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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 11th November 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (JWG) Chairman, Cllr Caroline Cousin (CC) Vice Chairman, Cllr Julia Day (JD), Cllr Jackie Goss (JG), Cllr Angela Mayne (AM), Sue Brazier (SB Clerk), County Councillor J Chilver, District Councillor Sir Beville Stanier and 8 members of the public.

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| 1. | To receive apologies for absence ● Cllr David Taylor and Cllr Nigel Heywood |
| 2. | To receive declarations of interest ● Cllrs AM, CC and JG declared an interest at Item 19 Worthy Causes and Cllr CC declared a further interest at Item 11 other planning matters |
| 3. | Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th October 2019 ● The Minutes of the last meeting were approved without amendment. |
| 4. | To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting (not otherwise included in the agenda) ● Item 16 – The Clerk has written to Mrs Smith giving details of the arrangements agreed by the Council for Horwode Feast next year. No reply received yet. ● Item 17 – Mrs Jane Holland has planted the trough at Singleborough and will plant the other troughs shortly. The Clerk had contacted Walker Grounds Care who have agreed to trim beyond the 30mph signs in future so the planters are more visible. Croudace have kindly agreed to move the Little Horwood planter when Highways move the 30mph sign. As the timescale is unclear, the trough will not be planted for Spring colour. |
| 5. | Public Participation Period A member of the public mentioned that the last time the verge adjacent to his home was mowed, the contractor left the grass over the pavement, causing the ground to become slippery. The Clerk will contact the contractor and request they tidy up after themselves (Action Clerk) A member of the Council pointed out that due to works being carried out behind the Chapel in Little Horwood Road and the house next door to it, mud was often on the pavement which then became difficult to use. Cllr JWG offered to speak to the new owner. (Action Cllr JWG) |
| 6. | Horwode Pece Management Committee Report. ● The Report from the Horwode Pece Management Committee is attached to and forms part of these minutes. |
| 7. | Footpaths Report a). To receive the Footpath Report Mr Deuchar reported that Bucks CC have stated it will inspect the rotten sleeper over a ditch on FB8 at Singleborough at the back of Laurel Farm. There is only one good sleeper left but it can be used with care if you hold onto the hand rail. He has trimmed the metal footpath gates on various FPs. He is not aware of any other problems. |
| 8. | Roads Report a). To receive a report on local roads and any problems with signage. Ongoing works on Pilch Lane up until 10 January 2020. Full details will be posted on the roadworks.org website and signs will be placed on the affected road two weeks before closure. A member of the public mentioned that Pilch Lane has been deteriorating badly near the entrance with the A421. The Clerk will contact Roadworks requesting that this should now become a priority. (Action Clerk) b). To include a report on MVAS. The Clerk has contacted Swarco regarding the terms of the contract and exactly what it includes. Swarco are happy to speak directly to Mr Woods with regards to the light and battery problem. A conversation may help sort out the matter. (Action Clerk) |
| 9. | Planning Report ● The Planning Report was noted and ratified. |
| 10. | Issues arising from the Planning Report ● None |
| 11. | Other Planning Matters Application no. 16/00877/APP – Land off Nash Road. A discussion took place concerning several issues, namely the crossing of the highway in a diagonal fashion from the new development across to the parking bays; the fact that the area in question is within the 40mph speed limit and also the proposal that a new pedestrian crossing point at the northern end of the current parking bay will take land which is privately owned by the freeholder of Russets. It was agreed that the PC would propose a much more appropriate solution. Cllr JWG agreed to draft a letter to AVDC Planning and Bucks Highways. (Action Cllr JWG) |

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| 12. | <p>Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan Review Committee</p> <p>To receive a report from the committee meeting held on 6th November.</p> <p>The GHNP meeting was rescheduled to take place in January and it is expected that a report would be circulated for the PC Meeting in February. Cllr CC reported that a member of the public had asked that his land be included in any revision of the Great Horwood Parish Neighbourhood Plan. However, as it would appear that the VALP housing allocation had been met, this would not be a consideration. It was agreed that Cllr CC would contact the landowner after the PC had adopted the Review Report. (Action Cllr CC)</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13. | <p>Parish Maintenance</p> <p>a). To report progress on the Willow Road Allotment fencing.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the quote received to do the works was £50. All agreed the contractor should start the work to include building a retaining structure, straightening the post and putting the fence back in place. (Action Clerk)</p> <p>b). To report progress on pruning of ash trees at Church Lane Allotments</p> <p>The contractor has looked at the works. The Clerk is awaiting a quote and will chase this up. (Action Clerk)</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14. | <p>To receive a report from any meetings attended</p> <p>a).North Bucks Planning Consortium (NBPPC) held on 23rd October.</p> <p>b).Aylesbury Vale Association of Local Councils (AVALC) AGM held on 2nd November.</p> <p>c).Bucks County Council Parishes Liaison Meeting held on 6th November.</p> <p>Cllr JWG gave a brief summary of the meetings attended.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15. | <p>Electricity Substation</p> <p>Cllr CC informed the Council that the landowner had not come back to Cllr DT with a further proposal for the purchase price of the land. The member of the public interested in crowdfunding to purchase the land had not started the process. Cllr CC has contacted Western Power for an update on timescales and is awaiting a reply. This will be an agenda item for next month's meeting.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16. | <p>Worthy Causes</p> <p>There were eight applications for grants this year (two from the Cricket Club). After a discussion, the following decisions were made:</p> <p>St James' Church – could not receive money because the Local Government Act of 1894 prohibited councils from spending any money on maintaining or improving Church property.</p> <p>Football Club – football kits for Vet's team - £460</p> <p>School – gazebos - £500</p> <p>WI – coach for trip -£495</p> <p>Scouts - outdoor equipment - £500</p> <p>Winslow Community Bus – new seat belts - £566.40</p> <p>Cricket Club – contribution towards patio - £478.60</p> <p>Cllr CC informed the Council that the Cricket Club Lease states under para. 31: Trees – The Landlord shall keep all trees and hedges situate on the boundary of the Property cut and maintained. The Council will therefore not contribute to the Cricket Club's other Worthy Causes application requesting funds for the hire of a hedge cutter, as the Parish Council will maintain the boundary with alternative funds.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17. | <p>Increase for devolution grass cutting including Horwode Pece</p> <p>Walker Grounds Care have increased their costs for grass cutting as follows:</p> <p>Village verges – increase of 2.5%</p> <p>Horwode Pece – 14 cuts per year at £80 per cut. Cllr JWG commented that with the mounding of soil around the play areas, the grass cutting could be somewhat more difficult and could require more strimming. There has not been an increase for four years. The Council agreed to the increase.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18. | <p>Allotment Agreement</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would incorporate the suggestions and circulate before the next PC Meeting. (Action Clerk)</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19. | <p>Review of Risk Register</p> <p>Cllr CC has looked at the Risk Register and thought that nothing needed amendment at this time. She did point out, however, that items 21 and 22, Councillor and Clerk training should be kept up to date. The Clerk will look for appropriate courses for Cllr JD and herself in the New Year.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20. | <p>Budget</p> <p>After a discussion, it was agreed that amendments should be made to the Budget before agreeing to next year's Precept. However, the Council did agree that no funds should be allocated to the Horwode Pece account this year as it has a large reserve in a separate bank account which is more than adequate to cover the next year's planned expenditure.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21. | <p>To receive and note correspondence</p> <p>A poster about starting school for the first time has been sent by Bucks CC. The Clerk will display on the noticeboard.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22. | <p>Finance</p> <p>a). To review the bank reconciliation, agree invoices for payment and to note funds received.</p> <p>Payments TA</p> <table><tr><td>19.065</td><td>Clerk's salary</td><td>SO</td><td>558.57</td></tr><tr><td>19.066</td><td>Mrs J Holland – plant watering</td><td>FPO</td><td>20.00</td></tr><tr><td>19.067</td><td>TalkTalk – October</td><td>FPO</td><td>24.95</td></tr><tr><td>19.068</td><td>Barclaycard</td><td>DD</td><td>29.36</td></tr><tr><td>19.069</td><td>E.on street lighting power – November</td><td>DD</td><td>124.43</td></tr><tr><td>19.070</td><td>Walker Grounds Care Inv No 452</td><td>FPO</td><td>420.00</td></tr></table> | 19.065 | Clerk's salary | SO | 558.57 | 19.066 | Mrs J Holland – plant watering | FPO | 20.00 | 19.067 | TalkTalk – October | FPO | 24.95 | 19.068 | Barclaycard | DD | 29.36 | 19.069 | E.on street lighting power – November | DD | 124.43 | 19.070 | Walker Grounds Care Inv No 452 | FPO | 420.00 |
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| | Horwode Pece | | | |
| | HP 19.06 | Mrs E Nicholls – Tools | FPO | 7.90 |
| | HP 19.07 | Mrs E Nicholls | FPO | 25.99 |
| | HP 19.08 | Mrs E Nicholls | FPO | 232.19 |
| | Receipts TA | | | |
| | GHR 19.18 | Allotment CL Plot 2 | | 5.00 |
| | GHR 19.19 | Allotment CL Plot 5 & 8 | | 10.00 |
| | GHR 19.20 | Allotment WR Plot 5 | | 5.00 |
| | GHR 19.21 | Allotment CL Plot 4 | | 5.00 |
| | GHR 19.22 | Allotment CL Plot 10 | | 5.00 |
| | GHR 19.23 | Allotment CL Plot 13 | | 5.00 |
| | GHR 19.24 | Allotment CL Plot 6 | | 5.00 |
| | <p>b). To discuss the quote for the Willow Road Allotment fencing. Agreed under Item 13. Parish Maintenance. (Action Clerk)</p> <p>c). To discuss the Swarco one year contract (1 Jan- 31 Dec) All agreed the contract would be renewed at a cost of £381.60. (Action Clerk)</p> <p>d). To agree the two month extension to the Dog Waste Collection to March 2020 at no extra cost All agreed to the two month extension. (Action Clerk)</p> <p>e). To agree the purchase of two MVAS cover plates. All agreed to the purchase of two cover plates and six screws at a cost of £48 (VAT not applicable) (Action Clerk)</p> <p>Cllr JWG mentioned that BucksVoice.net would be closing on 31 March 2020 and he hoped that the PC Website would be transferred to the national service called evoice. (Action JWG)</p> | | | |
| 23. | Items for the next meeting Budget, Allotment Agreement, Electricity Substation, Authorized signatories for TSB online banking | | | |
| 24. | Confirmation of date and time of the next meeting Monday 9 th December 2019 at 7.30pm | | | |

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed _____

Date 9th December 2019

Chairman

**Horwode Pece Management Committee - Report to Parish Council
November 2019**

The major activity in October was the Autumn Working Party and in early November 'Fireworks on the Pece'.

The Working party was held over a long weekend 18th-21st October, first the three oak benches were treated with a weather proof resin (on the 18th), then on the 19th these were installed down the Rec. cemented into the ground with metallic anchor fixings attached to each leg. On the 20th the woodwork of the shelter was 'surformed' to remove any sharp splinters, the hedges were cut back and the Zip-wire adjusted to the correct seat height, removing slack from stretch of the Zip-wire. On the 21st additional pruning, bulb planting and groundwork completed a successful weekend maintaining our Rec. Thanks to all who helped.

The remaining work to complete this Autumn was a second resin coat on the oak benches and replacing the wood facia on either side of the tunnel. The pretreated wood for this has been purchased but these facia boards still need to be constructed and installed. Also, I have received a plaque from AVDC acknowledging the micro-grant sponsorship which we need to laminate and install on the notice board down the Rec. It was pleasing to see that the grass had taken and is growing well. The landscaping work has significantly improved the condition of the play areas.

The Rec. continues to be checked weekly. Issues reported in October relate to 'posts missing/rotten supporting the tunnel earthworks' (actioned above) and perished rubbers on the toddler swings, which has been noted for repair. All who inspect the Rec. have commented on the improvement that the landscaping has made. A number of them have commented that the woodchip level being low; it is still above the minimum level needed, but is definitely low, this is deliberate as the aim is to replace the woodchip with rubber chippings in the spring, when finance allows. Quotations for the work have been requested from local landscape contractors.

The most recent activity was the Fireworks, held on Sunday the 3rd November. Originally planned for the 2nd, it was postpone one day because of the rain and high wind. It was enjoyed by all who attended; fireworks, mulled wine, hot drinks, burgers, hot dogs and cookies.

John Nicholls - Chairman
8/11/2019

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 11 November 2019 (as at 10th November 2019)

Below are current and recent Planning Applications. 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 | | | | | | |
| 12/07/2018 | 18/02403/APP Dale Jones 09/08/2018 | Mrs Kirsty Asquith | 17 Winslow Road, Great Horwood MK17 0QN | Demolition and replacement of the existing cottage and outbuilding | No objection | Refused |
| 06/09/2019 | 19/03248/APP Alice Culver 04/10/2019 | Mr & Mrs T Slade | Springfield Barn, 20A Nash Road, Great Horwood MK17 0RA | Single storey rear extension | No objection | Approved |
| 17/03/2016 03/05/2018 Amended | 16/00877/APP Clare Bayley 31/05/2018 Amended Plans | Mr P Ffello | Land off Nash Road | Residential development of 14 dwellings with associated garaging and parking and formation of new access | No comment | Approved |

Pending

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| 03/05/2018 | 18/01455/APP Colm McKee 31/05/2018 | Mr T Reilly & Ruston Planning Ltd | Nash Park Nash Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire | Change of use of land to 13 Gypsy / Traveller pitches with associated works including, 13 no. mobile homes, 13 no. touring caravans, 13 no. day rooms, and 13 no. cesspits | Objection Appeal lodged 19/00061/NON DET | Awaiting decision |
| 08/10/2018 | 18/03421/AOP 18/03422/AOP Nicola Wheatcroft | Gladman Developments | Land Off Great Horwood Rd Winslow Buckinghamshire | Outline planning application for the erection of up to 235 (215) dwellings with public open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access points from Great Horwood Road. All matters reserved except for means of access | Not consultees Appeal lodged | Awaiting decision |
| 02/11/2018 | 18/03862/APP Dale Jones 30/11/2018 | Mr M Moyles | Woodleigh Cottage 16 Nash Road, Great Horwood Bucks MK17 0RA | Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 storey replacement dwelling | No Objection | Awaiting Decision |
| 21/01/2019 revised | 19/00210/APP 19/00211/ALB Rebecca Jarratt 28 May 2019 | Mr G Grant | The Crown PH 1 The Green Great Horwood Bucks MK17 0RH | Change of use of Public House and ancillary buildings to 1 x 4 bed and 1 x 2 bed dwelling | Objection to latest application | Awaiting Decision |
| 04/07/2019 | 19/02438/APP Not advised 01/08/2019 | Mr C Mongan Green Planning Studio Limited | 1 Nash Park Nash Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire | Variation of condition 2 on application 15/02233/APP dated 11 August 2016 to increase the number of pitches of the site from 11 to 12. "There shall be no more than 12 pitches on the site and on each of the 12 pitches hereby approved except Pitch 10, no more than 2 caravans, as defined in the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 and the Caravan Sites Act 1968, shall be stationed at any time, of which only 1 caravan shall be a static caravan. On Pitch 10 no more than 4 caravans shall be stationed at any time, of which no more than 2 shall be static caravans". | Objection | Awaiting Decision |
| 23/07/2019 | 19/02372/ALB Alice Culver 19/08/2019 | Mr S Terkelsen | Tudor Cottage 12 Little Horwood Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0QE | Addition of a bedroom and bathroom above the garage/workshop/utility room (retrospective) | Objection | Awaiting Decision |
| 06/08/2019 | 19/02886/APP Megan Wright 03/09/2019 | Mr A Carr & Mrs J Timmins | Fincorrie Farm, Nash Road, Great Horwood MK17 0 | Single storey side porch extension | No Objection | Awaiting Decision |
| 11/09/2019 | 19/03272/ACL Hollie Renney 19/10/2019 | Ms S Rudd | Land off Pilch Lane, Great Horwood | Application for a lawful development certificate for an existing development of use of part of stable building as separate unit of residential accommodation | Unable to object as time limit passed | |
| 04/10/2019 | 19/03590/APP Alice Culver 01/11/2019 | Ms T McIntosh | The Retreat, Bletchley Road, Great Horwood MK17 0PX | Change of use to B8 open storage of up to 100 caravans and camper vans (retrospective) | No objection | |

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| 09/10/2019 | 19/03614/ADP Hollie Renney 06/11/2019 | High Street Homes Ltd | Land North of Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood | Approval of reserved matters pursuant of outline permission 16/01664/AOP for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of a residential development of 15 dwellings | Support Application | |
| 17/10/2019 | 19/03751/AGN Hollie Renney 01/11/2019 | Mr & Mrs D Grainge | Land at Eastfield Farm, Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood MK17 0NZ | Extension to agricultural building | Support Application | |
| 17/10/2019 | 19/03739/APP Hollie Renney 15/11/2019 | Mr & Mrs D Grainge | Land at Eastfield Farm, Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood MK17 0NZ | Installation of a temporary mobile home and hardstanding for 4 car park spaces | Support Application | |
| 21/10/2019 | 19/03740/APP Hollie Renney 18/11/2019 | Mr & Mrs D Grainge | Land at Eastfield Farm, Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood MK17 0NZ | Erection of an agricultural building measur- ing 628m2 to house cattle and store feed and install an underground effluent tank, 2733m2 concrete and hardstanding to use to operate the buildings on the holding and store straw and silage bales. | Support Application | |
| 21/10/2019 | 19/03780/APP Daniel Terry 18/11/2019 | Mr A Judge | The Old Dairy, 11 High Street, Great Horwood MK17 0QL | Change of use from workshop/office to C3 use | No objection | |
| 24/10/2019 | 19/03727/APP Rebecca Jarratt 21/11/2019 | Mr & Mrs H Elliott | 28 Spring Cottage, Great Horwood MK17 0QW | Demolition of the existing dwelling and the erection of a thatched cottage with access, parking and amenity space. | | |
| 06/11/2019 | 19/03930/ALB Hollie Renney 04/12/2019 | Mr M Edmans | 19 Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood MK17 0QE | Replace existing modern profile windows with HW flush casement type. Install roof- lights to rear roof slope of existing cottage | No objection | |
| 07/11/2019 | 19/03990/APP Alice Culver 05/12/2019 | Mr R Margerrison | PCC of St James' Church, 5 Wigwell Gardens, Great Horwood MK17 0QX | Replacement of lead roof material to zinc to the Nave and South and North porch roofs | | |

Key –

Colours

Blue = applications received in 2016

Pink = applications received in 2018

Green = applications received in 2019

Names are those of the AVDC application case officer

Dates are when the application was received (column 1) and by when comments must be made (column 2)