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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
12 September 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr Marc Bennett-Coles, Cllr Ian Lamberton, Cllr Angela Mayne, Cllr Valerie Porritt, Cllr John Scholtens (Acting Clerk).
3 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence
Cllr Margerrison was unable to attend but gave no reason.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 July 2011
These were approved without modification.
3. To receive declarations of interest
None received.
4. PC Nicki Tipping and PCSO Alex Trevino – Thames Valley Police (TVP)
The local TVP representatives gave an update on speeding through the village, illegal parking in Spring Lane and crime figures. Speed checks were performed in Great Horwood on 19 July 2011 during the late afternoon rush hour and none were above 37mph to trigger a speeding ticket although a small number of warnings were given. The deterrent value of visible checks was noted and it was agreed that there would be periodic return visits. Regarding illegal parking in Spring Lane, it was explained that double yellow lines could not be placed at the top of Spring Lane because of difficulties of enforcement but it was suggested that educating local residents to dissuade them from illegal parking was more appropriate. Crime rates were down and at a relatively low level. Cllr Gilbey asked if the police representatives could advertise their next attendance at the Parish Council meeting for example by an article in Focus magazine. They said that they did not receive a copy of the magazine but would appreciate being added to the distribution, and Cllr Scholtens agreed to speak to the Focus Editor (After-note: Focus Editor agreed to deliver a copy of the latest edition of Focus to the Winslow Police Office, to advise them that spare copies were always available in St James' Church and to remind the PCSO of his regular e-Mail asking for prospective articles for Focus).
5. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
 - Green coloured grit bins have been approved by BCC and funding streams agreed (£900 BCC, £1800 Parish Council) with expected installation by end October 2011.
 - Rakes for Horwode Pece have been purchased.
 - The overhanging tree in the allotments is on the school side and a resident (Mrs Charlotte Nash) will ask at the next governors meeting for permission for it to be cut back.
 - Energy from Waste objection letter has been sent.
 - Applications made to Fields in Trust for the QEII fields challenge for the football and cricket clubs.
 - The funding application for £275 for the forthcoming parish Community Consultation has been approved and will be paid to the Parish Council bank account.
 - Cllr Scholtens' article to the Focus Editor concerning dog fouling was included in the latest edition.
6. Public Participation Period
 - Mr Mick Woods asked for an update concerning the allotment that is not currently being used. Cllr Gilbey agreed to speak to the Clerk to mount a full review of allotment use.
7. Planning Issues
 - 7.1. Cllr Gilbey provided Councillors with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. Three new decisions and 3 new applications had been received, and the planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
 - 7.2. The Public Enquiry into Planning Application 10/00680/APP (Traveller Site, Nash Road, Great Horwood) will take place in The Oculus, Aylesbury at 10am on 27 September 2011 and take 3 days. Cllr Gilbey had asked if he could speak at the hearing and it was agreed that he would find out if this had been approved and that he would attend for that day. Cllrs Bennett-Coles and Scholtens also agreed to attend for a day each to ensure Parish Council representation.
 - 7.3. No update has been received from BCC about registering The Green and The Recreation Ground (used by Cricket Club) and investigations to date to find potential validating documents have only produced false leads eg location of sale documents with New College, Oxford. The Clerk will contact BCC for an update in time for the Parish Council October meeting.

- 7.4. Cllr Scholtens detailed the current situation regarding the Planning Policy Statement for Traveller Sites which is being developed following the end of the public consultation process in July 2011 in which the parish participated. Key themes will be increased local decision-making and the end of top-down targets, to allow Local authorities to set their own.
- 7.5. Concerning the Hedgerows house letting on Nash Road, Mr Philip Dales (AVDC Planning Enforcement Officer) has advised us that in the absence of a response from the owner Mr Price or anyone on his behalf, that their next step will be to instigate formal enforcement action to secure the removal of the development, and that we would be kept informed.
8. Horwood Pece Report from the Recreation Committee
Mrs Liz Nicholls had provided a report with the following key points:
- The Rec had been well used over the summer holidays with minimal litter caused.
 - To stay within budget the contractors had not mowed the Rec but fortunately grass growth was low.
 - Cllr Gilbey had obtained generous funding for 2 picnic tables and a bench from David Rowlands Community Fund with delivery expected in 3 weeks.
 - The procurement of "Do not climb on the goals" signs was still being investigated with concerns over the durability of plastic signs and the cost of metal ones. It was agreed that as the requirement arose from the Inspection Report and the equipment was ours, that action was necessary and metal signs should be sourced by Mr John Nicholls and financed by the Parish Council up to a cost of £100.
 - The "Play Around the Parishes" was held 3 times by AVDC during the summer holidays and were well attended, professionally run and greatly enjoyed.
 - Mr Adrian Buck had spent considerable time regularly strimming around the BBQ area and kept the gaps in the bushes along the road edge clear.
 - Woodchip rakes had been purchased and a working party for maintenance jobs would be formed.
9. Parish Plan and Vale of Aylesbury Plan: Steering Committee Report and approval of draft questionnaires
Cllrs Gilbey and Scholtens provided an update on the background to current work and ongoing preparatory community consultation efforts. It was emphasised that forthcoming planning regulatory framework sets the onus on local councils to make plans for and decide on new development through Neighbourhood Plans. Crucially, the presumption is to favour local development if local plans are not up-to-date or credible. The latest versions of the Great Horwood parish household questionnaire and the employers' (business) consultation document were then discussed and approved in draft form, but for the former subject to minor changes. It was agreed final ratification would be at the next Parish Council meeting on 10 October 2011 and that the amended household questionnaire would need to be circulated well in advance to gain early approval in principle (or make further suggestions). This was to avoid last minute delays which might jeopardise the printing and subsequent public consultation in the week 24-30 October 2011.
10. Footpaths Report
Mr Robert Deuchar who monitors footpaths within the parish, had provided the following update:
- During the last month all the parish footpaths and the bridleway have been inspected and pruned.
 - Bucks CC have built 2 new bridges on FP2 (towards Addington, North Bucks Way).
 - Previously reported broken farm gate where FP 8 meets the A421 road opposite the Thornton Turn in Singleborough will be replaced by the farmer when he can.
11. Feedback from the LAF Priorities meeting held on 20 July 2011
Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting amongst single representatives from various parishes including Mursley, Granborough, North Marston, Newton Longville and Whitchurch. Winslow Town Council was represented by 5 or 6 Councillors. This may have affected the final decisions of those present on the following 4 key priorities for which there is funding of £20K to the end of March 2012 to support related projects:
- More Local Jobs required.
 - Address Local Public Transport issues and develop access to safer cycle routes.
 - More Activities required for Children and Young People.
 - Encourage People to shop locally.
12. Report from the LAF meeting held on 7 September 2011
Cllr Gilbey attended the meeting and the main points were as follows:
- Electoral Commission has published proposals for County electoral boundaries reorganisation and this is currently open to consultation.
 - A Parish Portal is planned to help Clerks and Councillors to deal with the information flow from the CC.
 - Implementation of Speed Limit Review in the village is due to be implemented by end November 2011.
 - A new Service Information Centre is operational giving an "online one stop shop for all Transport for Buckinghamshire information" at www.bucksc.gov.uk/transport or via a live Twitter feed at @tfbalerts.
 - New Non Emergency telephone contact number 101 will shortly be introduced across the country replacing all the 0845 numbers.
 - Local policing areas will be changed to come into line with LAF boundaries from March 2012.
 - NAGs will only continue where they get good local support, otherwise police proactive interface with the public will be at parish council meetings and "Have Your Say" events.
 - Great Horwood was amongst only 18 out of a total of 110 parishes in Aylesbury Vale in getting funding to carry out its community consultation for responding to AVDC information requests and also to develop its Neighbourhood Plan.

- AVDC will be responding to the National Planning Policy Framework and is encouraging parishes if they feel strongly to do likewise.
 - Stakeholder forums will be held on 20/21 September 2011 to see early sight of the districts work on the start of developing its own employment and housing figures.
 - The Cabinet will consider budget reductions and income generation options on 13 September 2011.
13. Report from the NAG meeting held on 27 July 2011
Cllr Porritt attended this meeting and several of the points were covered in the TVP presentation at Item 4, but the remaining issues were as follows:
- Residents should be encouraged to report any anti-social behaviour incidents to TVP.
 - TVP will put on extra patrols between now and Christmas to help combat countryside crime.
 - Dog watch scheme had been launched at the Bucks County Show as a sub-set of Countrywatch and dog waste bags would potentially be supplied to Parish Councils among several organisations.
 - It was agreed in our meeting to invite the Buckingham South NAG Chairman to our next meeting to explain the possible benefits of joining in with Speedwatch.
14. Speeding in the High Street
Cllr Mayne and the Clerk met with Sian Thomas and David Hedley of BCC to discuss the issue of speeding in the High Street and a report concerning potential traffic calming measures and costs was circulated before the meeting. Traffic calming measures were expensive and non-enforceable. It was agreed that the Clerk should pursue installation of a Bucks CC Temporary Speed Indicator Device (TSID) for a 2 week trial period at a cost of £100 to see if this had any effect on speeding and then consider investment in a TSID.
15. Replacement of Bus Shelter
The old bus shelter was removed at the end of July and the wall has now been repaired. The new bus shelter has been installed with our bench and Cllr Gilbey agreed to investigate painting the shelter.
16. Receipts
- Wayleave £56.53
 - Barber Rent £15.00
 - Funfair £275.00
17. Payments since last meeting
- Jenny Esdon Consultancy Fees (Horwode Pece) £264.00
 - Woods of Buckingham (Horwode Pece) £41.97
 - Capital Gardens (2 picnic tables and a garden bench for the Horwood Pece) £566.58
18. Payments
- NBPPC £20.00
 - Ebor Property Services (Horwode Pece Grass Cutting) £90.00
 - Legal Fees (June) £291.60
 - Great Horwood Book Account (Lord of the Manor Award) £1000.00
 - Mazars LLP (Auditors) £480.00
 - AVDC (Election Costs) £113.00
 - BCC Legal Fees (July) £972.00
19. To receive and note correspondence
- AVDC letter giving dates for street cleaning and periodic litter picks for the parish.
 - 51M Response to HS2.
 - Email from a resident about tree in Church Lane Allotment site.
 - Email from resident asking about the creation of a 'circular walk' in the village.
 - AVDC review of polling districts & polling stations detailing no further action for Great Horwood.
 - BCC letter concerning 'Transport for Buckinghamshire' and specifically salt bin policy.
 - EON electricity account statement relating to parish street lighting.
 - AVDC Planning Bulletin.
 - Bucks Sport Partnership letter and posters regarding the Reactivate Bucks sports campaign.
20. Items for the next meeting
- Cllr Bennett-Coles asked for "The Sundial on The Green" to be put on the next agenda.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 10 October 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 12th September 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

02.06.11	11/01077/ APP	Mr Philip Ward	Pear Tree House, Singleborough	Single storey rear extension	No objection	Approved
16.06.11	11/01179/ APP	Mrs Sharon Rudd	13 The Green Great Horwood	Two storey rear extension	No objection	Refused
20.01.11	11/00031/ APP	Clarence Country Homes Ltd	Land to rear of 11 The Green, Great Horwood	Erection of two dwellings	Object	Refused
12.05.11	11/00745/ APP	Mrs Jennifer Barker	Croft Farm, Nash Road	Conversion of barn into residential dwelling	No objection	Approved

Pending

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	Object
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	Object
28.07.11	11/01509/ APP	Mr M Nugent	Manor Farm, Nash Road	Single storey side and link extension	No objection
18.08.11	11/01704/ APP	Mrs Sharon Rudd	13 The Green Great Horwood	Two storey rear extension	No objection
25.08.11	11/01350/ APP	Mr Ian Rapley	Cricketers Field Nash	Erection of riding arena	No objection
25.08.11	11/01458/ APP	Mr Richard Heley	Great Furze House	Installation of solar photovoltaic panels	No objection
01.09.11	11/01822/ APP	Mr & Mrs Freeman	Roddimore House	Two storey side extension	