps had been fitted but children took pleasure in climbing the poles and removing them! Over time 24 caps have been replaced, then, we ran out!

One aim had been to replace the damaged and rotten wooden surround of the infant's area. On inspection it was ascertained that D shaped wood surround was an unusual size, not a size available at hardware stores and timber yards in Milton Keynes, so this repair will have to be completed over the winter months once the correct size timber has been procured. Seats on the oldest picnic table have been repaired, although, the whole table will soon need replacing and is included in the budget for 2016.

The two ramps to each play area were measured with a view to replacing them. A search of the internet for replacement wooden treads and the non-slip paint for them indicated that the cost would be £420 to replace and treat both ramps. It has been suggested that a lower cost, but more robust option would be to fit anti-slip grips that can be screwed on to the existing treads of each ramp. The cost of this option will be investigated.

Some of the hedgerow adjacent to the road has been trimmed to provide 'windows into the Rec', as the police ask for this to be kept open for security reasons. However, cutting back of other hedges to the side of the Rec have been postponed to the spring; as some members of the management committee would like this work to be undertaken after the winter, so that birds can have had their fill of berries etc. over the winter.

It is planned to install a paved area under the basketball loop. Quotations for the work have been obtained and a sub-contractor selected. The plan is to use the earth that will be dug out from this ground work to fill in the lost earth around the mound rubber matting at the launch of the zip wire.

John Nicholls
Chairman