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PARISH PUMP

PLANNING MATTERS

As you may all be aware, the Parish Council have received notice from Buckinghamshire Council of a Planning Application in the name of Grainge/ Croudace for up to 70 dwellings on the land north of Little Horwood Road and Cherry Leas. The Great Horwood application number is 24/03817/AOP.

There was a Public Meeting of the Planning Committee on the 13th January 2025 which had an attendance of 45 people - a show of hands to object to this application was requested, and all attendees objected.

Can we remind you that if you wish to make a comment on this application to Buckinghamshire Council you can comment online, using the following link

https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/onlineapplications/

and putting 24/03817/AOP in the keyword box.

Please note that Great Horwood Parish Council will be objecting to this application within the deadline given.

As well as the above application, the Parish Council have received the following applications from Buckinghamshire Council: -

- 1. Planning Application for the development of Home Farm for 15 homes - planning application number 21/00221/APP.
- 2. Planning Application by Abbeymill for 2 homes off Winslow Road - planning application number 24/03754/APP.
- 3. Planning Application for 3 houses on land to the rear of Vine Cottage, Little Horwood Road - planning application number 22/03217/APP.

As well as the expected planning application from Abbeymill for 30 homes on land south of Weston Road, we are also aware that there may be further applications in the pipeline.

The Parish Council have started discussions and have attended meetings with Buckinghamshire Council on the future of the Neighbourhood Plan as it makes progress on the development of the Buckinghamshire Local Plan. This will replace all the District Local Plans including the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan which is the relevant one for Great Horwood.

The Parish Council is the responsible body for the Neighbourhood Plan (which is based on the views of the whole community) - and are looking to set up a Steering Group made up of volunteers - please see the flyer elsewhere in this edition of Focus for more details of how you can help.

WELCOME PACK

If you are new to the village and have not yet received a Welcome Pack please email as shown below with your address and I will drop one off to you.

Focus Online

Did you know that there is an online edition of Focus with every copy from February 2012?

So, if you have mislaid your copy and can't find the information you need, just log onto

https://e-voice.org.uk/ghpc/focus-magazine/



ALLOTMENTS

There is currently an allotment free at the Church Lane Allotments - if you would be interested in renting this allotment space, please email the clerk at clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk.

Parish Council

REVIEW OF **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

At the Parish Council Planning Committee meeting on 13 January 2025, it was resolved that a review of the Neighbourhood Plan should be undertaken with a view to updating its policies.

The Parish Council is the Qualifying Body that will be responsible for submitting the Neighbourhood Plan. However, the Neighbourhood Plan will be an expression of the views of the whole community and to that end we need to set up a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group that will be responsible for leading the process and developing the plan.

The Parish Council is therefore asking for volunteers to take on this vital role. Steering Group members will have to be ready to devote some time and effort to the process.

Ideally the Steering Group will reflect the character and diversity of the local population so will have people from different parts of the village and from working people and retirees. We need a range of skills, knowledge and experience.

It there are more than a dozen people interested then we would need to select the Committee to ensure we achieve this.

The Steering Group will be run with regard to the Nolan Principles, so would not be able to include anybody who wished to put land forward for consideration as part of the process.

If you think you would be able to help, please contact the Clerk (clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk) giving your name and where you live and occupation.

FIX MY STREET

Just a reminder to everyone that "FixMyStreet" is an online facility where anyone can make a public report for things like graffiti, fly tipping, broken pavings slabs, and potholes that they see in the Village. This information gets passed to Buckinghamshire Council for them to action. The website address is: https://www.fixmystreet.com

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th February 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There is always a public participation period when members of the public can have their say - please feel free to attend. The Notice of the meeting is advertised on the Parish Council website and the noticeboard in the High Street.

Minutes of meetings can be found on the noticeboard and the Parish Council website.

e-voice.org.uk/ghpc/

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