



Great Horwood Parish Council

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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
14th October 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Scholtens (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Ian Lamberton, Cllr Angela Mayne, Cllr Valerie Porritt, Cllr Russell Margerrison, Cllr Marc Bennett-Coles, Karen Francis (Clerk)
7 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence
Cllr Gilbey couldn't attend due to holiday commitments.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th September 2013
No amendments were made.
3. To receive declarations of interest
No declarations of interest were received.
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last two meetings
 - Handrails have been installed in Nash Road.
 - No update on the footpath repair along Ernie Ridgeway Path.
 - John the Barber has been advised on an offer of electricity although this has now been declined. Cllr Scholtens will speak with John to understand why.
 - The village freighter is visiting on 11th November between 7.30 and 11.30am. Cllr Porritt will contact the driver to find out how many people use it on that day.
 - Cllr Mayne is undertaking a village walk with the Local Area Technician on 15th October,
5. Public Participation Period
 - Mick Wood raised the issue of enlarging the off street car park in Willow Road. Cllr Scholtens suggested that it wasn't the responsibility of the Parish Council to provide parking and this would set a precedent within the village. Lack of off street parking was an issue in certain other parts of Great Horwood and the Parish Council needed to be consistent. Roger Churchill asked if there were any regulations for the provision of parking spaces and was advised it was unlikely although Cllr Scholtens would investigate this. Mick Wood was advised that the current car park was owned by the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust and he suggested he may contact them directly.
6. Planning Issues
 - 6.1. Councillors were provided with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. Three new decisions have been made and two new applications had been received. The planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
 - 6.2. The application to register the Recreation Ground has finally been completed. A query has been raised by the legal team regarding the Charges Register but the land is now registered to the Parish Council.
7. Report from the Recreation Committee

There has been a significant amount of dog mess on the road towards Horwode Pece so an appeal is to be put in Focus for dog owners to clear up after their dog. A number of concerns have been addressed including noting the postcode on the noticeboard to assist emergency calls, growing evidence a spring exists under the older children's play area, maintenance is still required on the zip wire seat and the co-operative grass cutting has proved very effective. It was also proposed the lawnmower was given an end of season service as well as a proposal to approach the Cricket Club to discuss a mower sharing scheme.

Funds have been secured to install a combination of boulders and beams to serve as both seating and an assault course. It is hoped these will be installed by the end of the year.

Barbeque stands have been proposed to reduce the temptation of cooking on picnic tabletops. A variety of choices is being reduced towards a final decision. Finally the picnic table has been repaired, roses have been cut back and strimming and mowing have all taken place.
8. Footpaths Report

The report received this month is as follows:

The Parish's bridleway from the A421 to Singleborough Lane was mown and trimmed by BCC. Discussions about the details are continuing between BCC and the five landowners about the installation of metal pedestrian gates on Footpath 9 between the A421 at Singleborough and the Nash Road. All the landowners have agreed in principle. These gates are to be paid for partly by the Lord of the Manor Award and partly by BCC.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

David Saunders, who attended the meeting, gave an update. On the 18th September he and Cllr Gilbey attended a meeting with Jean Fox from Community Impact Bucks who advised she would get in touch with a consultant who worked on Winslow Town Plan. Subsequently a meeting has been arranged for 21st October with the consultant. Attendees are to be David Saunders, Cllrs Gilbey and Mayne and two residents, Jane Holland and Rita Jenkins.

Cllr Scholtens asked if any Councillors would consider joining the team. After a short debate Cllr Lamberton stated he would be happy to join if it helped in taking the Neighbourhood Plan forward.

As an aside Cllr Scholtens raised a discussion about a display screen and will investigate costings.

Cllr Scholtens advised that Taylor Wimpey have been in touch regarding a 40 house development at the bottom of Weston Road. He also noted that Gladman Developments have made detailed representations in the Vale of Aylesbury Plan consultation and raised a number of concerns in the Winslow Town Plan consultation. Of interest they wish to build a development including 1200 houses north of Winslow with clear implications for Great Horwood.

10. Report from the 'Meet the Cabinet' meeting held on 25th September 2013

Cllr Gilbey attended this event but attendance from across the Vale was disappointing. The event started by having a number of information displays by functions in AVDC as well as displays from five parishes including Great Horwood. The main event then consisted of 4 presentations by four AVDC cabinet members.

11. BCC Budget Consultation

An email had been circulated to Councillors regarding the BCC budget consultation. BCC are keen to get the Parish Council's views on what their priorities should be for next year. However not all Councillors had read the information so it was agreed to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

12. MVAS

There has been no update on the MVAS despite both Cllrs Gilbey and Porritt chasing. Cllr John Chilver who also attended the meeting stated the delay was due to waiting for cable plans from utility companies to check proposed MVAS locations. Cllr Porritt asked Cllr Chilver if he could encourage the MVAS project to be completed.

13. Winter Planting

One quote has been received for the planting. After a short discussion it was agreed that the cost of £45 per planter to include plants and bulbs was suitable and the Clerk would arrange for the planters to be changed.

14. Receipts

- Precept from AVDC £8,996.15

15. To agree items for payment

- Fuel Expenses for mowing at Horwode Pece £7.48 (BACS)
- AVDC – Play Around the Parishes £180.00 (BACS)
- Brookside Engineering – Handrails £365.00 (BACS)
- SLCC Membership £86.00
- Mazars – Audit Fee £360.00
- Walter Whitehall – maintaining The Green £100.00

16. To receive and note correspondence

- Two emails from a resident relating to spend on the Village Freighter. It was suggested this was expensive given the number of people who use the service. The Parish Council agreed to consider this at the next meeting.
- An email from a resident asking for the conifer by the new bus stop and the Old Chapel in Little Horwood Road to be cut back as it is obscuring the light. Cllr Lamberton agreed to investigate.
- A request from Dial-A-Ride for funding. This was declined.
- A letter from Blackrock advising the dividend paid to the Recreation Ground bank account was to be reduced from 10 pence per unit to 8 pence per unit.

17. Items for the next meeting

Neighbourhood Plan, MVAS, BCC Budget Consultation, Singleborough Noticeboard, Replacement of Clerk's business laptop, Village Freighter, Draft Budget

18. Confirmation of date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11th November at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.31pm.

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Date _____

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 14th October 2013

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

27/06/13	13/01641/ADM	Mr R Deuchar	Dean Farm	Demolition of brick shed	No objection	Approved
31/08/13	13/01698/APP	Mr S French	Greenway Farm	Removal of agricultural occupancy condition imposed under 67/00237/WN	Objection	Approved
31/08/13	13/02139/APP	Mr F Khoroshi	Bywater Meadow	Erection of single storey rear extension and open sided log store to existing building. Removal of existing roof-mounted solar panels (permitted under ref 12/00084/APP) and resiting on in-set crown roof with six additional panels. Revised layout and design of ground-mounted solar panels (permitted under reference 11/02352/APP)	No objection	Approved

Pending

31/08/13	13/02235/APP	Mr & Mrs Crabtree	54 Little Horwood Road	Single storey front extension	
31/08/13	13/02280/APP	Miss Y Crum	77 Spring Lane	Single storey front extension and single storey rear conservatory	
24/09/13	13/02549/APP	Mr & Mrs Malarkey	16 Townsend Cottages	Single storey front extension	
11/10/13	13/02570/APP	Mr P Morris	Mulberry Cottage	Rethatching of cottage with a mixed heads and butts cereal straw spar coat in the long straw style and raising of eaves and raising left-hand side chimney	

2. The application at Greenway Farm was objected to by the Parish Council but it was suggested that a new application was put in which amended the Agricultural Tie similar to the previous application. The approval from AVDC is based on the amendment of the Agricultural Tie.