



# Great Horwood Parish Council

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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on  
8th April 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

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

1. To receive apologies for absence  
Cllr Scholtens was unable to attend the meeting due to holiday commitments.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013  
No amendments were made.
3. To receive declarations of interest  
No declarations of interest were received.
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last two meetings
  - No update on the positioning of the water butts.
  - No update on the sundial.
  - Online banking is in progress and now the remaining Councillors need to be set up.
  - No update on the MVAS.
  - No update on the handrails in Nash Road.
5. Public Participation Period
  - Liz Nichols asked the Parish Council to discuss the trustees for the Recreation Committee. There was a short debate as to whether more than four trustees could be appointed and Liz agreed to contact the Charities Commission to find out.
6. Planning Issues
  - 6.1. Cllr Gilbey provided Councillors with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. Three new decisions and one new application had been received, and the planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.  
  
The Clerk also asked whether a Councillor would be attending the DCC on 9<sup>th</sup> May relating to the objection at 11 The Green. Cllr Gilbey stated it was intended a Councillor would attend.
  - 6.2. The Land Registry want a number of questions answered before the application can be progressed. The Clerk is dealing with this.
7. Report from the Recreation Committee  
The issue of water logging has been discussed and ongoing solutions are being examined. The football area matting is to be laid soon. Discussions are taking place on replacing the woodchip with wetpour rubber surfacing. The Pece is to develop an eco forest garden. The RoSPA inspection will take place in May. This years Picnic on the Pece will commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Queens coronation..
8. Neighbourhood Planning Team Update  
This report was circulated amongst Councillors prior to the meeting. The SA scoping report has now been finalised and circulated to all Councillors. Work is underway with the management policy options for the SA framework document. Finally public consultation will be the next formal stage and this is to take place on 18<sup>th</sup> May.
9. Footpaths Report  
  
The report received this month is as follows:  
  
*The fifth and final metal gate has been installed on footpath 8/1. This makes a triangular route without stiles, north of Peartree House, along the Parish's only bridleway and then right along Singleborough Lane back to the starting point, a total distance of approximately 900 yards.*
10. Winslow Neighbourhood Plan Consultation  
Winslow Town Council are starting a neighbourhood plan and are keen for surrounding villages to give feedback and ideas for inclusion. WTC would like parishes to coordinate responses so Cllr Gilbey has agreed to put a notice in Focus and all responses will go to the Clerk for collation.

11. East West Rail  
Cllrs Gilbey and Mayne attended this meeting which was very informative. A number of issues have been raised with the rail providers which are to be addressed and a public consultation is due later this year.
12. Village Freighter Service  
Councillors were informed that it costs the Parish Council £175 each time the village freighter visits the village. The service is not well attended and many users drive to it, meaning they could drive to the tip. It was agreed to investigate further to find out how many people use this service and then to decide whether it is still financially viable.
13. Planters at entrances to village  
Cllr Mayne presented her findings on planters and it was agreed a supplier in Yorkshire was the best option. Cllr Mayne will now contact the supplier to find out how an order can be placed.
14. Annual Parish Meeting  
The APM will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> April, from 7pm, with proceedings starting promptly at 7.30pm. The WI will do teas and refreshments. Invites have been sent to all organisations within the village. Cllr Gilbey provided some posters which were distributed to all Cllrs for display within the village.
15. Temporary mowing of The Green  
The Clerk explained that after the previous meeting she had been approached by Graham Burns who would be happy to provide mowing services while Walt Whitehall recuperates. The Parish Council agreed that his rates were acceptable and would contact Graham when The Green needed mowing.
16. Allocation of Reserves  
The Clerk explained that both the Parish Council Financial Regulations and the External Auditors require any reserves carried forward to be ring fenced and allocated against specific projects or costs. The current position had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting and after discussion it was agreed to add to the reserves. The Clerk will keep a record of spend against these reserves in the current financial year.
17. Receipts
  - Barber Rent £15.00
18. To agree items for payment
  - BCC Legal Fees £298.80
  - BCC Contribution to footpath £1000.00
  - BCC Contribution to MVAS £288.43
  - BALC Subscription £131.04
  - AVALC Subscription £10.00
  - AVDC Dog Bins £372.53
  - BCC Legal Fees £291.60
  - Information Commissioner £35.00
19. To receive and note correspondence
  - An email from a resident regarding parking on The Green.
  - An acknowledgement from Susan Kitchen regarding the resolution passed relating to objecting to planning applications.
20. Items for the next meeting  
Review of Annual Parish Meeting  
Planters
21. Confirmation of date and time of next meeting  
The next meeting will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.33pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**Draft**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

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**

<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Application Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Site Address</b>	<b>Details of Application</b>	<b>Parish Council Response</b>	<b>AVDC Decision</b>
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**Determined**

07/02/13	13/00223/ATC	Mr R Deuchar	Dean Farm, Singleborough	Fell No 1 Leylandi, 10% Crown reduction of Cherry and Ash	No objection	Proceed with works
21/02/13	13/00351/APP	Medical Detection Dogs	Millfield, 4 Greenway Business Park	Change of use of B1 use for the training of animals for detection work for medical research	No objection	Approved
06/03/13	13/00422/ATC	Mr P Edwards	6 Winslow Road	Fell cherry tree	No objection	Proceed with works

**Pending**

06/03/13	13/00358/APP	Mrs C Cheshire	School End Farm, 2 School End	Conversion of barn to create residential accommodation and two storey rear extension and single storey link	No objection
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07/03/13	13/00414/APP	Mr J Hanson	11 The Green	Extend time limit of 10/00303/APP	Objection
07/03/13	13/00431/APP	Mr C Sears	Brook Meadow, Singleborough Lane	Demolition of existing stable block and erection of replacement stable block.	No objection
14/03/13	13/00516/ACL	Mr N Hanson	11a The Green	Continued use of building as a separate residential dwelling.	No objection