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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
10 October 2011 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)
3 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence
Cllr Bennett-Coles was unable to attend as he was out of the country.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 September 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
 - Editor of Focus spoke with the local PCSO's about advertising 'Have your say' in Focus.
 - Six grit bins have been installed at sites around the village.
 - The application for the TSID will be sent as soon as the cheque is signed at this meeting.
 - It was agreed the bus shelter won't be painted and will be left to age naturally.
 - The circular walk was investigated but the relevant landowners are resolutely opposed to the idea. It was agreed not to take this forward.
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. Five new decisions and two new applications had been received, and the planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
 - 6.2. The Public Enquiry into Planning Application 10/00680/APP (Traveller Site, Nash Road, Great Horwood) took place for four days starting on 27 September. Cllr Gilbey attended the first morning and presented documents which had been circulated around the Parish Council previously. A number of questions were asked of Cllr Gilbey from both AVDC and the legal team representing the Travellers. The hearing lasted the expected four days and the Inspector will make a decision within 7 weeks.
 - 6.3. The documents have now been sent to the Land Registry in respect of registering The Green. We expect a response in the next few weeks. A valuation is required for the Cricket Ground in order to proceed with that application and the Clerk will arrange this so that the documents can be sent.
 - 6.4. There is no further update on the Draft Planning Policy for Traveller Sites and it was agreed to remove this from the agenda.
 - 6.5. There is no further update concerning the Hedgerows house letting on Nash Road.
7. Horwood Pece Report from the Recreation Committee
Mrs Liz Nicholls had provided a report with the following key points:
 - It has been reported that children as young as 9 are entering the Mill regardless of the Mill owner continually repairing the fence. A strong notice will be put in Focus as this poses a significant danger and Cllr Gilbey will contact PC Tipping to ensure regular police checks are being carried out.
 - Two new picnic tables and one new bench have been purchased and will be installed soon.
 - The Trust have been looking at ways to reduce the insurance quote and will hopefully be able to save some money over the coming year. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would 'self-insure' the fence by ringfencing a sum of money in case of damage.
 - 'No climbing' signs for the goals have now been installed.
 - The 'hump' of earth between the path and road will shortly be moved to form a crescent shape on the other side of the path.
8. Parish Plan and Vale of Aylesbury Plan: Steering Committee Report and approval of draft questionnaires
Prior to the meeting the draft questionnaires had been circulated to all councillors. Apart for a few minor

tweaks approval was given and Cllr Scholtens will arrange printing. A link needs to be put onto the GHPC website for the questionnaire and the Clerk agreed to test this so it was in place as soon as the questionnaire was ready for publication.

An update from the PPSC was also circulated prior to the meeting and one request within this was for the Parish Council to request AVDC to seek funding on behalf of the PC so a Neighbourhood Plan could be prepared. If prepared and accepted a Neighbourhood Plan would become a legal document which would influence the planning strategy within the village. The Parish Council agreed funding should be applied for so the Clerk will contact the PPSC so they can start the application.

9. Footpaths Report

Robert Deuchar has checked all footpaths this month and has no further updates.

10. Report on the NBPPC meeting held on 13th September 2011

Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting. It was confirmed that Milton Keynes are continuing to develop their core strategy but are not looking to expand outside of their current boundaries and also that AVDC have turned down the appeal for 175 homes to be built in Shipton.

11. Report on the AVDC Stakeholder Forum held on 20th September 2011

Cllr Gilbey attended the meeting where a presentation took place to inform attendees of the work being carried out by AVDC on the number of houses and jobs needed in the Vale to 2031. This information was also included in the Vale of Aylesbury newsletter which was circulated prior to the meeting.

12. Report on the AVALC meeting held on 22nd September 2011

Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting. The majority of information provided at the meeting revolved around funding and advice. This was circulated to the Councillors prior to this meeting.

13. Consider whether to respond to the draft National Planning Policy Framework

After discussion it was agreed that as Great Horwood Parish Council was not a quality council its view would have minimal impact. Therefore it was unnecessary to respond.

14. Allotments

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact all allotment holders reminding them rent is due. It was also agreed that the Clerk would ask if they still want to rent the allotment in the next calendar year.

15. Poors Allotment Trustee and review of representatives of external bodies

Cllr Gilbey explained that the Poors Allotment Charity needs two trustees from the Parish Council and two from the Parochial Church Council. Although Cllr Margerrison had agreed to be one of the Parish Council trustees it was felt that as his wife represented the PCC an alternative trustee should be found. Cllr Mayne agreed to become the new Trustee.

The representatives of other external bodies were also reviewed but no changes were made at this time.

16. Diamond Jubilee suggestions

Next year is the Queen's diamond jubilee and a number of events are taking place across the Country to mark this. The Parish Council considered whether an event should be planned for the village and also who would plan it. AVDC have already contacted parishes to state they will not be providing any funding and therefore any costs to be incurred by Parish Councils will need to come out of the precept.

Mrs Jeannie Marshall, a member of the public, offered to take this forward and will put an article in Focus.

17. Initial Thoughts on Budget items

Cllr Gilbey suggested the Parish Council might like to think about items for the budget for 2012/2013 as this will need to be finalised over the next two months. Suggestions at the meeting included the following:

- Another bus shelter near Townsend Cottages
- Water supplies to the allotments
- An additional dog bin in Nash Road
- Plants/flower arrangements
- Maintenance of The Green
- Vehicle Activated Signs
- New noticeboard in Singleborough

18. Sundial on The Green

Cllr Lamberton questioned what should be done with the sundial which has no dial as it has been stolen. After discussion it was agreed Cllr Gilbey would speak to a blacksmith in Little Horwood and report back.

19. Receipts

- PPSC Funding from AVDC £275.00
- Precept from AVDC £10,000.00

20. Payments

- SLCC Subscriptions £82.00
- Bucks County Council Legal Fees £1,431.00
- Cllr Porritt (Horwode Pece Signs) £99.98
- Colin Beckett (Bus Shelter) £3,240.00
- BCC (TSID) £100.00
- Ebor Property Services £90.00
- Clerks Expenses £48.10
- Walter Whitehall (grass cutting) £100.00
- Donation to Winslow and District Community Bus £250.00
- Donation to Great Horwood Silver Band £250.00
- Donation to Focus £200.00
- Donation to Great Horwood Village Hall £250.00
- Donation to Great Horwood & Singleborough Youth Club £250.00
- Village Hall Hire for PPSC £12.00
- Donation to Great Horwood Parish Plan Steering Group £250.00
- HMRC PAYE £157.50
- Colin Beckett (Removal of bus shelter) £376.00
- PPSC – Funding from AVDC £258.00 (£275 less £12 village hall hire and £5 printers)
- EON UK Maintenance £110.70

21. To receive and note correspondence

- Letter from Great Horwood Book Group thanking Parish Council for releasing Lord of the Manor award
- Planning response booklet – passed to Cllr Scholtens
- Request for funding from Dial A Ride
- Email from Spring Lane resident concerned about the parking at the top of Spring Lane. He has offered to take this issue forward and the Parish Council have accepted this offer.
- Email from Mrs Patricia Rudkin regarding painting the bus shelter and maintenance of the village sign
- Email from AVDC re Parish Toolkit

22. Items for the next meeting

- It was asked for the Singleborough Noticeboard to be included on the next agenda along with next year's budget.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 14 November 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. It was also agreed the December meeting would be held on Tuesday 6th December and not Monday 12th December as expected.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm.

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Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 10th October 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

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	Objection	Refused
28.07.11	11/01509/ APP	Mr M Nugent	Manor Farm, Nash Road	Single storey side and link extension	No objection	Approved
18.08.11	11/01704/ APP	Mrs Sharon Rudd	13 The Green Great Horwood	Two storey rear extension	No objection	Approved
25.08.11	11/01350/ APP	Mr Ian Rapley	Cricketers Field Nash	Erection of riding arena	No objection	Approved
25.08.11	11/01458/ APP	Mr Richard Heley	Great Furze House	Installation of solar photovoltaic panels	No objection	Approved

Pending

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	Objection	
01.09.11	11/01822/ APP	Mr & Mrs Freeman	Roddimore House	Two storey side extension	No objection	
15.09.11	11/01779/ APP	Mr & Mrs Hanson	11a The Green	Fitting of Double Patio Doors	Objection	
22.09.11	11/01980/ APP	Mr Sanderson	Hadley, Singleborough Lane	Installation of solar PV panels to roof of dwelling		

2. The second application for the Causter Farm travellers site has now been refused. It is expected an appeal will be received sometime in the next six months.