



**Great Horwood  
Parish Council**

# Great Horwood Parish Council

Minutes of an ordinary meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at  
7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr Rod Moulding (Vice-chairman), Cllr Michael Brocklehurst, Cllr Moya Berrill, Cllr Ian Lamberton, Cllr Russell Margerrison, Cllr James Samways, Karen Francis (Clerk)  
7 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence  
All Councillors being present, there were none.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011  
Cllr Moulding requested a change to the wording of the resolution in item 14. This was agreed and the minutes were approved. The Clerk will send out a final copy of the minutes to all Councillors.
3. To receive declarations of interest  
None received.
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
  - One allotment plot is available in Willow Road but a resident has shown interest in it so it is hoped it will be let soon.
  - The Clerk had not received an update to the possibility of replacing the telephone box on The Green.
  - No money has yet been received by Tom Saunders although the date for payment is not until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.
  - The Litter Pick is to be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March and volunteers are still required.
  - A letter has been sent to a specific resident in Spring Lane who has a tree on their property which seems to have a hazardous branch. No response has been received and Cllr Gilbey agreed to contact Bucks County Council
5. Public Participation Period  
Mr Graeme Thompson gave an update on the replacement telephone box on The Green. BT have confirmed the box is scheduled for review of removal later in the year. Red telephone boxes can be purchased if required but if BT remove the current phone box, an older style red phone box would only be for aesthetic purposes. It was agreed to wait until after the elections to decide whether this was a feasible project.  
  
Mr John Scholtens asked how many Councillors were likely to be stepping down at the next Parish Council elections and the response was three or four.
6. To receive and consider reports from Committees of Council
  - 6.1. Cllr Moulding updated the Council on the report from the Planning Committee. There has been one decision and five new applications since the last meeting. Cllr Moulding proposed that the comments made to AVDC were ratified, Cllr Brocklehurst seconded this and it was approved unanimously.
  - 6.2. Cllr Brocklehurst updated the Council on the recent developments at Horwode Pece.
    - There are no issues being raised on the weekly inspections.
    - The first mow of the season has taken place.
    - The next Picnic on the Pece will take place during the afternoon of Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April. This will be a very informal affair.
    - Cllr Brocklehurst is currently amending the licence by which the Parish Council has the right to site its play equipment on a specified area of the land at Horwode Pece.

7. Parish Plan and Vale of Aylesbury Plan: Steering Committee Report  
Cllr Moulding has not circulated a report as the Steering Committee has not met since the last meeting. He has however, circulated the Vale of Aylesbury Plan newsletter which demonstrated the differences between Parish Plans and Neighbourhood Plans.
8. Report on the BCC Winslow & District LAF held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011  
Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting and circulated a report which is attached to these minutes.
9. Report on the Local Councils Planning Liaison Group held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011  
Cllr Moulding attended this meeting and circulated a report which is attached to these minutes.
10. Report on AVALC meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011  
Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting which was dominated by the Localism Bill although the conclusions of the meeting was that there were still many unknowns about the process and the true meaning of some of the proposals in the bill. Cllr Moulding highlighted there were two consultations which should be on the agenda for the next meeting – Community Right to Challenge and Community Right to Buy.
11. Vehicular Access to The Green  
Some correspondence has been received from Solicitors involved in the planning application by 11 The Green. Legal advice is being sought from Bucks County Council and it was agreed that Cllrs Gilbey and Moulding would meet with BCC to resolve this issue.
12. Resolution to approve unbudgeted expenditure relating to legal costs in respect of The Green  
Cllr Moulding proposed this resolution, Cllr Margerrison seconded it and it was unanimously agreed to approve the expenditure incurred relating to legal costs in respect of The Green.
13. Proposal for Land at the corner of School End and High Street, with Car Park  
Cllr Moulding gave the background to this application (owners of field are submitting an application for a small bungalow and the creation of an 18 space car park) and explained that the Planning Committee had decided not to consider this item until the application had been ratified by AVDC. However as the application includes an offer to create an car park for use by the village there were a number of possible implications which the Parish Council should consider.  
  
A short debate took place and following a suggestion from Cllr Margerrison it was agreed that Cllr Moulding would suggest to AVDC that the Parish Council would like to make comments on the two parts of the application separately.
14. HS2  
Cllr Gilbey explained the public consultation was now open and the nearest one to Great Horwood was to be held at the Olympic Lodge Hotel, Stoke Mandeville Stadium on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> May. There will also be one at Waddesdon C of E School on 21<sup>st</sup> May.
15. Bucks County Council Incinerator Application 11/20000/AWD  
This application has now been received and includes a large number of documents. During the Planning Committee meeting Cllr Moulding agreed to divide the documents up between committee members so that the application can be studied more accurately.  
  
Cllr Gilbey advised that at the last Local Area Forum it was offered to arrange a special meeting with BCC and the Proposed Contractors in order to directly question them on the technicalities of the proposal. When a date has been agreed Cllr Gilbey will circulate this information.
16. Dropped Kerbs  
Cllr Gilbey has continued to push for a resolution to the issue of dropped kerbs within the village. BCC have now responded and some remedial work has started but has not yet been completed.
17. Annual Parish Meeting – proposed date 5<sup>th</sup> April 2011  
It was agreed the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.
18. Bench from Doctors Car Service  
At a previous meeting Cllr Gilbey explained that some surplus funds from the Doctors Car Service was being offered to purchase a bench for the bus shelter. In this meeting Cllr Gilbey asked the Council to agree to purchase the bench and to be reimbursed by the Doctors Car Service. This was agreed.

19. Internal Audit Procedures

Further to a request in Focus, one resident had offered her time to provide an internal audit service to the Parish Council. The Council agreed to accept this offer and the Clerk would draw up a letter of engagement and contact the resident.

20. The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge

Further information had been received from the organisers and this had been passed to Cllr Brocklehurst for use by the Recreation Committee.

21. Receipts

- Allotment Rent £5.00
- Barber Rent £15.00

22. To agree items for payment

- Clerks Expenses £40.30
- Bucks Playing Fields Association Subs £20.00
- Bucks County Council Legal Fees £1047.60

23. To receive and note correspondence

- Letter from Anglian Water stating they were not looking to replace pipes on the Nash Road.
- Letter from Bucks Citizen Advice Bureau requesting funding.
- Email from a resident in the Village asking about Lollipop Ladies and Zebra Crossings.
- Letter from Eon regarding price rises. The Clerk agreed to investigate alternative suppliers.
- Letter from Solicitors re ownership of the Village Green.
- Letter from Bucks CC Legal Dept giving advice on ownership of the Village Green.
- Letter from a resident in Wheathouse Copse regarding damage to privately owned verges during the installation of dropped kerbs.
- Letter informing the PC that the delegated budget for this coming year had been doubled.
- Letter from AVDC informing the PC that the Salden Chase planning application had been withdrawn.
- Letter from BCC informing the PC that the area 14 speed limit review was to be implemented.

24. Items for the next meeting

No additional items were added.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.58pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ **Draft** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Report from the BCC Winslow and District Local Area Forum held on  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011.**

1. The Speed Limit Review for Area 12 which includes Great Horwood will be implemented by June/July 2010.
2. Following the local elections on 5th May the District Council count will take place on the Friday and the counts for Town and Parish Councils will take place on the Saturday.
3. We have not been successful in our application for funds under the Transport delegated budget for 2011/12 despite the amount available having been doubled to £36,769.50. This means that we will have to fund the salt bins and/or the bus shelter if we wish to proceed with the projects.
4. Energy from Waste – Following a number of questions from members of the forum Mark Grindall offered to arrange a special meeting giving members the chance to directly question BCC and the proposed contractor on the technicalities of the proposal.
5. HS2 – Launch of Public Consultation and the associated road shows.
6. Digital television switchover – Community Impact Bucks can offer advice and support if required.
7. Thames Valley Police – Inspector Emma Garside reported that the persons responsible for the daylight “break ins” in Nash, Little Horwood and Great Horwood came out of Bedfordshire and have been apprehended. She once again confirmed that she does not expect any changes in numbers of front line officers in the Vale.

John Gilbey  
4<sup>th</sup> March 2011

**Report from the AVDC Local Council Planning Liaison Group held on Thursday  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011.**

1. I represented Great Horwood Parish Council.
2. John Byrne, Head of Planning Services, chaired the meeting and was accompanied by Andy Barton, (Forward Plans Manager), Jim Cannell (Development Control Manager) and Susan Kitchen (Development Control Manager designate – see below). Attendance was disappointing; about 12 parish and town councils were represented.
3. Andy Barton provided a brief update on the Vale of Aylesbury Plan and introduced the latest issue of the newsletter. We are still at the forefront of this initiative.
4. John Byrne noted that as at 1 April 2011 Jim Cannell will take special responsibility for strategic matters and inquiries, and Susan Kitchen will become Development Control Manager.
5. Maggie Walsh provided a demonstration of the facilities offered by the “PublicAccess for Planning” website and described some of the more sophisticated features such as Saved Searches.
6. John Byrne led a discussion on the feedback letters sent by Development Control to Parish Councils following decisions. Most attendees were satisfied with the letters and explanations although there was some criticism of timeliness.
7. John Byrne clarified that the £100,000 budgeted by AVDC to oppose the HS2 proposals does not include internal AVDC staff time.
8. The next LCPLG meeting will be in June 2011.

Rod Moulding  
Chairman, Planning Committee  
13 March 2011