



Great Horwood Parish Council

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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
13 February 2012 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, Karen Francis (Clerk)
5 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence
Cllr Bennett-Coles was unable to attend due to work commitments.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 December 2011
These were approved with a minor modification to item 20.
3. To receive declarations of interest
Cllr Mayne declared an interest in Planning Application 12/00124/ALB
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
 - Following a request from a villager at a the November 2011 meeting of the Council we had requested Bucks County Council to investigate the possibility of imposing a weight restriction on traffic passing through the village. We have now been advised by BCC that it is not possible to introduce such a limit.
 - Grit bins have been installed at two more sites in the village and since the snowy weather a request has been made to BCC to have them topped up.
 - Cllr Scholtens provided a response to the emails from Mr Darke regarding the fire control centre issue and the Clerk has forwarded this on to him.
 - The Community Consultation has been sent to AVDC.
 - It was agreed to contact local contractors with regard to paving a small part of The Green.
 - The Delegated Budget application has been made.
 - The gullies at the bottom of Spring Lane have been cleared.
 - The local PCSO has sourced some new neighbourhood watch signs to replace those which were damaged when the new speed limit signs were put in.
5. Public Participation Period
No issues were raised.
6. Planning Issues
 - 6.1. Cllr Gilbey provided Councillors with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. Four new decisions and three new applications had been received, and the planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
 - 6.2. There is a problem with the registration of the Recreation Ground as there is confusion over ownership between the Parish Council and the Charity which administers the land. The legal department at BCC are investigating.
 - 6.3. AVDC has issued a demolition notice on Hedgerows, Nash Road and the owner has appealed against the service of the notice. Unfortunately the Parish Council were not notified. The enforcement team are due to meet the owners shortly to explain the nature of the enforcement order.
7. Horwood Pece Report from the Recreation Committee
No report was provided, however Cllr Porritt gave a short update of the last Committee meeting. The horseshoe mound is still waiting to be turfed but there is now an issue with its positioning. The Committee are also looking to top up the woodchip. Roses have been ordered to be planted in memory of Christine Bolton.
8. Report from the Parish Plan Steering Committee and formal thanks to the PPSC
The report was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was highlighted that the PPSC is depleted due to the resignation of two members including the Chairman so new volunteers are needed.

The results from the Community Consultation Document were circulated in the February issue of Focus.

On behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr Gilbey thanked the members of the PPSC for their efforts to produce the Community Consultation Document.

9. Footpaths Report

Robert Deuchar has provided the following report:

All footpaths and the bridleway in the Parish have been inspected within the last week and they are in good shape. It is encouraging to see the increased use of the footpaths, such as to Singleborough, as evidenced by a worn track, and that farmers are restoring the surface of the paths through growing crops.

10. Reports from Cllr Gilbey on meetings attended since the last Parish Council Meeting.

Since the last meeting Cllr Gilbey has attended six meetings. The main items covered have been as follows:

- There has been reconfirmation from BCC and AVDC of their total opposition to HS2 and they are considering the possibility of mounting a judicial review.
- AVDC have decided not to increase their proportion of Council Tax for the year 2012/2013.
- AVDC have decided to use the first two years of the government paid New Homes Bonus to fund the cost of upgrading its refuse depot despite opposition from AVALC, NBPPC, Winslow Town Council and Buckingham Town Council. However, AVDC have indicated it is willing to consult with towns and parishes about the use of the bonus in future years.
- From September 2012 AVDC will be introducing revised arrangements for refuse collection in the Vale.

11. Report from NAG meeting held on 18th January 2012

Cllr Porritt attended this meeting. The main topics were speeding, anti-social behaviour and country crime. The issue of dog mess was raised and it was advised there are some free resident packs which Cllr Porritt agreed to collect.

12. Second Bus Shelter in Little Horwood Road

Five invitations to tender were sent out with three responses. After discussion, it was agreed a hard standing would be needed for this bus shelter and therefore anyone who had submitted a tender without a quote for hardstanding would be contacted in order to be able to compare like with like.

Cllr Porritt questioned the position of the pole next to the bus shelter as it seems to be leaning. Cllr Gilbey agreed to investigate and take a photo if necessary.

13. Speedwatch

At the previous meeting it was agreed that a demonstration of the Speedwatch scheme in action would be beneficial. Cllr Porritt agreed to contact Phil Gomm to arrange this.

14. Water Supply at the Allotments

Since the previous meeting the Clerk had written to all allotment holders asking if they wanted water at the allotments and how much they would be prepared to pay for it. Most allotment holders responded with the vast majority wanting water but the amounts prepared to be paid for this service ranged from £5 to £75 per plot per year.

A debate took place over how water charges could be allocated to the allotment holders as although the Parish Council are prepared to pay for the installation of the water the ongoing costs must be met by the allotment holders.

It was agreed the Clerk would contact other towns and parishes to determine how much they charged for water at their allotments and she would also contact Kate Jones who is looking to set up an allotment holders group to see if the plot holders could come up with a solution.

15. Siting of New Dog Bins

It has been agreed to install two new dog bins which will be funded from next years budget. One is to be installed on the Nash Road and the other will be installed in Singleborough. Cllr Scholtens will provide a map for the Nash Road bin and the Clerk will contact Cllr Bennett-Coles to establish the location of the Singleborough one.

16. Distribution of Focus

It was agreed at a previous meeting that the Parish Council would fund the distribution of Focus to businesses in the Parish. The Clerk agreed to discuss the practicalities with the Editor while Cllr Scholtens will provide a list of businesses.

17. Annual Parish Meeting

The APM will be held on Monday 2nd April at 7.30. An update on the Diamond Jubilee celebrations will be given, it is hoped the headmaster of Great Horwood School will provide an update and the group putting together the Book for the Village will also present. Cllr Gilbey will put an article in Focus.

The Parish Council Meeting will be held before this meeting at 6.30pm.

18. Flood in Nash Road

The Clerk has contacted BCC who will investigate the drainage at the corner in Nash Road where a flood occurs during wet weather.

19. Village Sign

A local contractor has provided a quote to clean and oil the village sign. The Parish Council have approved the quote and the Clerk will arrange this to be done.

20. Update on Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Cllr Gilbey provided an update on the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. A Committee is in place and has been working hard planning, booking and arranging the day. The Lord of the Manor award is being put towards the free street party and this has kindly been wired to the Parish Council early by D Jack Smith in order to confirm bookings.

21. Litter Pick

Due to the very poor response to last years litter pick it was decided that we would not organise one for the normal time in late March but would consider arranging one for late May in time for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

22. Play around the Parish

AVDC have written to the Parish Council as funding has been withdrawn and therefore the Parish Council will need to fund Play around the Parish if it is to visit. After discussion it was agreed the Parish Council would fund three visits over the summer holidays and the Clerk will arrange this.

23. Receipts

- Allotment Rents £55.00
- Barber Rent £15.00
- David Rowlands – Donation for Bench £472.15
- Delegated Budget Award for Bus Shelter £2700.00

24. Items paid since last meeting

David Austin Roses (Horwode Pece) £54.97

25. Payments

- Donation to St James Church PCC £250.00
- Eon - Street Light Maintenance £110.70
- BCC – Legal Fees £819.00 and £928.80
- BCC – Grit Bins £900.00
- John Scholtens – PPSC Expenses (from Parish Plan Account) £17.99
- Harlequin Press (from Parish Plan Account) £265.00

26. To receive and note correspondence

- Email from Patricia Rudkin with the opinion that Focus is too glossy.
- A request for funding from Citizens Advice Bureau.
- Two NALC Booklets on planning which were passed to Cllr Scholtens.
- Matters Arising – a copy of which was passed to each Councillor.

27. Items for the next meeting

- Cllr Scholtens requested Committee members for the PPSC was added to the agenda for the next meeting.
- Cllr Gilbey requested the future of the Sun Dial was added to the agenda for the next meeting.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 12th March 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed _____ **Draft**

Date _____

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 13th February 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

20.10.11	11/02124/ ALB	Mr S Terkelsen	12 Little Horwood Road	Erection of replacement garage and link building	Objection	Approved
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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.	No Objection	Approved
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	No Objection	Approved

Pending

17.11.11	11/02361/ APP	Mr Sheppard	22 Greenway	Erection of two storey detached dwelling.	Objection	
17.11.11	11/02449/ APP	Mr & Mrs Chiarello	Land at School End	Erection of dwelling house with detached garage	Objection	
12.01.12	12/00032/ ACL	Mr Nugent	The Hayloft, Nash Road	Internal Alterations and external alterations to South Elevation	No Objection	
26.01.12	12/00084/ APP	Mr Khorrooshi	Parcel 5600, Pilch Lane	Installation of solar system	No Objection	
09.12.12	12/00124/ ALB	Mr Mayne	The Chapel House, Nash Road	Removal of existing domer window and replace with roof window		

2. Cllr Mayne will declare an interest in the planning application for The Chapel House, Nash Road and therefore will not contribute to the response which will be made by the Planning Committee.
3. At the last meeting the Parish Council asked for a letter to be drafted to respond to points raised by the agent involved in the application for 12 Little Horwood Road. After a good deal of chasing, the Planning Officer finally published the letter on the AVDC website.