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Minutes of an ordinary meeting held on 11th January 2010 at
7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr Rod Moulding (Vice-chairman), Cllr Michael Brocklehurst, Cllr Ian Lamberton, Cllr Moya Berrill, Karen Francis (Clerk)
3 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence
Apologies received from Cllr Samways.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th November 2009
These were approved without modification.
3. To receive declarations of interest
None received.
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
 - PCSO Lucy Andrews has issued further letters to cars parked at the top of Spring Lane giving warning that a £30 fine will be given if the same vehicles reoffend. She will continue to monitor the situation and will leave more letters if necessary.
 - Waste bins have been installed around the village and are being used well.
 - The dog bin near the Church has had to be removed as it has been established that it cannot be attached to a BT pole. The contractors will return once the weather improves and find a new site between the pole and the Church gates.
 - PCSO Lucy Andrews responded regarding the issue of horses on the pavement. Unless she actually sees the horses there is little she can do but she will also monitor this situation.
 - The Cricket Club work group (Cllr Gilbey, Cllr Berrill and Cllr Brocklehurst) met to discuss the Cricket Club application to increase the length of lease. The Club have been informed that to do this a proper surveyor needs to be appointed as does a solicitor. This was readily agreed by the Cricket Club who would also take the cost. The Cricket Club have submitted their planning application to AVDC which has been approved (once a change was made to the positioning of the nets). A surveyor has been appointed but his report is still awaited.
 - One response has been received from John Cartwright, Leader of AVDC regarding the resolution passed on Salden Chase. No other responses have been received.
5. Public Participation Period
Mr David Bolton raised a drainage issue relating to the copse on footpath number 7. Cllr Brocklehurst replied this had already been identified by the footpaths group and will be taken up with the relevant people.

Mr Duncan Trigg asked whether his email to the Parish Council regarding the tree on The Green would be responded to. Mr Trigg was advised it had been circulated and hopefully some of his issues would be resolved when this issue was discussed in item 12.
6. To receive and consider reports from Committees of Council
 - 6.1. Cllr Moulding updated the Council on the report from the Planning Committee with current open applications. Of the three pending applications two were commented on.
 - AVDC have questioned whether the replacement of a barn at Laurel Farm in Singleborough is really for agricultural use.
 - An application has been received from 22 Greenway for an alternative dwelling. Once the new plans have been received a detailed comparison will be made to identify the differences between the approved and new plans and then a response will be made to AVDC.

The majority of the remaining points on the report are already on the agenda for the PC meeting. The other points related to the supplementary Planning Documents (SPD's) for Salden Chase and Conservation Areas which are to be consulted on shortly.

- 6.2. Cllr Brocklehurst updated the Council on the recent inspection report from Horwode Pece.
- Paths and bike racks have now been installed although there is some breaking up around the edging of the path. The contractor has been contacted about this.
 - Ducts have now been installed ready for Eon to bury the overhead cables. Eon have advised this work will now be done in the second quarter of the year.
 - Entrance bars are currently at the galvanisers and should be installed shortly.
 - The BBC "tree o'clock" campaign gave another 25 trees for the site and these were planted by a group of volunteers at the beginning of December.
 - Significant funds are currently in place for additional equipment and a further Community Spaces Grant has been applied for. Three equipment suppliers have been invited to tender and these tenders are due by 21st January. As one of the items of equipment may require planning permission due to its height, the Recreation Committee has applied for permission on behalf on the Parish Council so that no further delays occur if this equipment is installed.

7. Report on the BCC Winslow LAF

Cllr Gilbey circulated a note relating to the Local Area Forum (LAF). Inspector Emma Garside has finally agreed that Great Horwood should be part of the Buckingham South NAG which puts the village in with all the other communities in the surrounding area. The next meeting of the NAG is on Wednesday 20th January at 7.30 in the Winslow Centre.

Cllr Gilbey also reported that at the LAF a presentation was made on the East/West rail link. The western section would run from Oxford to Bedford and will cost circa £250m. £100m is needed from the Government. However, Government funding has already been allocated for the next few years so there will be no funding until at least 2014 with no trains running until at least 2016.

A Local Area Planning Workshop will be held on Thursday 25th February as there has been a change to how funding is allocated from BCC around the villages. A priority matrix is to be put together for the area which will be used to decide how any money available will be used. Priorities for Great Horwood will be initially taken from the Parish Plan. Cllr Moulding will attend.

Cllr Moulding also suggested the Parish Plan Steering Committee reconvenes to run in conjunction with the production of this matrix.

8. Whaddon Chase Community Green Infrastructure Plan

This was discussed at the November meeting. Since then a meeting was held by the Plan Project Team which was attended by Cllr Moulding, Cllr Berrill and Cllr Brocklehurst. A response was then drafted by Cllr Moulding and agreed by the Council. A reply has since been received which shows many of the concerns have been well taken. However, it has been agreed not to do anything further until the final version of the plan has been received and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

9. AVDC Green Infrastructure Strategy

This has been published by AVDC. Only two small parts potentially affect Great Horwood. The first is a special project area relating to North East Aylesbury Vale and the second is a project called Whaddon Chase. It has been agreed by the Planning Committee that Cllr Moulding will prepare a draft response and the Planning Committee will agree by email.

10. AVDF LDF Core Strategy Examination

AVDC is bound to produce a Local Development Framework (LDF) and underlying that is a Core Strategy. A draft response has already been produced during the summer of 2009. Cllr Moulding attended a pre-hearing meeting before Christmas and at that meeting it became apparent that an additional statement could be submitted to the Inspector although there were certain constraints. Additionally it was discovered that the comments made in July had been incorrectly categorised. Cllr Moulding has prepared and circulated an additional statement. The Planning Committee have agreed this document (with one small correction relating to the mobile library) but it also has to be approved by the Parish Council before it is submitted.

Cllr Moulding proposed a motion that Parish Council agrees the additional statement on the LDF Core Strategy. It was seconded by Cllr Brocklehurst and agreed unanimously by the Council.

Cllr Moulding will take the hard copies of the document to the AVDC offices on Tuesday 12th January and an email version will also be sent by the Clerk.

The inquiry starts on 2nd February 2010. Cllr Moulding has been invited to attend and contribute on both days and will report back at the next meeting.

11. AVALC/BALC

Cllr Moulding gave an update of the AVALC and BALC meetings.

The AGM of AVALC was held on 7th November 2009. At this meeting Cllr Gilbey was re-elected to the Executive Committee (EC) and Cllr Moulding was elected to the EC.

The AGM of BALC was held on 13th November 2009. At this meeting a presentation was made regarding the 2012 Olympic Games. A wide variety of ideas for local events were highlighted and it was suggested that Great Horwood may be able to be involved in some way.

The AVALC EC Meeting and Planning Presentation was held on 18th November 2009. It has been suggested that Great Horwood host a future meeting and a date has been planned for 20th April 2010. The topic has yet to be determined. At the meeting on the 18th November a presentation was also made regarding Section 106 Contributions and it has been advised that the Parish Council have a "wish list" available for rapid deployment should a S106 opportunity present itself.

The Council was in agreement that a "wish list" should be put together and this will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

12. Update on the tree on The Green

The current situation is that the original tree has been removed and the Parish Council were going to replace it. However, the Terkelsen family asked for a tree to be planted in memory of their son Toby and this would be partly funded by Toby's memorial fund. AVDC have agreed an oak tree is a suitable replacement and a tree has been sourced which will be planted around September.

At the moment the tree is 7 metres tall with a 5 metre spread. It is expected to be 8-10 metres tall in approximately 20 years time.

13. Walk your local paths initiative

A letter has been received regarding the above initiative to see if residents of villages will get involved in managing footpaths in their areas. There is already a footpaths group within Great Horwood which monitors the condition of footpaths very closely and reports back any issues. Therefore a further initiative is unnecessary. It was agreed that the clerk respond to the letter and refer to the working group where necessary.

It was also noted that the Parish Council are both supportive and appreciative of the work the Footpaths Group are doing.

14. Update on Willow Road Allotments.

Tom Saunders has had approval to replace the fence around the site and install a gate at the entrance. Once this is done, the allotments will be ready for let and Cllr Gilbey and the Clerk will work together to contact people who have shown interest in renting a plot.

15. Parish Youth Council

Three younger members of the village attended the November meeting and were very keen to set up a Youth Council (YC). There have been a number of ideas suggested for the YC and a plan is in place to arrange a meeting with Carl Cheevers and to visit another YC. The young people are also keen to come back and talk with the Parish Council and this will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

16. Renovating and Updating of War Memorial

A number of residents within the village raised concerns with the War Memorial after Remembrance Day 2009. It has been established that the PC own the War Memorial but the wall is owned by the Parochial Church Council (PCC). There are three specific areas which need to be addressed.

- Improving the wall and general maintenance of the memorial
- Possibly including names from WW2
- Stopping wreaths from blowing away

Cllr Lamberton agreed that he would mention this informally at the next PCC meeting as the PC and the PCC would need to work together. Cllr Moulding agreed to do some general research relating to War Memorials and will liaise with Cllr Lamberton.

17. Annual Litter Pick
Cllr Samways (although absent) had contacted the Parish Councillors regarding this. He has agreed to lead this and a date has been set for Sunday 14th March.
18. Great Horwood Feast
Tom Smith Funfairs have been in touch requesting the dates for the Great Horwood Feast. Cllr Berrill explained that the dates had to fall within a certain time so Cllr Gilbey agreed to find out and report back to the Clerk.
19. Receipts
 - Allotment Rent £16 (8 plots)
20. Items paid since previous meeting
 - Tom Saunders – work on Willow Road allotments - £764.75
 - Tom Saunders – work on Horwode Pece - £3524.75
 - Village Hall Rent £120.00
 - Otto Waste Bins £229.77
21. To agree items for payment
 - David Bolton (reimbursement for Horwode Pece planning application fee) £85.00
 - Eon Light Maintenance £106.09
22. To receive and note correspondence
 - An email has been received informing the Parish Council that Mary Saunders has been awarded an MBE in the New Years Honours list for services to the Church of England in the Diocese of Oxford. Congratulations were passed by the Parish Council.
 - Eon Light Maintenance has sent a letter informing the Clerk that charges for the forthcoming year will remain the same.
23. Items for the next meeting
Cllr Brocklehurst raised an issue relating to the missing salt bin in Spring Lane and has asked the Clerk to find out the cost of bins and the arrangement for filling them.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 8th February 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.08pm

Signed _____ **Draft** _____ Date _____