

**Great Horwood
Parish Council**

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting held on 11th April 2011 at
7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr Rod Moulding (Vice-chairman), Cllr Moya Berrill, Cllr Ian Lamberton, Cllr Russell Margerrison, Cllr James Samways, Karen Francis (Clerk)
8 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence
Cllr Brocklehurst sent his apologies.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th March 2011
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
 - One allotment plot is still available in Willow Road. One resident has shown interest in it but has not contacted The Clerk for further information.
 - No money has been received by Tom Saunders although the date for payment was 31st March 2011. The Clerk will investigate the next steps via the small claims court.
 - There was a disappointing response for the litter pick with only 10 volunteers which meant not all of the village could be covered.
 - Bucks County Council have contacted the resident in Spring Lane with the dangerous tree but no update has been received.
 - Cllr Moulding explained that although the Community Right to Buy and the Community Right to Challenge had been requested to be added to the agenda for this meeting, he had asked for it not to be included as it was aimed more at larger councils.
 - Discussions are still taking place with Bucks County Council re registering The Green.
 - The bench for the bus shelter has been ordered and the donation received from the Doctors Car Service.
 - An internal auditor has been appointed for this year.
5. Public Participation Period

Mr David Botton asked the Council why there had been a 17.9% increase in the precept as detailed on his council tax bill and also asked why the Council felt there was the need to increase the precept when there was approximately £22k of reserves.

Cllr Gilbey responded by stating that the Parish Council had already explained why the precept had been increased and this had been published in both minutes from previous meetings and Focus magazine. Cllr Gilbey also provided a list of reserves the Parish Council hold including creditors of approximately £4000, allocated reserves of £7600 and estimated reserves of £8800 leaving a more accurate figure of approximately £5000 in reserves.
6. To receive and consider reports from Committees of Council
 - 6.1. Cllr Moulding updated the Council on the report from the Planning Committee. There have been two decisions and three new applications since the last meeting. Cllr Moulding asked for the comments to be ratified, Cllr Gilbey proposed this, Cllr Lamberton seconded this and it was approved unanimously.
 - 6.2. In the absence of Cllr Brocklehurst, Cllr Gilbey updated the Council on the recent developments at Horwode Pece.
 - A 'man with a digger' is still required to move earth from one side of the path to the other.

- Great Horwood Cubs have made birdboxes and these will be put into trees around the edge shortly.
- The Picnic on The Pece will be held on the afternoon of Friday 29th April. Weather permitting Giocosos will play and the soft tennis net and other games will be provided.
- The RoSPA annual check is due in May which will be arranged shortly.

Cllr Samways and Cllr Brocklehurst were thanked for their work as trustees. As both Councillors will be leaving the Parish Council they also will be leaving the Rec Committee although Cllr Samways will continue to be on the weekly check rota.

7. Parish Plan and Vale of Aylesbury Plan: Steering Committee Report
Cllr Moulding circulated a report prior to this meeting which is attached to the end of these minutes.

8. Appeals relating to Planning Application 10/00680/APP: Traveller Site, Nash Road, Great Horwood
This application has been refused and an enforcement notice issued. The applicants have appealed against both the decision and the enforcement notice. In addition breaches have occurred and AVDC are investigating. As a Council there is little that can be done at present.

9. Report on the NBPPC Meeting held on 22nd March 2011
Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting although there is little to report back. Local plans were discussed including the withdrawal of the Salden Chase application and that there has been no movement on the Wingrave Wind Farm application.

10. Report on the NAG meeting held on 23rd March 2011
Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting. The only local issue was relating to youngsters causing trouble around the garages in Greenway. The local PCSO is now investigating.

11. Replacing the Bus Shelter in Little Horwood Road
Cllr Gilbey highlighted this as it is now unlikely there will be any allocation of the delegated budget to this project. After discussion, it was agreed Cllr Gilbey and the Clerk would investigate the associated costs. Cllr Moulding suggested the owner of the wall behind the bus shelter was contacted as the wall needs to be repaired.

12. Proposal for Land at the corner of School End and High Street, with Car Park
The Planning Committee has unanimously agreed to object to this application and therefore valid reasons need to be compiled in order to send a letter of objection to AVDC.

Cllr Margerrison asked whether it could be construed that the Parish Council were supporting a car park if an objection was made to the dwelling but questions were asked about the car park. It was agreed this would be possible and therefore the Parish Council only object to the application at this time. The key objections were agreed as the following:

- Effect on the conservation area
- Highway safety
- Effect on surrounding listed buildings

Cllr Gilbey agreed he would provide a first draft for circulation while Cllr Moulding agreed to check the deadline for submission.

13. Music in Quiet Places to be held on 18th June
Cllr Moulding gave details of this event which is to be held in the Church on the above date at 7.30pm. Tickets can be obtained from Cllr Moulding and will cost £8 (£6 concessions). Helpers on the evening would be extremely welcome.

The interval refreshments are to be provided by the church and therefore proceeds will go to the Church. 20% of the overall ticket sale proceeds will come back to Great Horwood and it was agreed that a proportion would go to the Church as it is hosting the event and the remainder would be split between good causes in the village. Cllr Moulding and Cllr Margerrison would discuss this outside of the meeting.

14. Matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting
The APM was held on April 5th. Approximately 40 people attended with a number of organisations giving presentations. The D Jack Smith Charitable Awards were also made. No questions were raised at this meeting and therefore there are no matters to follow up.

15. Receipts
 - D Jack Smith Award £3014.77

16. Items paid since previous meeting

- Cyan – payment for the bench donated by the Doctors Car Service £425.00
- Great Horwood Silver Band (D Jack Smith Award) £276.00
- Inspire Explorer Scout Unit (D Jack Smith Award) £570.00
- Great Horwood School (D Jack Smith Award) £614.00
- Mark Seddon (D Jack Smith Award) £555.00
- 'A Book for the Village' (D Jack Smith Award) £1000.00

17. To agree items for payment

- St James PCC - Contribution to Grass Cutting £250.00
- AVDC Dog Bin Empties £248.35
- Legal Fees £378.00
- Ebor Property Services £90.00
- BALC Subscriptions £123.60
- Clerk's Expenses £41.84

18. To receive and note correspondence

- Letter from Tom Saunders asking for bank details so that payment could be made.
- Telephone call from John Pitts informing the PC that the current Eon contract was the best that could be found.
- Letter from Great Horwood Cricket Club asking for the PC to register the recreation ground used by the Cricket Club. It was agreed this would be added to the agenda of the next meeting.

Cllr Gilbey took the opportunity to explain that Cllr Moulding, Cllr Berrill and Cllr Samways were stepping down from the Parish Council and thanked each of them for their contribution and commitment over the past number of years.

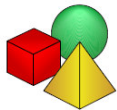
19. Items for the next meeting

No additional items were added.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 9th May 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.27pm

Signed _____ **Draft** _____ Date _____



Great Horwood Parish Plan

REPORT TO GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL: **MEETING OF 11 APRIL 2011**

The Steering Committee has done further work on possible consultation questions to meet the requirements of AVDC's Forward Plans Group, and a new (yet to be agreed) draft has been prepared and circulated. These potential questions relate to housing and commercial development over the next 20 years. They should also be appropriate for development of a Neighbourhood Plan as envisaged (but not specified) in the Government's Localism Bill, and for the planning and development section of a revised Parish Plan.

Further input has been provided to AVDC through a recent meeting with AVDC Forward Plans, AVDC Marketing and Communications and the Consultation Institute to which I was invited. It is clear that, even though we have done little substantive work on this project apart from the consultation questions and earlier consideration of consultation with businesses, Great Horwood is well ahead of other parishes.

Timing of other required activities in this project remains uncertain, and planning is therefore well-nigh impossible. I hope by the time of the Planning Committee and Parish Council meetings to have a better idea of AVDC's views on this.

Michael Brocklehurst has tendered his resignation as he is leaving the village. He will be much missed. His departure means that the Steering Committee is now very depleted. Additional volunteers who are interested in helping to determine the future of the parish in the years to 2031 are badly needed. It would be helpful to have a further Member of the Parish Council on the Committee.

Rod Moulding

Chairman, Parish Plan Steering Committee
11 April 2011