



## Great Horwood Parish Council

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

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr John Scholtens, Cllr Russell Margerrison, Cllr Angela Mayne, Cllr Ian Lamberton, Cllr Valerie Porritt  
Karen Francis (Clerk)  
20 members of the public including County Cllr John Chilver and District Cllr Sir Beville Stanier

1. To receive apologies for absence  
All Cllrs were present.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014  
No amendments were made.
3. To receive declarations of interest  
No declarations of interest were received.
4. Resignation from Cllr Bennett-Coles  
Cllr Bennett-Coles has tendered his resignation. A notice of resignation has been published on the noticeboard. Residents have until 1<sup>st</sup> May to request an election providing at least 10 requests are made. If not, Cllrs can co-opt at the next PC meeting.
5. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
  - It was agreed to purchase a new laptop for using with the MVAS. The battery in the MVAS has been recharged and while it was being changed data was collected. Lots of cars are speeding into the village and the data is going to be passed to Thames Valley Police. It was also stated that some volunteers from Singleborough residents are required if the sign is to be moved there.
  - A letter is required to be signed by two Cllrs in order for the bank accounts to be closed.
  - Roy Randles is coming on Wednesday to look at the damaged bollard on The Green.
  - Cllr Chilver had requested information on any damaged footways which could be repaired using a BCC budget. Some suggestions were made and the Clerk will reply back to Cllr Chilver.
6. Public Participation Period
  - A resident asked about the results from the consultation that took place in the village regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. He was advised that these have been published on the Parish Council website. He commented that he felt the consultation was rushed and Cllr Gilbey explained the timing issues to him.
  - Len Goodwin spoke about his concern of skateboarders in Spring Lane who use the road to skateboard down while resting on their fronts. He was concerned about the safety of the skateboarders and the possibility of an accident and asked whether a skate park could be considered at Horwode Pece. Cllr Scholtens agreed to investigate the costs involved.
  - Tricia Palmer Lewis asked about the possibility of a circular path or a path linking Horwode Pece to the Eastern side of the village. Cllr Gilbey explained this had been an aim for many years but the landowners won't co-operate, but that it has been included in the Neighbourhood Plan wishlist.
7. Planning Issues
  - 7.1. Councillors were provided with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. One planning application has been withdrawn and two new applications had been received. The planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
  - 7.2. The Recreation Ground is now registered to the Parish Council.
8. Report from the Recreation Committee  
No report was received but Liz Nicholls gave a brief update.
  - The current volunteer is now unable to cut the grass so the search is on for a new contractor.
  - There is still a problem with dog mess not being cleared up.
  - A new volunteer has come forward to help in the weekly checks.
9. Footpaths Report  
All the parishes footpaths and bridleway have been pruned in the last fortnight. The metal pedestrian gates on FP9 have been installed which now means there is a circular walk with no stiles. Thanks to D Jack Smith and BCC who funded these gates

10. Neighbourhood Plan Update and Resolution 'To approve the Great Horwood Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2014 Pre-Submission Plan for public consultation under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 and in accordance with EU Directive 2001/42

Cllr Gilbey started by giving a short history of the plan which started back in December 2011. Over the past 2 years it has been a turbulent process with hundreds of volunteer hours invested in preparing documents, undertaking research and proposing a way ahead for the village. Cllr Gilbey thanked everyone who had been involved in this process including:

Rod Moulding  
Duncan Trigg  
Andrew Hearsey  
Jo Waggott

John Scholtens  
Mike Hobday  
David Mayne  
Chris Fellingham

David Saunders  
Matt Vincent  
Rita Jenkins  
Tricia Palmer Lewis

Cllr Gilbey also thanked DCLG for funding, Jean Fox of Community Impact Bucks, Dean White for including NPT articles in Focus and Andy Gibbs for very efficient print runs.

The withdrawal of the Vale of Aylesbury Plan has made the need for a Neighbourhood Plan more urgent. Consequently a report entitled 'State of the Parish' was produced and a housing needs survey was recently carried out. A Great Horwood Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report was produced and circulated for consultation to the Environment Agency, Natural England and English Heritage. Subsequently a revised plan has been produced which was presented to residents in a newsletter sent to every household and at the Community Event at the end of March. This plan specifies a Great Horwood Settlement Boundary and will support development proposals on land within the GHSB provided that they comprise no more than 15 dwellings or land of no more than 0.5 Ha and 35% of the total dwellings are provided as affordable homes, subject to viability;

At the Community Event the majority of people were in favour of both the whole plan in principle and the proposed 3 sites that are included in the plan.

Now the Parish Council need to vote on whether the Pre-Submission plan should be approved for public consultation. Cllr Gilbey read out the published resolution and explained that if the PC approve the plan will enter a 6 week consultation period. Any comments will be considered and then it will go to an independent examiner. If approved the final step is a referendum in the village. At this point there is no requirement for a minimum number of voters and the decision is taken in a simple democratic process.

Cllr Scholtens stated he was happy with the document but suggested the NPT check with AVDC that the information they provided is still valid in light of the Vale of Aylesbury Plan being withdrawn.

Cllr Margerrison also liked the document but questioned whether the bigger sites which are currently being proposed by large scale developers should be included. Cllr Mayne added to this by stating the plan was discounting the most obvious site within the village.

Cllr Gilbey explained that the landowners of the proposed large development weren't prepared to reduce the number of houses being built to 15 and therefore these sites hadn't been included as they weren't deliverable.

Cllr Mayne was concerned with sight lines and speed limits. Cllr Scholtens observed that the last developments within the village would have changed sight lines.

Cllr Gilbey asked the Cllrs to vote on the resolution and 5 Cllrs were in favour with one abstaining.

11. Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan

The Clerk had circulated a document from AVDC which was opening a consultation on the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan which will replace the withdrawn Vale of Aylesbury Plan. Cllr Scholtens believed this consultation was vague as it didn't specify certain criteria to be commented on. Sir Beville explained this was probably a legal requirements and that lots of the information used for the previous plan would be used again.

Cllr Gilbey confirmed a copy of the draft GH Neighbourhood Plan had already been sent to Forward Plans at AVDC so that could be taken into consideration.

It was agreed to add this to the agenda for the next meeting.

12. Report on Community Forum Meeting (including defibrillators)

Cllr Mayne attended a Community Forum Meeting which had an item on the agenda about defibrillators. She thought it would be a good idea to have a defibrillator within the village as this could improve the chances of survival of anyone suffering from a heart attack,

Defibrillators can be purchased through the ambulance service and cost £1010 inc VAT. There is a further £700 charge for a protective box with power and a possible additional £363 for a worry free pack.

A demonstration could be arranged if required and it was agreed to add this to the agenda for the next meeting.

13. Annual Parish Meeting

26 representatives from Groups and Organisations in the Parish have been invited. 13 have currently accepted. Cllr Gilbey will chase the remaining invitees.

14. Small Construction Projects

A letter had been received from Bucks University Technical College asking for small projects that could be undertaken by its students. This was passed to Cllr Lamberton as it may be useful for work in the Village Hall.

15. Summer Planting of Planters

It was commented on how lovely the planters looked at the entrances to the village and it was agreed Robert Heady would be asked for a quote for the summer planters. The Clerk will arrange this.

16. Allocation of Reserves

Prior to the meeting the Clerk sent out the list of known reserves and asked the PC if they would like to change this. After discussion it was agreed that £5000 would be put against a legal reserve, £5000 towards a fund for a permanent vehicle activated sign, £5000 towards a fund for a footpath on the Winslow Road and £2000 to be put against a reserve for the purchase of defibrillators.

17. Receipts

- Allotment Rent £5.00

18. Items paid since last meeting

- Village Hall for NPT Meeting £60.00 - BACS

19. To agree items for payment

- Fuel for Horwode Pece £7.57 – BACS
- Clerks Expenses £85.24 – BACS
- AVALC Subscriptions £135.04 - BACS
- AVDC – Village Freighter £240.00 - BACS
- Information Commissioner £35.00 – Direct Debit
- Payment to St James Church re Grassmowing 2012/2013 £250.00 – Cheque
- AVALC Subs £15.00 – Cheque
- Harlequin Press – Planning Newsletters for NPT £20.00 - BACS

**Cllrs Porritt and Scholtens agreed to authorise the online payments.**

20. To receive and note correspondence

- Letter regarding New Homes Bonus
- Email from resident regarding speeding data
- Letter regarding meeting about devolution of services
- Email about arranging a village walk with the LAT's – given to Cllr Mayne.

21. Items for the next meeting

- Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan
- Annual Parish Meeting
- Defibrillators
- Singleborough Noticeboard

22. Confirmation of date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.03pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**Draft**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

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**

30/01/14	14/00118/ APP	Mrs S Rudd	13 The Green	Two storey rear extension.	No Objection	Withdrawn
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**Pending**

27/02/14	14/00271/ APP	Mr A Carr	Fincorrie Farm	Demolition of the existing dwelling and the erection of detached two storey dwelling with detached garage	No Objection
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
07/03/14	14/00559/ APP	Mrs F Shippobotham	Home Farm	Reduce size of horse chestnut	No Objection
20/03/14	14/00607/ APP	Mr M Francis	2 Spring Close Great Horwood	Single storey rear extension and front porch	No Objection
10/04/14	14/00897/ APP	Mrs C Cousin	Russetts, Nash Road	Removal of existing rear summerhouse and replacement with a new one.	