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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
8th October 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr John Scholtens, Cllr Ian Lamberton, Cllr Angela Mayne, Cllr Valerie Porritt, Cllr Margerrison, Karen Francis (Clerk)
4 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence
Cllr Bennett-Coles gave his apologies as he couldn't attend the meeting due to work commitments.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th September 2012
These were approved without modification.
3. To receive declarations of interest
No declarations of interest were received.
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
 - Water Butts at the allotment in Church Lane – These have now been delivered and are waiting to be put onto pallets. Cllr Mayne will contact the suppliers in order to arrange an invoice ready for payment.
 - Singleborough Lane – No update.
 - Trees on Nash Road – BCC have responded and accepted responsibility for the self-seeded trees near 15 The Green. These are to be removed as they are likely to cause problems in the future.
 - New Homes Bonus – Local councils are taking up this issue with AVDC and BCC and Cllr Gilbey will continue to provide updates in the future.
 - A421 Closure – An update was received from AVDC stating the works had been completed and there had been no problems or incidents with the diversion.
 - The Parish Council have been successful in acquiring an oak tree from the AVDC to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and it was agreed that the location of this tree would be determined at the next meeting.
 - Cllr Lamberton noted that a fridge had been abandoned in Pilch Lane and the Clerk agreed to contact AVDC to arrange removal.
5. Public Participation Period
 - A resident commented on irresponsible parking in the village especially cars parking too close to junctions and on pavements which stopped pedestrians walking. The Clerk agreed to contact our PCSO to ask him to investigate.
 - Mick Wood commented that the branches cut down when putting the new telegraph poles in Pilch Lane have not been removed. Cllr Lamberton will obtain the relevant BT address and the Clerk will then contact them.
6. Planning Issues
 - 6.1. Cllr Gilbey provided Councillors with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. Six new decisions and two new applications had been received, and the planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
 - 6.2. The legal team at BCC have been in touch to explain the Parish Council need to sign a statutory declaration which supports information provided to the Land Registry. A further email has been received with additional information on it and Cllr Porritt has agreed to speak to a contact who understands conveyancing in order to understand the latest requirement.
 - 6.3. No further update has been received and it was agreed to take this off the agenda and deal with it under the standard planning report.
7. Report from the Recreation Committee
Steve Brigden provided an update from the Recreation Committee.
 - Insurance renewal will be paid shortly.
 - Some mischievous littering has been investigated and culprits have been spoken with.
 - Dog mess is still a problem and is being deposited around the play area.
 - Damage to the toddler swings will require galvanized paint.
 - A trench to alleviate flooding was required and resolved by Peter Smith by inserting a pipe and adding shingle backfill.
8. Neighbourhood Planning Team Update
The update was circulated to the Parish Council before the meeting. The vision and objectives have been forward to AVDC for comment and while fine for the proposed GH plan, a slightly different version should be used for the

Sustainability Appraisal (SA). Progress has been made with the draft SA and it is planned to circulate a copy prior to the November meeting of the Parish Council.

9. Footpaths Report

Robert Deuchar provided the following report:

An online map of the county's footpaths is available on the BCC website:

www.buckscc.gov.uk/environment/rightsofway/mappingthenetwork/onlinemap

Once a map is opened a 'click' on the footpath gives the footpath number.

Cllr Gilbey has also installed a direct link to the maps from the Parish Council website on the page labelled 'Conservation Area and Footpath Maps'.

10. Conservation Area Review

Councillors had met with Emilia Hands since the previous meeting to walk around the village and discuss the conservation area. AVDC will shortly be sending a leaflet to all residents affected by the change of the conservation area and an article will be published in Focus in November advising of proposed changes.

11. Report from the AVALC Meeting held on 27th September

Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting and the talk on devolving services. While Libraries and Youth Services have already been devolved the next step is Green Spaces and Children's Centre Services. Neither of these affect Great Horwood and it appears that there is no plan after this step which would affect the Parish.

12. Report on the Village Hall Committee Meeting held on 18th September

Cllr Lamberton reported from the meeting which he attended. There are few issues to report. The current treasurer is retiring from the role and a new one is being sought.

13. Locations of MVAS

The Parish Council discussed possible locations for the Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS) so when the project starts we can respond quickly. The sites suggested were:

- Coming into Singleborough from the A421
- Little Horwood Road
- Nash Road
- Winslow Road

14. Paving The Green

Cllr Mayne had received a quote for paving a small part of The Green but it seemed very high. Cllr Porritt agreed to speak with contractors who had submitted a previous quote to ask them to re-submit it.

15. Sundial on The Green

The School have confirmed they would like the sundial in their grounds. Cllr Porritt will discuss a possible location with the school and the Clerk will investigate replacing the top part.

16. Bollards on The Green

A quote has been received for installing wooden bollards on The Green opposite The Crown. This was agreed by all Councillors and the Clerk will now get a quote for removing the old concrete bollards before the project goes ahead.

17. First Draft of Budget for 2013/2014

Documents had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting with a proposed budget for the next financial year. A small amendment was made and other suggestions were made. It was agreed Cllr Gilbey would put a note in Focus to see if there were any specific projects residents thought should be undertaken to improve the village and Cllr Mayne said she would find out the costs of installing a floral display at the entrances to the village.

18. Receipts

- Precept – 2nd Tranche £10,000.00.00

19. Payments

- AVDC – Play around the Parish £150.00
- Society of Local Council Clerks Subs - £83.00
- BCC – Legal Fees £109.20
- Wettons (Horwode Pece Mowing) £60.00
- Adrian Buck – Horwode Pece £82.08
- AON – Horwode Pece Insurance £174.00
- Winslow & District Community Bus Donation £250.00
- Great Horwood Silver Band Donation £250.00
- Focus Donation £200.00
- Great Horwood Village Hall Donation £250.00

- Great Horwood Parish Plan Donation £250.00
- Great Horwood Youth Club Donation £250.00
- Medical Detection Dogs Donation £250.00
- Walter Whitehall (Mowing The Green) £150.00
- HMRC (PAYE) £162.20

20. To receive and note correspondence

- Consultation on BCC Priorities – passed to Cllr Gilbey
- Request for funding from Dial-A-Ride – Turned down
- Letter re Localising Support for Council Tax Consultation – after discussion it was agreed to respond ‘Yes’.
- Music in Quiet Places – suggested Rod Moulding was contacted as he has organised it previously.

21. Items for the next meeting

- Budget
- Oak Tree Location

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 12th November 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Signed _____

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Date _____

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 8th October 2012

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

30/05/12	12/01168/ACL	Mr Turburville	Fincorrie Farm	Certificate for an existing use of dwelling without compliance with Condition 4 of planning permission 93/00078/AOP relating to agricultural occupancy	Objection	Certificate Issued – Existing Use
14/06/12	12/01264/APP	Mr & Mrs Latham	2 School End	Demolition of WW2 huts and chicken barn. Erection of detached two storey dwelling with double garage	Objection	Refused
14/06/12	12/001265/ALB	Mr & Mrs Latham	2 School End	Demolition of WW2 huts and chicken barn. Erection of detached two storey dwelling with double garage	Objection	Refused
02/08/12	12/01632/APP	Mrs C Cousin	Russetts, Nash Road	Replacement of 7 metres of existing fence with new 1.8 metre high slatted wood fence	No Objection	Approved
23/08/12	12/01757/APP	Mrs Cornhill	2 Spring Lane	Single storey rear extension	No Objection	Approved
06/09/12	12/01910/AGN	Mr M Lambert	Dew Pond Farm	Erection of agricultural building	No Objection	Approved

Pending

02/08/12	12/00862/APP	Mr D Price	The Hedgerows	Retention of existing agricultural dwelling and agricultural buildings with amendments as proposed and erection of agricultural building	Objection
25/08/12	12/01829/AGN	Mr M Lambert	Dew Pond Farm	Erection of agricultural building	No Objection
30/08/12	12/01791/APP	Mr J Hanson	11 The Green	Erection of detached dwelling	Objection
18/09/12	12/01992/APP	Mr & Mrs Essam	11 Little Horwood Road	Erection of single storey rear extension	No Objection
01/10/12	12/01901/APP	Ms McIntosh	The Retreat, Bletchley Road	Equestrian Menage	

2. The application at 2 School End was refused by AVDC on 4 grounds.
 - a. The dwelling would incorporate a large double gable and a large single storey garage which would dominate the area at its rear which is significant to its setting.
 - b. The proximity and alignment of the proposed dwelling, access & driveway would result in a level of privacy and amenity below that which is considered to be reasonable
 - c. The Local Planning Authority could have sought additional information regarding an acceptable mitigation strategy for protected species on the site.
 - d. No structural information has been submitted to justify the demolition of the chicken shed.