



# Great Horwood Parish Council

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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup>  
July 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

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

1. To receive apologies for absence  
Cllr Margerrison was unable to attend due to work commitments.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 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
  - Nothing has been heard from Sgt Paul Cladingboel since his attendance at the last meeting. The Clerk agreed to contact him to find out whether any monitoring of speeding within the village had taken place.
  - The garden waste has now been removed from the site at Willow Road. However, no 'illegal dumping' signs have been installed and the Clerk will contact AVDC to find out when these are to be put up.
  - The pothole in Spring Lane was reported to BCC and should be repaired shortly.
  - The hedge overhanging the pavement in Spring Lane has now been cut back by the owner.
  - A map and locations of grit bins has been sent to BCC who will check each site to make sure they are suitable.
5. Public Participation Period
  - Mrs Kathleen Thompson reported that cars are being parked in Little Horwood Road very close to the corner with Nash Road. It was agreed the Clerk would mention this to Sgt Cladingboel but it was also suggested that individuals can report this to Thames Valley Police.
  - Mrs Liz Nicholls asked how the Recreation Committee could order rakes for Horwode Pece as the Parish Council hold the funds. It was agreed that she would order the rakes, obtain an invoice and then a cheque would be raised. It was also asked whether the Parish Council would be happy if the Recreation Committee report was submitted by anybody from the Rec Committee. The Parish Council agreed this was acceptable. Going forward it was also agreed that the report would be presented by either Cllr Porritt or Cllr Mayne as they both attended the Rec Committee meetings.
6. Planning Issues
  - 6.1. Councillors were provided with an updated Planning Report. Two new decisions have been made and one new application has been received. This information can be seen in part 1 of the planning report which is attached to and forms part of these minutes
  - 6.2. There have been no further developments in the application relating to Land at School End.
  - 6.3. The Parish Council have been notified that the public inquiry into the appeal for the gypsy site development in Nash Road will take place over 4 days starting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011.
  - 6.4. New College, Oxford have been contacted by the legal department at BCC who are carrying out investigative work on behalf of the Parish Council in order to register The Green with the Land Registry. No response has yet been received. BCC are also registering the land used by the Cricket Club. The Clerk has sent some applicable documents to the legal team and a response is awaited.
  - 6.5. The application at 51 Greenway has been approved despite attendance and objection made by Cllr Gilbey at the Development Control Committee.
  - 6.6. It was unanimously agreed that the BCC Incinerator Application 11/20000/AWD should be objected to. The Clerk will compose a response
  - 6.7. There have been no further developments in the issue of the letting of the house at Nash Road.

7. Report from the Recreation Committee

- Steve Brigden has been appointed as the new Chairman and Liz Nicholls has been appointed as the new Treasurer.
- The annual RoSPA inspection report has been received and noted that the zip wire needed tensioning, which has been completed.
- 'No Climbing' notices need to be placed onto the goals and metal signs are being sourced.
- Jenny Esdon, the Lead Professional for the Community Spaces Funding, has prepared the Final Certificate which has been signed.
- Recent weekly checks have found no problem with the equipment although the Committee feel the woodchip needs a good raking.
- There have been incidents of eggs being stolen from Mr O'Brien and smashed around the Rec. Information is being sought in order to catch the culprits.

8. Parish Plan and Vale of Aylesbury Plan: Steering Committee Report

The Chairman of the Steering Committee, Rod Moulding, provided an update to the Parish Council.

The Committee has completed the first draft of the proposed questions for residents for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

Close liaison with AVDC Forward Plans has continued with drop-in sessions being attended by two Committee members. As matters stand it is hoped to provide the Parish Council with a project plan for the Neighbourhood Plan consultation process at the next Parish Council meeting in September along with a draft of the proposed consultation questions for both employers and residents.

9. Footpaths Report

Robert Deuchar, who monitors the footpaths within Great Horwood has provided the following report.

*On Footpath 11 (Little Horwood Road to A421 road near the roundabout) there is a crop of oilseed rape which prevents the use of the line of the path in one field on the north side of the valet. There is a headland which can be used as a temporary diversion with an extra distance of approx 150 metres. I will see what can be done to avoid this problem next year. All the Parish's footpaths and the bridleway have been inspected since 1 June and pruned as necessary.*

10. Report on the NBPPC meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June

Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting and circulated a report prior to the Parish Council meeting. At the meeting officers were elected and then considered the following matters:

- Vale of Aylesbury Plan
- Salden Chase
- Winslow developments update
- Buckingham developments update
- Milton Keynes LDF revised core strategy
- Gypsy and Travellers update
- Other local planning matters
- HS2
- Calvert Incinerator Plant

No questions were raised by Councillors.

11. Report on the Buckingham South NAG meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Cllr Porritt attended this meeting. It was well attended by representatives from surrounding villages and three police officers. The following matters were discussed:

- Speeding – an issue in many villages
- Anti social behaviour – not a major issue in Great Horwood
- Rural Crime – specifically theft of Landrovers was highlighted. These cars are being targeted by thieves and the advice was given to try to reduce the number of incidents.
- Dog fouling – after discussion on this topic amongst the Councillors it was highlighted this is an issue in Great Horwood and it was agreed Cllr Scholtens would draft an article for Focus to remind residents to use the dog bins.

12. Local Area Forum Priorities

Cllr Gilbey had circulated the priorities before the meeting and had asked for each Councillor to respond giving their top 10 priorities. From the four responses received each priority had been weighted and ranked to produce the top 10 from the view of Great Horwood Parish Council. It was agreed these ten would be taken forward by Cllr Gilbey at the special Winslow LAF workshop to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> July. Other Councillors are welcome to attend to join in the discussions.

13. HS2 – to oppose or not?

Discussion among the Councillors took place to decide whether or not to oppose the HS2 proposals. Arguments against included the fact the Parish was not an 'empowered parish' and therefore any objection

would have little weight whereas arguments for included giving support to surrounding Parishes who would be affected by the proposals. A vote was taken, 3 Councillors voted to oppose the HS2 proposals while 3 Councillors voted to not respond. The Chairman made the casting vote and it was decided not to make any objection to the proposals.

14. Public Safety Plan Consultation

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated an invitation from Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority to take part in a public consultation following the draft Public Safety Plan.

After discussion it was decided that the Parish Council wouldn't respond.

15. Youth Parish Council – should Great Horwood have one?

At the previous meeting a Councillor from Wing had given a presentation about the Wing Youth Council to Great Horwood Parish Council. The Parish Council all agreed the presentation had been informative and useful but were unsure whether Great Horwood could sustain a Youth Council at this time.

It was agreed the Youth Club could provide excellent support to the Parish Council should there be specific issues where Young People could be consulted but it was agreed not to pursue a Youth Parish Council at this time.

16. Replacement of Bus Shelter

Five firms had been invited to tender for the removal of the existing bus shelter and its replacement and three quotes had been received and were presented at the meeting. The quotes received were significantly different and after debate Councillors agreed, in principle, to request the services of Roy Randles assuming dates for completing the project and final design could be established. The Clerk will liaise with Roy Randles to finalise the details and in the meantime Cllr Gilbey will speak with the delegated budget team at BCC to ensure the promised funding will be forthcoming.

17. Financial Update

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had sent out a financial update and requested that any queries were raised before this meeting. No queries were raised and therefore the current financial position of the Council has been approved.

18. Clerk Cover in September

The Clerk requested cover was found for the September Parish Council meeting as she is unable to attend. Cllr Scholtens agreed to make notes and minute the meeting.

19. Payments

- Ebor Property Services (Horwode Pece Grass Cutting) £90.00
- Legal Fees £874.80
- Playsafety Ltd £115.20
- PAYE £157.40
- E.ON (Street Light Maintenance) £110.70

20. To receive and note correspondence

- Email from a resident concerned about a tree in the Church Lane Allotment site. Cllr Gilbey agreed to investigate.
- Letter from AVALC providing information on a event being held on 14<sup>th</sup> July.
- Letter from Buckingham and River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board informing the Parish Council that watercourses in the Parish are to have maintenance works carried out during 2011/2012.

21. Items for the next meeting

No additional items were raised.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.51pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 11th July 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

29.03.11	11/00531/ APP	Mr Alistair Waddington	Land At 51 Greenway, Great Horwood	Erection of detached two storey dwelling	Object	Householder Approval
02.06.11	11/00881/ APP	Mr Steve Grant	25 Little Horwood Road	Alteration to garage and outbuilding into living accommodation and erection of a single storey link extension	No objection	Householder Approval

#### Pending

20.01.11	11/00031/ APP	Clarence Country Homes Ltd	Land to rear of 11 The Green, Great Horwood	Erection of two dwellings	Object	
17.02.11	11/00181/ APP	Mr Lee Williams	Land opposite Causter Farm, Nash Road, Great Horwood	The use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes for eleven. gypsy pitches together with the formation of additional hard standing and utility/dayrooms ancillary to that use	Object	
17.03.11	11/00411/ APP	Mr J Chiarello	Land At School End, Great Horwood	Erection of detached single storey dwelling and public car park	Object	
12.05.11	11/00745/ APP	Mrs Jennifer Barker	Croft Farm, Nash Road	Conversion of barn into residential dwelling	No objection	
02.06.11	11/01077/ APP	Mr Philip Ward	Pear Tree House, Singleborough	Single storey rear extension	No objection	
16.06.11	11/01179/ APP	Mrs Sharon Rudd	13 The Green Great Horwood	Two storey rear extension	No objection	

2. The Legal Team at BCC have been provided with all information available in respect of the application to register The Green. No response has been received from New College, Oxford and no progress can be made until a response has been received.
3. Despite objection from the Parish Council (primarily on road safety in Spring Lane) and attendance at the Development Control Committee, AVDC approved the application at 51 Greenway.