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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
6 December 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr Russell Margerrison, Cllr Ian Lamberton, Cllr Angela Mayne, Cllr Valerie Porritt, Cllr John Scholtens, Cllr Marc Bennett-Coles, Karen Francis (Clerk)
9 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence
All Councillors were present.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 November 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
 - Two PCSO's gave an update on the visits to residents in Spring Lane and confirmed that parking was the main issue raised. Since these visits white lines have been painted at the start of Spring Lane to stop cars parking on the corner creating a danger. It was explained that double yellow lines are not feasible as AVDC won't enforce them. However, the police can now ticket cars that do park on the white lines.
 - A formal response is expected from BCC regarding a weight restriction on the main road through the village.
 - No further action was taken on the Energy from Waste application.
 - No cheque has been received for the funding from David Rowlands and the Clerk agreed to chase this.
 - Councillors cannot claim a special dispensation from the Inland Revenue regarding expenses.
 - No further action has been taken on replacing the noticeboard in Singleborough.
 - An application was made to Anglian Water to install a water supply at both the allotment sites in the village. However, it was subsequently discovered that an admin charge of £140 per site visit was going to be charged if the installation didn't go ahead. Additionally the water supply would be metered. Therefore this has been put on hold and after discussion it was agreed the Clerk would contact the allotment holders to find out their views.
 - It was agreed a new grit bin would be installed in Nash Road and Cllr Mayne would contact the Clerk with the final position. It was also agreed that a new grit bin would be installed at the top of Singleborough Lane at the junction with the A421.
 - No further action has been taken with the sundial on The Green.
5. Phil Gomm - Speedwatch

Phil Gomm, Chairman of the Buckingham South Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG), addressed the meeting and gave a talk on the Speedwatch scheme and how it could work within Great Horwood. A number of questions were asked which he answered as well as explaining how the NAG would provide initial support.

The cost of the scheme is £2500 for the equipment. However a consortium with other parishes can be created which would bring the cost down to £500.

The presentation ended with Phil agreeing to provide a date in the New Year when he will come out and demonstrate the system live and it was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

6. Public Participation Period

James Darke raised an issue regarding the move of the Fire Service Command Control Centre. He stated he had sent emails to the Clerk but these had not been forwarded on as they appeared to be spam due to not having any signature of any kind. The Clerk will forward them on after the meeting and the Parish Council will then respond.

Rod Moulding expressed his displeasure that he had not been asked to apply for and organise another "Music in Quiet Places" event for 2012. Cllr Gilbey explained that the information from AVDC had been forwarded to St James Parochial Church Council for its consideration as the body responsible for the church premises.

Mick Wood requested the Parish Council to not install a skip in Willow Road if the Village Freighter didn't continue as it caused a lot of problems last time. The Parish Council noted these comments.

7. Planning Issues

- 7.1. Cllr Gilbey provided Councillors with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. Two new decisions and four new applications had been received, and the planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
- 7.2. The Green is now registered and the relevant Land Registry documents have been received. The Recreation Ground is still in progress. The legal team at BCC have requested some further information which has been provided so now the Parish Council must wait for the next response.
- 7.3. No update has been provided on The Hedgerows.

8. Horwood Pece Report from the Recreation Committee

Steve Brigden provided a report with the following key points:

- A split in the zip wires rubber seat was discovered and repaired.
- Children are using the mound to throw 'mud balls'. This will cease when the mound is turfed.
- Prices for turfing have been given but discussion is still taking place over the shape and position of the mound.
- The approach of Winter will further impact upon the appearance and depth of the woodchip. Raking and toiling over these areas will continue.

9. Report from the Parish Plan Steering Committee and approval of Community Consultation response to AVDC

The report was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. No question were raised.

Prior to this meeting the draft response to AVDC which had been prepared by the Great Horwood Parish Plan Steering Committee had been circulated to all Councillors. The document, which was prepared following the recent consultation with all households and businesses in the Parish, provided the community's answers to the 4 questions posed by AVDC on the level and type of development that the Parish would like to see in the Parish over the next 20 years. During the meeting a number of minor modifications were proposed and unanimously approved and Cllr Scholtens agreed to mention the necessary changes to the draft and feedback to the Steering Committee.

10. Footpaths Report

Robert Deuchar has provided the following report:

A new metal pedestrian gate has been installed replacing one of the two difficult stiles on FP4 between Pilch Lane and Singleborough. I am waiting to hear from BCC whether the other stile, at the same hedge/fence boundary can also be removed. All the Parish's FPs and the bridleway have been inspected within the last five weeks and I am not aware of any problems.

11. Second bus shelter in Little Horwood Road

Cllr Gilbey had circulated a historical review of the precept and details of major projects carried out from Parish Council funding. He asked Cllrs to consider installing an additional bus shelter at the bottom of Little Horwood Road near Townsend Cottages. This was agreed and Cllr Gilbey said he would provide actual measurements to the Clerk who would then send out invitations to tender.

12. Grit Bins and Dog Bins

Earlier in the meeting it was agreed two grit bins would be funded.

The Clerk also read out a letter from AVDC which asked the Parish Council to decide whether they still wanted AVDC to arrange the emptying of the dog bins. It was agreed the Parish Council did want AVDC to continue with this service and the Clerk would respond to AVDC.

13. Path on The Green

Cllr Mayne asked whether a small section of The Green could be paved so that pedestrians walking up from the Nash Road didn't have to walk over an uneven grassed section. The Clerk agreed to contact David Hedley to find out how this would be carried out.

14. Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Since the last meeting businesses, village organisations and residents have been approached in order to try to form a committee to arrange the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. A small number of people have responded stating they would be happy to form a committee, the Great Horwood Silver Band have kindly agreed to play and some ideas have been received.

Outside of the meeting the Clerk had discussed this with Jane Moulding who had raised the issue at the previous meeting and she had said that a representative from the Village Hall entertainments Committee would also be on the Diamond Jubilee Committee. She suggested that the emails received so far were forwarded over to her and she would set the process in motion.

Cllr Gilbey nominated himself to be on the Committee. He also agreed to speak to The Crown while Cllr Scholtens agreed to speak to The Swan.

The Clerk is awaiting the Diamond Jubilee toolkit from AVDC and will forward this information on once it has been received. She has also investigated the possibility of closing the High Street for the day and is waiting on the forms from AVDC.

15. Delegated Budget Application

The Clerk had received a letter inviting bids for the delegated budget 2012/2013. After discussion two suggestions were put forward. The first was for an extension of the footpath from the cricket club to the A421 and the second was for a Vehicle Activated Sign. The Clerk agreed to make an application for both of these suggestions.

16. Budget and Precept setting for year ending March 2013

The Clerk had circulated a draft budget prior to the meeting as a start to the budget discussions for the next financial year which reflected the changes agreed at the November meeting.

- A long discussion took place on the costs for Focus and whether it was feasible to distribute Focus to the businesses within the Parish and outlying farms. The Clerk had provided suggested costs to include printing, envelopes and postage. It was finally agreed this amount was put into the budget but it would be trialled during the next financial year. This was to be added to the agenda for the next meeting. It was also questioned whether there was an electronic version that could be circulated and Cllr Gilbey agreed to speak to the editor of Focus in order to investigate this.
- All Councillors were in favour of including a donation of £250 for the Medical Detection Dogs Charity based at Greenway Business Park.
- It was agreed the cost of installing a Vehicle Activated Sign was too much and would mean the precept would have to be increased. Therefore this was not going to be included within the budget. However, it was agreed to include £500 should the Parish Council decide to be part of a Speedwatch Consortium.
- Finally it was agreed the precept would remain the same for the next financial year.

The Clerk will now update the budget and circulate the final version out to all Councillors.

17. Great Horwood Feast 2012

An email has been received from T Smith asking to visit for Great Horwood Feast in 2012. The Feast has to be held no earlier than 6th August and no later than 12th August so for 2012 the fair will be here on 6th and 7th August. The Clerk will respond to T Smith Funfairs.

18. Receipts

- Allotment Rents £30.00

19. Payments

- Adrian Buck (Grass seed at Horwode Pece) £11.50
- AJ North Construction (Horwode Pece) £576.00
- Liz Nicholls (Padlocks at Horwode Pece) £22.56
- BCC Legal Fees £847.50
- Village Hall Hire £120.00

20. To receive and note correspondence

- Email from David Bolton asking whether a memorial could be created for his late wife. The Clerk will respond to this email.
- An invitation to attend Mursley Diamond Jubilee celebrations.
- A letter advising the Parish Council there will be someone walking around Great Horwood from the historic towns project.
- An email from Sir Beville Stanier stating he left the Parish Council to manage day to day affairs but was always available should he be needed and he always read the agenda and minutes.
- An invitation to participate in the consultation of Buckinghamshire Mineral and Waste Core Strategy Development. This was passed.
- An invitation to participate in the latest consultation of the Vale of Aylesbury Plan. Cllr Gilbey took this to determine whether a Parish Council response was needed and if it was, it would be circulated to members of the Planning Committee.

21. Items for the next meeting

- Cllr Bennett-Coles asked for thanks to be formally given to the Parish Plan Steering Committee once the community consultation document has been submitted.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 13th February 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.46 pm.

Signed **Draft** _____ Date _____

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 6th December 2011

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

15.09.11	11/01779/ APP	Mr & Mrs Hanson	11a The Green	Fitting of Double Patio Doors	Objection	Approved
03.11.11	11/02357/ APP	Medical Detection Dogs	3 Greenway Business Park	Change of use of building for training and use of animals for detection work.	No objection	Approved

Pending

20.10.11	11/02124/ ALB	Mr S Terkelsen	12 Little Horwood Road	Erection of replacement garage and link building	Objection
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17.11.11	11/02352/ APP	Mrs S Rudd	The Old Spinney, Pilch Lane	Installation of ground-mounted solar photovoltaic panels.	
17.11.11	11/02361/ APP	Mr Sheppard	22 Greenway	Erection of two storey detached dwelling.	
17.11.11	11/02449/ APP	Mr & Mrs Chiarello	Land at School End	Erection of dwelling house with detached garage	
23.11.11	11/02474/ ATC	Mr Morris	Mulberry Cottage	Crown clean No.2 Silver Maple, Removal of Norway Spruce and Crown lift Common Ash	

2. Cllr Gilbey has declared an interest in the planning applications for 12 Little Horwood Road and for this reason did not contribute to the response made by the Planning Committee.