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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on  
12th November 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 Marc Bennett-Coles, Cllr Margerrison, Karen Francis (Clerk)  
5 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence  
Cllr Porritt gave her apologies as she couldn't attend the meeting due to illness.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012  
These were approved without modification.
3. To receive declarations of interest  
No declarations of interest were received.

At this point it was agreed to address item 13 so that Emilia Hands, who was addressing the meeting, would not need to wait through other Parish Council business.

13. Conservation Area Review  
Leaflets have been distributed in both Great Horwood and Singleborough and the consultation, which has been running for five weeks, finishes on 15<sup>th</sup> November.

There have been a good number of responses which have varied from residents supporting the changes to residents requesting boundary alterations.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> December the changes are due to be on the agenda for the AVDC Cabinet Meeting. Emilia suggested the Parish Council also commented on the proposal and Cllr Scholtens agreed to draft a response and send it to AVDC, via the Clerk.

After this item, the Parish Council reverted back to the original order of the agenda.

4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
  - Water Butts at the allotment in Church Lane – These are still waiting to be put into position but an invoice has now been received and the contractor will be paid shortly.
  - The self-seeding trees on Nash Road have now been removed.
  - The fridge which had been dumped in Little Horwood Road has been removed.
  - PSCO Trevino had been contacted about parking on pavements within the village. He has been out to investigate and will be writing an article for Focus to remind residents to park responsibly.
  - Singleborough Lane – BCC hope to cut grips in the edge of the road in December which will alleviate the flooding problem
  - Gill Wood provided the address for BT in order to request the contractors who installed the poles in Pilch Lane come back and remove the branches which have been cut down.
  - New Homes Bonus – A letter has been drafted which has been requested Parishes send to their District Councillors as AVDC have only promised Parishes 15% of the New Homes Bonus rather than the requested 40%. AVDC have also not offered to backdate this money. After discussion it was agreed unanimously that this letter should be sent and the Clerk will do this.
5. Public Participation Period
  - Liz Nichols referred to the letter regarding development at the Old Mill at the bottom of Spring Lane and stated that she had received two responses from Horwood Management Committee, one against and one not sure.
6. Planning Issues
  - 6.1. Cllr Gilbey provided Councillors with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. Eight new decisions and five new applications had been received, and the planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
  - 6.2. The Clerk is waiting for an updated statutory declaration for Cllr Gilbey to sign so the land can be registered. She has also confirmed with BCC the next steps and it is likely BCC will need to contact the charity commission once the land has been registered to determine the maximum length of future leases.
  - 6.3. Cllr Gilbey advised he had received a letter with an outline proposal for development of the Old Mill. Based on the Parish Council's standard response to refuse any development in Spring Lane or roads off, a

response was drafted and read out in the meeting. All Councillors unanimously agreed to send it and the Clerk will do this.

7. Report from the Recreation Committee

Steve Brigden provided an update from the Recreation Committee:

The Rec inspections appear to have continued this month and the issue of water logging in areas is continuing to be monitored. The proposal for development of the Mill site, adjacent to Horwode Pece, was distributed to members of the Rec Management Committee and comments and opinions are being sought.

8. Neighbourhood Planning Team Update

The update was circulated to the Parish Council before the meeting and Cllr Scholtens provided a summary.

- Progress has been made with the draft sustainability appraisal.
- The proposed presentation has been postponed to February 2013.
- Two of the five potential sites for development are not registered with the land registry so investigations are ongoing.

9. Footpaths Report

Robert Deuchar provided the following report:

All the footpaths in the Parish have been inspected and pruned between 11 October and 8 November. The Parish's one bridleway, from Singleborough Lane near Brambles Day Nursery to the A421 opposite the Thornton Turn, was mown by Bucks CC on 1 November to a width of about 2.5 metres so it is now worthy of a canter.

10. Report from the AVALC AGM held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting and will be continuing as Vice-Chairman. The key point was a discussion about the localism bill although there is nothing noteworthy to mention.

11. Report from the LAF meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October

Cllrs Mayne and Porritt attended this meeting. Funding has been approved for the MVAS and it is hoped to be implemented before the end of March. The East/West rail project was also discussed and this area is within phase 3 which is currently due to start in 2015.

12. Report from the BALC AGM held on 9<sup>th</sup> November

Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting. It was agreed to change the name to Bucks & MK Association of Local Councils. It was also recommended that Parish Council's had public liability insurance of £10m.

13. Conservation Area Review

This was discussed at the start of the meeting.

14. Paving The Green

A quote has been received from ABH Landscapes for £360 excl VAT and it was unanimously agreed to ask them to carry out the works.

15. Sundial on The Green

The Clerk has sourced a top and gnomon for the sundial and agreed the wording with Cllr Gilbey. The cost will be £296. All Councillors were in favour and the Clerk agreed to progress this.

16. Bollards on The Green

The bollards on The Green have now been installed. Councillors agreed that they were the right height but they did need to be stained. The Clerk agreed to contact Roy Randles to arrange for this to be done and also to remove the old concrete base on the corner of The Green.

17. Location of Oak Tree

After a short discussion it was agreed the Oak Tree would be best planted on Horwode Pece. The Clerk agreed to contact ABH to ask them to do it as the tree is ready for planting.

18. Play around the Parish

The Parish Council have been asked by AVDC whether they would like to fund any Play around the Parish sessions next year. It was agreed three would be funded at a cost of £60 each and the Clerk would arrange this.

19. Great Horwood Feast Dates

The fair organisers have been in touch to request the dates for next year. As the fair cannot arrive before the 6<sup>th</sup> August or after 12<sup>th</sup> August it was agreed to book them for 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August 2013 (with arrival on the 11<sup>th</sup>).

20. Budget for 2013/2014

The first item for discussion was whether the rent should be increased for John the Barber. The Clerk had contacted surrounding Parishes and discovered none of them charged rent. After a vote it was agreed not to increase the rental payment by three votes to two (one abstained).

The Clerk had also received two emails regarding budgetary items for 2013/2014. From these, it was agreed to put a reserve of £1000 aside towards a WW2 War Memorial and it was also agreed to put aside a reserve of £1000 for floral displays at the village entrances.

There were no other changes to the budget and this will now be put on the agenda for the next meeting in order to be approved.

21. Payments

- BCC – Legal Fees £529.20
- BCC – Land Registry Fee £15.20
- Community Impact Bucks – Subscription £50.00
- Western Industrial – New bin £66.00
- Wettens (Mowing at Horwode Pece) £60.00
- Mr Lester – Water containers £40.00
- BCC – MVAS £350.00
- Eon UK £110.70
- Sundialman £296.00

22. To receive and note correspondence

- Thank you's from a number of organisations for the donations from the Parish Council including Focus, Winslow Community Bus, Medical Detection Dogs, Silver Band, Village Hall and the Youth Club.
- Notice that Vale of Aylesbury Plan has been submitted to Government.
- The Playing Field magazine
- Letter regarding a future planning application in Whaddon.

23. Items for the next meeting

- Budget Approval
- Dates for 2013

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**Draft**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November 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**

25/08/12	12/01829/ AGN	Mr M Lambert	Dew Pond Farm	Erection of agricultural building	No Objection	Planning Permission Required
30/08/12	12/01791/ APP	Mr J Hanson	11 The Green	Erection of detached dwelling	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
18/09/12	12/01992/ APP	Mr & Mrs Essam	11 Little Horwood Road	Erection of single storey rear extension	No Objection	Refused
01/10/12	12/01901/ APP	Ms McIntosh	The Retreat, Bletchley Road	Equestrian Menage	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
31/10/12	12/02322/ APP	Mrs Cook	B5 Greenway Business Park	Change of use to MOT testing station	
31/10/12	12/01863/ APP	Mr Douglas	13 Nash Road	Retention of 1.8m fence	
31/10/12	12/02199/ ATP	Mr N Hanson	11 The Green	Crown Lift No 1 Yew Tree	
08/11/12	12/02335/ APP	Mr A Hearsey	9 Nash Road	Retention of replacement fence (retrospective)	
08/11/12	12/02439/ ATC	Mr J Whitehead	16 Winslow Road	Fell No 2 Ash and No 1 Sycamore	