



# Great Horwood Parish Council

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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on  
11th March 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr John Scholtens, Cllr Ian Lamberton, Cllr Mayne, Cllr Porritt,  
Karen Francis (Clerk)  
2 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence  
Cllrs Margerrison and Bennett-Coles were unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 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
  - Out of the LAF funding the Youth Club are likely to receive £1000 out of next years budget. The application for funding to extend the footpath in Nash Road was declined.
  - No update on the positioning of the water butts.
  - A sketch of the sundial has been amended and sent back to the engraver.
  - Cllrs Gilbey and Scholtens have received the information needed to log on to the online banking and will now test the payment method.
  - The Local Area Technician is looking into suppliers and prices for the handrails in Nash Road.
  - The Clerk has been in contact with BCC regarding signage for the road closure. A 'No Through Road' sign is now at the top of Spring Lane and more sandbags have been provided to stop the signs blowing over.
  - The Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS) are in hand. Ground screws are about to be ordered and now we are waiting on BCC to come and do a site survey.
  - No response has been received after the letter sent regarding any proposed development at the Old Mill.
  - Cllr Gilbey responded to the Gypsy and Traveller Consultation.
  - A grit box on The Green was discussed again and Councillors again agreed it was not viable. Volunteers are relied upon to spread grit, the grit boxes are not aesthetically pleasing, they are installed primarily in areas where vehicles get stuck on inclines rather than for pedestrians and on balance for the short time during the year it would be needed, there are too many factors against it.
  - It was reported that Walt Whitehall has been ill recently and the Parish Council would need an interim contractor to mow The Green. The Clerk agreed to find out some quotes.
  - The loose kerb at the junction of Little Horwood Road and Weston Road has been repaired.
  - The sandwich board sign at the roundabout on the A421 has been removed.
5. Public Participation Period
  - Llew Monger, Mayor of Winslow, attended the meeting to mention two open days being held in Winslow to inform residents of Winslow and surrounding parishes of the Winslow Neighbourhood Plan. These are to be held in the St Laurence Rooms on 24<sup>th</sup> March from 2pm to 4pm and 26<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm to 9pm.  
  
There will also be four specific workshops but these will be by invitation only.
  - Llew Monger also asked the Parish Council to reconsider a donation to the Citizens Advice Bureau. Cllr Gilbey explained that the Parish Council supported village organisations and locally based charities.
  - Llew Monger also gave some more details on the new free school opening in Winslow this coming September which will initially be in the Winslow Centre. John Chilver reminded the Parish Council that this would affect travel funding from September 2014.
6. Planning Issues
  - 6.1. Cllr Gilbey provided Councillors with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. Two new decisions and five new applications had been received, and the planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.  
  
Cllr Gilbey also proposed the following resolution to be sent to AVDC as there has been a change in the planning procedure at AVDC with no consultation.

*"The Council noted the decision of Aylesbury Vale District Council as published on the Planning News page of 'The Bulletin' 10/13 Dated 6 March 2013 in which it states that:-*

*"the automatic trigger for any Town/Parish Council representations which are contrary to the officers recommendation to be reported to the Committee will only apply where in its response the Town/Parish Council confirms that they will attend the meeting of the Committee to speak"*

*and expressed its unanimous opposition to the change. The Council believes that the change is in total opposition to the concept of 'the big society' and to the importance of localism and has been taken unilaterally without reference to the views and wishes of the local councils in the Vale. Great Horwood Parish Council always gives detailed reasons for its decisions when it opposes or supports planning applications and always tries to ensure that it represents the views of its most affected constituents. All of our Councillors are volunteers, none of whom have claimed any expenses for costs incurred in carrying out their duties. This change will mean that we will have to change our policy on expenses and is inevitably going to transfer costs from the District to the local councils and mean many more hours need to be spent travelling to/from Aylesbury and waiting to have a 5 minutes hearing at a very lengthy Development Control Committee meeting."*

The resolution was unanimously approved and the Clerk will now send this to Susan Kitchen and Sir Beville Stanier.

- 6.2. The Land Registry have returned with a query over who owns the adjoining land to the Recreation Ground as they want to ensure there is no dispute over boundaries. The legal department at AVDC have been provided with information and this has been passed to the land registry.
7. Report from the Recreation Committee  
No report was provided but Councillors provided some information. Matting has been purchased and received for installing in the central area of the football pitch. Picnic on the Pece will be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. The woodchip levels are low again so the cost of cushion matting is being investigated.
8. Neighbourhood Planning Team Update  
This report was circulated amongst Councillors prior to the meeting. AVDC are not being timely in responding to the GH NPT so the public presentation of the work has slipped and probably will not take place until May. However, AVDC have accepted comments made by the Parish Council about the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) and this has now been amended to ensure there are no differences between the SHLAA and the Neighbourhood Plan.
9. Footpaths Report  
The report received this month is as follows:  
*A new pedestrian gate has been installed on footpath 3 (from the Winslow Road towards Adstock) about 1000 yards from the road, replacing a stile. This gate is dedicated to the memory of Christine Bolton (nee Whitehall) and was sponsored by her family, who are grateful to Bucks CC and to Felicity Shippobotham of Home Farm. Four more metal gates have been installed by BCC on footpath 8/1 between Peartree House, Singleborough and the A421 and a fifth gate should be installed soon. Three of these five have been sponsored by local residents.*
10. Report on the AVALC Executive Committee Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013  
Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting. The key point coming from this meeting was that 2 representatives have been nominated to join the panel which will review New Homes Bonus Payments and Cllr Gilbey is one of these representatives.  
On 21<sup>st</sup> March AVALC have organised a meeting on East/West Rail. Cllr Gilbey has further details.
11. Report on the Winslow and District LAF held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013  
Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting which had been reinstated after initially being cancelled. The main topics were:
  - Matt Whincup is moving on and will no longer be the Local Area Technician.
  - A demonstration was given on automated external defibrillators.
  - Discussions took place on Winslow Library, the new free school and broadband.
  - BCC have issued a document outlining their requirements if HS2 is to go ahead.
12. Milton Keynes South West Plan  
Cllr Gilbey had taken advice on what the Parish Council should do with the email. It was suggested that the Parish Council acknowledge receipt of the email but do nothing further.
13. Planters at entrances to village  
A couple of general quotes have been received although these would need to be more specific if the Parish Council were to go ahead. Cllr Mayne agreed to investigate further.
14. Annual Parish Meeting  
Three dates were provided to Councillors and it was agreed the date would be Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr Gilbey and the Clerk will liaise to make the necessary arrangements.
15. Financial Review  
Prior to the meeting the Clerk circulated the latest Financial Review. This shows the Parish Council have spent some of their reserves, primarily on legal fees, but the Parish Council still has a healthy bank balance.
16. Receipts
  - Vat Repayment £1957.76

17. To agree items for payment

- St James Church PCC – Contribution to grass mowing £250.00
- Clerks Expenses £90.92
- HMRC £162.20
- SWARCO – ground screws £1077.70

18. To receive and note correspondence

- An email from a resident thanking the Parish Council for the new footpath in Nash Road.
- An update on the Music in Quiet Places application which has, unfortunately, been unsuccessful.
- A letter from NALC which was passed to Cllr Scholtens.

19. Items for the next meeting

Annual Parish Meeting  
Planters  
Allocation of Reserves

20. Confirmation of date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.59pm.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March 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**

17/01/13	13/00097/ATC	Mr Ahern	Chestnut House	Works to one Horse Chestnut	No objection	Proceed with works
01/02/13	13/00085/APP	Mr & Mrs Knill	Worth House, Nash Road	Single storey front extension and two storey rear extension	Objection	Application withdrawn

**Pending**

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	
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	
06/03/13	13/00388/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		
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06/03/13	13/00422/ATC	Mr P Edwards	6 Winslow Road	Fell cherry tree	No objection	
07/03/13	13/00414/APP	Mr J Hanson	11 The Green	Extend time limit of 10/00303/APP		
07/03/13	13/00431/APP	Mr C Sears	Brook Meadow, Singleborough Lane	Demolition of existing stable block and erection of replacement stable block.		

2. Application 13/00414/APP is a time extension application from 10/00303/APP which was also an approved application to extend the time limit from the original approved application 05/00986/APP. These documents are unable to be downloaded at the time of the meeting.