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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on  
10th September 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great  
Horwood.

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

1. To receive apologies for absence  
All Councillors were present.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012  
These were approved without modification.
3. To receive declarations of interest  
No declarations of interest were received.
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
  - Water Butts at the allotment in Church Lane – No further developments
  - Singleborough Lane – BCC are going to clear approximately 100m of ditch and vegetation near the culvert which floods and although the budget is available it may be some time before the work is carried out.
  - Width restriction – the response from BCC is that it is not practical to implement a width restriction as it is a classified road. Accident records show there has only been one reported accident in the last ten years and the road provides an important link between the A421 and the A413.
  - Declarations of interest have now been published on the website and sent to AVDC.
5. Representative from BCC regarding closure of A421  
No representative from BCC came to the meeting but the Clerk received a letter shortly before the meeting stating that while the request from the Parish Council for work to move to single line carriageway had been considered, it was not feasible and therefore the original plan of diverting traffic through the village would continue.

BCC also stated in their letter that the police had been consulted and had no objectives to the diversion route. There is also no available budget to install temporary traffic lights to assist large vehicles on both bends in the village.

6. Emilia Hands – Great Horwood Conservation Area Review  
Emilia gave a short presentation on the work that had been carried out to review the conservation area within both Great Horwood and Singleborough. A public consultation is due to start during the next two months where all residents who are either live within the existing area or are affected by the change will be contacted to ask for their views. The consultation will run for approximately 6 weeks before the final review is undertaken and proposed.

The conservation area is in place to protect properties and land which have either a historical or architectural interest. Maps were provided to demonstrate properties or land with significant interest and these have been passed to the Neighbourhood Planning team so they can consider them in more detail.

7. Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) – PC Martin Sideman and PCSO Alex Trivino  
Unfortunately neither PC Sideman or PCSO Trivino were able to attend the meeting but Cllr Porritt gave an update on the MVAS system. The Local Area Forum (LAF) will provide some funding for villages who are interested in installing a MVAS system. The anticipated cost for the Parish Council would be in the region of £1000. This would provide an MVAS machine, a spare battery pack, ground screws, software and training. There is also an annual maintenance cost of approximately £160 per year.

Councillors were asked if they were in favour of installing a system such as this and all were in favour. Cllr Porritt agreed to respond back to the LAF to confirm the interest of Great Horwood Parish Council.

8. Public Participation Period
  - Mick Wood commented on the installation of poles along Pilch Lane. The Parish Council replied they were aware of the works but no planning application was needed and therefore no objection could be made.
  - Graham Burns asked who owned the verge between Bugle House and 1 Nash Road as it was very overgrown. The Clerk said she would contact BCC to determine who would cut it back.
  - Liz Nicholls reminded everyone that the Great Horwood Book will soon be published and a cheaper rate is available until the end of September.

- Vyv Rudd asked if the views of the Parish Council on the application at 11 The Green. Cllr Gilbey confirmed the Parish Council would be objecting and were seeking advice from the legal department at BCC.

9. Planning Issues

- 9.1. Cllr Gilbey provided Councillors with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. Five new decisions and six new applications had been received, and the planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
- 9.2. The registration of the Recreation Ground is currently with the Land Registry so it is hoped that this will be finalised shortly.
- 9.3. Since the previous meeting a retrospective planning application has been received for The Hedgerows. The Parish Council has objected to the application but as yet no decision has been made.
- 9.4. After the last meeting an application was received from Sunnyhill Farm which requested permission not to demolish existing buildings although the planning permission from the previous application had specified this as a condition. The Parish Council objected to this application. Subsequently a Design and Access statement was provided which had been omitted when the application had been sent out but after inspection it was decided that the objection by the Parish Council still stood. This application has since been refused by AVDC.

10. Report from the Recreation Committee

Liz Nicholls provided an update from the Recreation Committee.

- No new problems have been identified.
- Insurance renewal is due shortly.
- A new zip wire seat has been fitted and the zip wire has been adjusted.
- The short term plan to resolve the issue with the boggy area between the two playgrounds is to install decking although this will still need draining.
- The quality of the Grass cutting team is poor. Liz has asked them to take more care.
- The committee are looking to put matting between the two goals as this area is very worn. Quotes are being sought.
- The committee are also looking to move the BBQ area and are putting a short article in Focus about this.

11. Neighbourhood Planning Team Update

The draft vision and objectives was published in the September edition of Focus magazine and comments invited. To date only one response has been received with some valuable comments and a full reply has been sent. The GH NPT will discuss the matter at its next meeting on 19 September and the finally agreed vision and objectives will then be forwarded to AVDC Forward Plans for comment.

The GH NPT are currently performing neighbourhood environmental, historical and landscape sensitivity tests and defining the Neighbourhood Area strengths and weaknesses.

12. Footpaths Report

Robert Deuchar provided the following report:

*All of the parish's footpaths have been inspected and pruned within the last fortnight. I am not aware of any major problems.*

13. Adoption of the revised Standing Orders

The revised Standing Orders which reflect the Code of Conduct adopted at the previous Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012 had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting and were unanimously adopted at the meeting.

14. Report from the Parish Liaison Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012

The chair of all the Parish Councils were invited to attend this meeting and Cllr Gilbey did so. The two main topics were HS2 and the County's involvement which is ongoing and a LAF Review update.

15. New Homes Bonus

Cllr Gilbey had circulated a document before the meeting which gave details on the New Homes Bonus which is paid by the Government to District Councils. Previously the District Council have spent this as they wished but now town and parish councils have stated they would like to see some of the funding. There were four options of which two would benefit Parish Councils including Great Horwood and it was agreed that Option 4 (distributing New Homes Bonus to Parishes and Towns who are generating the growth) would be the best. Cllr Gilbey agreed to respond.

16. Payments by Parish Councils and Councillor Signatures – New Consultation

BALC have informed the Parish Council that the Government are seeking comments on the proposal for the removal of the statutory ruling requiring cheques etc to be signed by two Councillors. This puts barriers in the way of Councils using electronic methods of payment.

The consultation information was circulated to all Councillors during the summer break and all Councillors were in favour of removing the two signature rule.

17. AVALC Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012 – Collective View on Devolving Responsibility  
Cllr Scholtens stated he was unsure that devolving responsibility was a good idea given that Parish Councillors are unpaid and carry out the role voluntarily. He stated he would be attending the meeting, as would Cllr Gilbey and would report back at the next meeting.
18. Financial Review  
Prior to the meeting Councillors were provided with a financial review of the Parish Council Finances as at end August 2012. Prior to the meeting only one Councillor asked a question which was whether the donation to Focus magazine should be increased to £250 to be in line with other donations. It was agreed that currently Focus was breaking even and therefore this didn't need to be changed but it would be considered in the next budget.
- Cllr Gilbey also raised a couple of questions. These have resulted in the cashflow being amended slightly but the Parish Council still has a healthy bank balance.
19. Paving The Green  
Cllr Mayne has met with two local people but is still waiting for quotes.
20. Sundial on The Green  
The Parish Council discussed whether the sundial should be returned to its original position on The Green and after debate it was agreed that it wasn't the correct place. As there is also the problem that any metal used to repair it seems to be stolen quite quickly it seems futile to put it back in a public place.
- It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the school and ask them if they would like it.
21. Bollards on The Green  
The Clerk has been in touch with a contractor to provide a quote to install between 4 and 6 wooden posts approximately 24 inches high on The Green. No response has yet been received.
22. Receipts
- Wayleave £57.50
  - Fair £275.00
  - John the Barber £30.00
23. Items already Paid
- HMRC (PAYE) £162.20
  - Running Imp (Diamond Jubilee) £103.14
24. Payments
- Wettons (mowing at Horwode Pece) £120.00
  - BCC Legal Fees £367.20
  - Mazars £342.00
  - Clerks Expenses £57.71
  - George Browns (Horwode Pece) £70.74
25. To receive and note correspondence
- Vale of Aylesbury Plan Newsletter – passed to Cllr Scholtens.
  - Letter from AVDC explaining the reasons for the approval of the planning application for 51 Greenway.
  - The Playing Field newsletter – passed to Cllr Porritt
  - MVAS Information
26. Items for the next meeting
- Budget
  - Locations of MVAS
  - Re-grassing The Green
  - Bollards on The Green
  - Sundial
  - Paving The Green
  - Conservation Area

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21.15 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

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**

26/01/12	12/00084/ APP	Mr Khoroshi	Parcel 5600, Pilch Lane	Installation of solar system	No Objection	Approved
14/06/12	12/001266/ ALB	Mr Clark	Land on Bletchley Road	Erection of agricultural barn	No Objection	Approved
28/06/12	12/001305/ ALB	Mr & Mrs Judge	The Old Dairy	Two storey rear extension	No Objection	Approved
19/07/12	12/01499/ APP	Mr & Mrs Reddrop	Sunnyhill Farm	Retention of existing dwelling without complying with condition No.6 of 04/0105/APP with demolition of single storey rear to provide an annexe	Objection	Refused
28/07/12	12/01482/ APP	Mr & Mrs Zagobelny	9 Weston Road	Demolition of garage and erection of front/side and rear single storey extension and creation of new access	No Objection	Approved

**Pending**

30/05/12	12/01168/ ACL	Mr Turburville	Fincorrie Farm	Certificate for an existing use of dwelling without compliance with Condition 4 of planning permission 93/00078/AOP relating to agricultural occupancy	Objection
14/06/12	12/01264/ APP	Mr & Mrs Latham	2 School End	Demolition of WW2 huts and chicken barn. Erection of detached two storey dwelling with double garage	Objection
14/06/12	12/001265/ ALB	Mr & Mrs Latham	2 School End	Demolition of WW2 huts and chicken barn. Erection of detached two storey dwelling with double garage	Objection
02/08/12	12/00862/ APP	Mr D Price	The Hedgerows	Retention of existing agricultural dwelling and agricultural buildings with amendments as proposed and erection of agricultural building	Objection
02/08/12	12/01632/ APP	Mrs C Cousin	Russetts, Nash Road	Replacement of 7 metres of existing fence with new 1.8 metre high slatted wood fence	No Objection
23/08/12	12/01757/ APP	Mrs Cornhill	2 Spring Lane	Single storey rear extension	No Objection
25/08/12	12/01829/ AGN	Mr M Lambert	Dew Pond Farm	Erection of agricultural building	No Objection
30/08/12	12/01791/ APP	Mr J Hanson	11 The Green	Erection of detached dwelling	
06/09/12	12/01910/ AGN	Mr M Lambert	Dew Pond Farm	Erection of agricultural building	

2. The application for Sunnyhill Farm circulated and the decision was taken to object. Subsequently a design and access statement was received although AVDC stated they wouldn't undertake another round of consultation. This document was passed to Cllr Scholtens who communicated with the rest of the Planning Committee that in his opinion the new information did not change the view of the Parish Council and it was agreed not to amend the decision of the Planning Committee.