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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
14 November 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr Angela Mayne, Cllr Valerie Porritt, Cllr John Scholtens,
Cllr Marc Bennett-Coles, Karen Francis (Clerk)
12 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence
Cllrs Margerrison and Lamberton were unable to attend as they were on holiday.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 October 2011
These were approved without modification.
3. To receive declarations of interest
Cllr Gilbey declared an interest in planning applications 11/02124/ALB and 11/02126/APP.
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
 - It was agreed the installation of the Temporary Speed Indicator Device (TSID) was disappointing as it only reminds drivers of the speed limit rather than highlighting their current speed.
 - Letters have been sent to all allotment holders reminding them their rent is due at 1st January 2012.
 - The police have visited selected households in the Spring Lane area asking whether there are any specific issues which need addressing. Initial feedback indicates that the parking at the top of Spring Lane has been a high priority for discussion.
5. Paul Adams – Headmaster of Great Horwood School
The Parish Council welcomed Paul Adams who has been the headmaster of Great Horwood School since September. Paul gave a short talk on the new vision for the school which has been adopted after discussion with the children, staff, governors, parents and PTA. This vision is 'an outstanding school at the heart of the village community'. The school has also agreed a mission statement which embraces the core values of love, perseverance and respect. All the Councillors wished Paul well in achieving these goals.
6. Public Participation Period
Mrs Jane Moulding raised the issue of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations next year and suggested that one big village event took place to commemorate this event. It was asked if the Parish Council would lead this. After some discussion it was agreed the Clerk would put an article in Focus asking for volunteers and ideas and this article would also be circulated around the organisations and businesses in the village in order to establish enthusiasm.

Cllr Gilbey also announced that D Jack Smith had agreed that his Lord of the Manor Award for 2012 of \$5,000 (£3,000) could be used to fund one or more events to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

It was asked whether the road could be closed between the junction of Little Horwood Road and Pilch Lane and the Clerk agreed to find out whether this could be arranged.

It was also suggested that it would be worth investigating the availability of the Great Horwood Silver Band and again, the Clerk agreed to follow this up.

Mr Lester raised the issue of the number of lorries using the B4033 and asked why there couldn't be a weight restriction. The Clerk agreed to contact BCC to ask the criteria for setting a weight restriction and whether something could be implemented.

Cllr Porritt also said she would raise it at the next NAG meeting.

7. Planning Issues
 - 7.1. Cllr Gilbey provided Councillors with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. Three new decisions and three new applications had been received, and the planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
 - 7.2. The decision taken by the Inspector was to allow the appeal made by the Gypsy site. As terms of this appeal, the enforcement notice has been amended and quashed and temporary planning permission was granted for a period of 4 years. At the end of this period the use permitted will cease and the land must be restored to its condition before the development took place. An

- application was also made to recover costs from AVDC but this was turned down.
- 7.3. Amendments to the application for an Energy from Waste incinerator have been received. Cllr Scholtens agreed to look through the application for the amendments to determine whether additional comments are required.
 - 7.4. Information has been provided to the legal team at AVDC as to the value of the Recreation Ground and the application to the Land Registry has now been made. There is little that can be done until the Land Registry respond to the application.
 - 7.5. An update from AVDC suggests an enforcement notice will be served very soon on Hedgerows in Nash Road.
8. Horwood Pece Report from the Recreation Committee
Mrs Liz Nicholls had provided a report with the following key points:
- Nine new trees have been planted which completes the trees received from the BBC's Tree O'clock event.
 - The earth has been moved to form a horseshoe shape which will be turfed once larger stones and pieces of concrete have been removed.
 - Two picnic tables and a bench funding by David Rowlands BCC Community Fund have been installed, chained and cemented in.
 - Insurance of all benches and picnic tables have been transferred to the Parish Council insurance.
 - A small amount of maintenance has taken place on the equipment.
 - The Recreation Committee are to apply to the Parish Council for £2500 to be included in the budget.
9. Footpaths Report
Robert Deuchar has provided the following report:
Regarding the troublesome double stile on FP4 between Pilch Lane and Singleborough, Bucks CC wrote to me on 8 November as follows: " I have written to the Landowner requesting that we change the stiles to a kissing gate. Hopefully we will hear from them soon and then we will be able to replace these stiles for one structure." I have not heard from BCC what a kissing gate costs to buy and instal but it seems that if the landowner consents then BCC will pay in this instance. I am not aware of any other problems with the parish's FPs.
- Robert also attended a workshop at AVDC on Public Service Mapping Agreement (PSMA). A number of different options were demonstrated and Robert recommended a browser based software called 'Parish Online' would be suitable to produce an updated footpaths map for the village. The cost would be approximately £30 per annum and the Parish Council agreed to install this software.
10. Report on the AVALC AGM held on 5th November
Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting and was elected the Vice Chairman for AVALC for the next year. A short presentation took place on the Localism Bill. Cllr Gilbey circulated a report of the meeting prior to the Parish Council meeting.
11. Report on the BCC Standards Briefing held on 10th November
Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting and circulated his report prior to the Parish Council meeting. The key topic was the Localism Bill in respect of the standards arrangements for local councils.
12. Report on the BALC AGM held on 11 November
Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting and circulated his report prior to the Parish Council meeting. The main item was the approval from BALC to raise its subscriptions.
13. Neighbourhood Plans Consultation
The report from the PPSC had been circulated prior to the meeting. The final report on the consultations which have recently taken place in the village is expected at the next Parish Council meeting. The PPSC have highlighted the fact that volunteers for the Steering Committee are still needed.
14. Village Freighter Review
An email had been sent from AVDC asking whether the Parish Council would be prepared to fund the continuation of the village freighter. The Clerk provided information that showed a small number of residents are using the service. After debate it was agreed that the Parish Council would fund 4 visits per year up to a cost of £200 per visit.
15. Financial Review for year ending March 2012 and Draft Budget setting for year ending March 2013
Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the latest forecast for the Parish Council bank account and requested that any queries were raised before this meeting. No queries were raised and it was agreed this was a fair reflection on the current financial position of the Parish Council.

The Clerk also had circulated a draft budget prior to the meeting as a start to the budget discussions for the next financial year. The following amendments were agreed:

- Increase budget for electricity costs to £600
- Increase budget for street light maintenance to £500

The following actions were also agreed:

- Clerk to contact Focus editor to discuss costs of sending Focus out to businesses and possibly outlying farms.

- Clerk to investigate the dispensation rules with the Inland Revenue for Councillor expenses.
- Clerk to check audit fee scale for the next financial year.
- Payment to Mr Whitehall for mowing The Green to be increased to £150 in the next financial year.
- Clerk to investigate the costs of an additional dog bin in both Singleborough and Nash Road and the associated oncosts.
- Cllr Bennett-Coles to investigate the cost of a new notice board in Singleborough and to report back at the next meeting.
- Cllr Gilbey to investigate the cost of installing water at the allotments.
- Clerk to investigate whether a further grit bin can be installed in Nash Road.

The following budgetary items would be considered at the next meeting.

- Vehicle Activated Signs
- Donation to Medical Detection Dogs
- Floral arrangements in the village
- Replacement of sundial.

A debate also took place over the level of donations made to organisations and Councillors agreed that the donation level is discretionary. A specific request to justify the level of donation to the Winslow Community Bus was raised via email and Councillors agreed that the amount donated to the bus is a fair representation of the service the bus provides to Great Horwood and Singleborough.

The budget will be finalised at the next Parish Council meeting in order to meet the AVDC precept request deadline of 20th January 2012.

16. Sundial on The Green

At the last meeting it was debated whether the sundial on The Green should be repaired. The Clerk provided costs of approximately £172 for a metal dial and £246 for a slate dial. The question as to whether the location of the sundial should be changed also arose and it was agreed that Councillor Gilbey would investigate whether it could be moved before a decision was made about replacing the dial.

17. Receipts

- Barber Rent £15.00

18. Payments

- AON Ltd £20.68 (Additional insurance for benches at Horwode Pece)
- AON Ltd £174.00 (Public Liability Insurance for Horwode Pece)
- Community Impact Bucks Subs £30.00
- BCC £1800.00 (Salt Bins)
- BCC Legal Fees £135.60
- WJA Rural Practice £125.13 (Valuation of Old Recreation Ground)
- E Nicholls £8.22 (Expenses on behalf of PPSC – funded from PPSC account)
- AVDC Dog Bins £496.70
- Harlequin Press (PPSC Account) £145.00

19. To receive and note correspondence

- Thanks from Youth Club for donation from Parish Council
- Invitation to participate in Music in Quiet Places – passed on to Monica Gilbey of the PCC.
- Thanks from Village Hall Committee for donation from Parish Council
- Thanks from Winslow Community Bus for donation from Parish Council
- Thanks from Silver Band for donation from PC
- Thanks from Focus for donation from PC

20. Items for the next meeting

- Budget and Precept
- January Meeting
- Second Bus Shelter in Little Horwood Road
- Diamond Jubilee

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 6th December 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.52 pm.

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Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 14th November 2011

1. The customary listing of current and recent Planning Applications follows. 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

17.03.11	11/00411/ APP	Mr J Chiarello	Land At School End, Great Horwood	Erection of detached single storey dwelling and public car park	Objection	Withdrawn (by applicants)
01.09.11	11/01822/ APP	Mr & Mrs Freeman	Roddimore House	Two storey side extension	No objection	Certificate Issued
22.09.11	11/01980/ APP	Mr Sanderson	Hadley, Singleborough Lane	Installation of solar PV panels to roof of dwelling	No objection	Certificate Issued

Pending

15.09.11	11/01779/ APP	Mr & Mrs Hanson	11a The Green	Fitting of Double Patio Doors	Objection	
20.10.11	11/02124/ ALB	Mr S Terkelsen	12 Little Horwood Road	Erection of replacement garage and link building	Objection	
20.10.11	11/02126/ APP	Mr S Terkelsen	12 Little Horwood Road	Erection of replacement garage and link building	Objection	
03.11.11	11/02357/ APP	Medical Detection Dogs	3 Greenway Business Park	Change of use of building for training and use of animals for detection work.		

2. The application relating to the Land at School End was withdrawn by the applicants. No further action is required.
3. The application for 11a The Green was taken to the Development Control Committee. The recommendation by the Planning Department was to approve this application but it was postponed to allow for a site visit. This took place on 7th November 2011 but as yet, no decision has been made.
4. Cllr Gilbey declared an interest in the planning applications for 12 Little Horwood Road and for this reason did not contribute to the response made by the Planning Committee.