



## Great Horwood Parish Council

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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on  
13<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Scholtens (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Russell Margerrison, Cllr Angela Mayne, Cllr Ian Lamberton, Cllr Valerie Porritt, Cllr Ann Elliott  
Karen Francis (Clerk)  
9 members of the public including County Cllr John Chilver

1. To receive apologies for absence  
Cllr Gilbey was absent due to holidays.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014  
No amendments were made.
3. To receive declarations of interest  
No declarations of interest were received.

*At this point PCSO Wendy Taylor spoke to the attendees. She reiterated the point that for the police to investigate crimes they needed information and possible witnesses.*

*PCSO Taylor also discussed the use of Community Speedwatch. It was agreed that this wasn't possible in Great Horwood due to lack of volunteers. Cllr Porritt explained that the MVAS often ran out of battery when in its position in Winslow Road due to the number of speeding cars. PCSO Taylor said this could be a 'hot spot' and that the information should be taken to BCC Highways who could investigate.*

*Thames Valley Police are currently working on Operation Arctic which advises homeowners on methods to help prevent burglaries when a property is unoccupied.*

*There have also been a number of bike thefts in the village and PCSO Taylor advised she would ask for an update.*

*Problems are still occurring at the old mill next to Horwode Pece as there are gaps in the fence which are allowing access. PCSO Taylor explained she had investigated the inside of the old mill and it is incredibly dangerous. She has contacted the owner to get the fences repaired but stressed the importance of reminding all users of Horwode Pece not to trespass on the old mill grounds.*

4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
  - Until a county wide programme of central line painting takes place, there will be no updated white lines within the village. Cllr Mayne will contact TfB to arrange another village walk and will raise the issue there.
  - A notice regarding hedges was put in Focus. BCC have also been contacted asking for the hedges along the whole of the Nash Road to be trimmed back.
  - No update on the Singleborough Noticeboard. The Great Horwood Noticeboard has been renovated by Cllr Lamberton.
5. Public Participation Period
  - David Saunders mentioned the change in the bus timetables in the village. As the first bus leaving the village is now before nine o'clock, BCC have confirmed concessionary passes can still be used.
  - Gordon Stuart raised concerns over the planning application in Little Horwood Road. Cllr Scholtens explained the PC have already submitted a letter of objection. Mr Stuart was advised to put these concerns in writing to AVDC as they would then have to be investigated.
  - Alistair Theodoulou asked about the next stage of the process. Cllr Scholtens explained that if AVDC wanted to approve the application, as the PC had objected it would go to the Development Management Committee. If AVDC was minded to refuse the application there would be no further action. Cllr John Chilver explained that if there was a contentious application the PC could ask our District Councillor to request the application goes straight to the DMC for a decision.
  - Cllr Chilver reminded attendees that the BCC Budget Consultation was online on the BCC website until the 9<sup>th</sup> November.
  - Alistair Theodoulou stated he could always help the PC with providing timber bollards as that was his line of business.

6. Planning Issues

- 6.1. Councillors were provided with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. No new applications had been received but five applications had been determined. The planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

The Clerk also advised that planning application 14/01047/ATC (pollarding of two Acer trees at Mulberry Cottage) was going to the DMC on 23<sup>rd</sup> October as AVDC were minded to refuse it although the PC had given no objection, and would advise the Planning Committee on AVDC's suggested outcome when the paperwork had been received.

7. Report from the Recreation Committee

A lengthy report was provided to the PC.

- A table has been delivered to replace the one damaged by the Play around the Parish team. This will be installed when the paving has been laid.
- A date has been provided by Bucks University Technical College for laying the paving.
- Woodchip has been topped up.
- Unfortunately two of the three BBQ's have been stolen so the third has been removed for safekeeping. There are currently no leads on this crime so please pass any information on to either the Recreation Committee or PCSO Wendy Taylor.
- The rotten willow tree will be made safer during the autumn.

8. Footpaths Report

Robert Deuchar has pruned all the Parish's footpaths and bridleway between the 1st and 24<sup>th</sup> September.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

Representations have now been published on the AVDC website after the Consultation period of the Neighbourhood Plan. An examiner has now been appointed and the documents were sent to him on 30<sup>th</sup> September. He will decide on the procedure he adopts.

10. Report from the LAF meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September

Cllr Mayne attended this meeting. She reported that the Winslow to Buckingham cycle path had been approved and work would start in 2016. Also, not as many villages were interested in the devolution proposals as expected.

Items for next year's funding are needed by the end of October. Cllr Scholtens suggested a footpath/cyclepath along the B4033 between the Spring Lane junction and the North Bucks Way footpath on the edge of the village. Cllr Chilver stated he had already made an application for a sustainability grant for a footpath/cyclepath between Winslow and Great Horwood.

11. Cross Parish proposed action concerning AVDC's Policy concerning traveller sites

Cllr Scholtens had been contacted by a resident representing three parishes near Worminghall in mid-Bucks who were concerned about the lack of policy or progress with the provision of Traveller sites by AVDC. The lack of policy had resulted in the encouragement of ad hoc private applications within their parishes and they were looking to propose cross parish action to challenge AVDC. Their proposal for a Judicial Review for which Cllr Scholtens had not been in favour at this early stage, had now been withdrawn. Cllr Scholtens reminded the Councillors that in 12 months' time the temporary permission on Nash Park would run out and if there wasn't an AVDC policy on traveller sites with adequate provision it was possible that it will be granted a temporary permission extension.

It was agreed amongst the Councillors that Great Horwood would support cross parish action but if this wasn't forthcoming then it was time the PC contacted AVDC on this subject. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

12. Defibrillators

The Village Hall Committee have given permission to attach an emergency defibrillator to the front of the hall. Cllr Mayne will now contact the Ambulance service to confirm prices and establish next steps.

13. Bollards on The Green

Cllr Porritt has advised the damaged bollard will be replaced shortly.

14. Replacement of water main on The Green

Prior to the meeting the Clerk circulated an email from Anglian Water who have asked for the village green to be deregistered so that they can easily replace a water main. The water from this main is not a danger to users but the main is old and needs to be replaced. The key problem is because The Green is registered as a village green there are protected rights and therefore the surface cannot be disturbed. Furthermore it would entail significant cost and necessitate a replacement area to be nominated. Even if the PC are willing to give permission for these works to be done, it is out of our hands as the ultimate decision is made by the Secretary of State.

One alternative would be for a brand new main to be installed under the main road round the perimeter of the Green. This would obviously cause disturbance to the road system for a number of weeks but the PC felt it was a better decision than deregistering the village green.

It was agreed that the Clerk should respond to Anglian Water to advise them of the PC's decision but only after further investigation in accordance with the discussion at item 15.

15. Soakaway on The Green

Cllr Mayne has obtained three quotes to deal with the problem of flooding on The Green. However, given the information received for the previous item it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the legal team at BCC to see whether this work could proceed and check the legalities concerning the Green.

16. Planting of Winter Planters

Councillors agreed to ask Heady Plants to replant the planters for winter and agreed the budget was £180.00.

17. To agree items for payment

- The Lawn Ranger £80.00 – BACS
- Village Gardens – mowing of The Green – BACS £100.00
- Eon Street Light Maintenance – BACS £110.70
- Brookside Engineering – BACS £500.00
- Walt Whitehall – maintenance of The Green £100.00
- Horwode Pece Insurance Renewal £174.86

**Cllrs Mayne and Lamberton agreed to authorise the online payments.**

18. To receive and note correspondence

- An email from a resident regarding the bus timetable changes.
- A letter from John Berrow thanking the PC for the responses to his letters.
- A letter from John Berrow regarding Vodafone Open Sure Signal. This was passed to Cllr Elliott.
- A letter from a resident regarding overgrown hedges. This was passed to Cllr Lamberton.

19. Items for the next meeting

- Village Green legal position
- Defibrillators
- Soakaway on The Green
- Travellers Sites
- Vodafone Open Signal (confirm with Cllr Elliott)

20. Confirmation of date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.14pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October 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

07/03/14	14/00107/ APP	Ms M McCarthy	Land off little Horwood Road, Nash	Change of use of land to residential use for one static caravan, one touring caravan and car parking for Gypsy family	Objection	Refused
08/05/14	14/00552/ APP	Mr P Alshawi	Cricketers Field	Construction of stable block and retention of static non-residential caravan and hard standing (retrospective)	No Objection	Satisfies Requirement
31/07/14	14/02067/ APP	Mr A Carr	Fincorrie Farm	Erection of two storey extension and single storey front/side extension	No Objection	Approved
21/08/14	14/02404/ APP	Mr S Papaioannou	31a Nash Road	Erection of a new chimney to the side of the dwelling	No Objection	Approved
29/08/14	14/02510/ ATC	Mr E Maddock	Park Lodge, Singleborough	Fell 3 Ash Trees	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
09/09/14	14/02526/ APP	Mr & Mrs Cliffe	3 Spring Close	Single Storey side and rear extension	No 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

