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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
8th September 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Gilbey (Chairman), Cllr John Scholtens, Cllr Russell Margerrison, Cllr Angela Mayne, Cllr Ian Lamberton, Cllr Valerie Porritt, Cllr Ann Elliott
Karen Francis (Clerk)
7 members of the public including District Cllr Sir Beville Stanier

1. To receive apologies for absence
All Cllrs were present.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th July 2014
No amendments were made although Cllr Scholtens stated he was disappointed an email supporting the resolution on item 10 had not been taken into consideration. The Clerk explained that this was not possible as standing order 1.8 states members vote by a show of hands or, if at least two members request this, by signed ballot.
3. To receive declarations of interest
No declarations of interest were received.
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
 - The grass bank has been cut outside numbers 10-16 Winslow Road.
 - A resident has asked if the white lines in Nash Road could be repainted. The Clerk will contact the LAT.
 - No further progress on devolving services.
 - The MVAS has been moved to Winslow Road although it appears the cover plate has yet again been tampered with. This has been repaired. Data from the MVAS when in Little Horwood Road shows there are very few speeding cars compared with Nash Road and Winslow Road.
5. Public Participation Period
 - Gill Wood asked if the PC could remind residents that it is the owner responsibility to keep hedges near footpaths trimmed back to allow for safe access. The Clerk will arrange for a note in Focus and will also contact residents where a particular problem is known.
6. Planning Issues
 - 6.1. Councillors were provided with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. Four new applications had been received and three applications had been determined. The planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.
 - 6.2. Prior to the meeting Cllr Gilbey circulated a draft objection to the Talbot Homes Planning Application. Cllr Scholtens responded and consequently Cllr Gilbey circulated a second draft. At the meeting Cllr Scholtens stated he would like the response to include comments about the 'big picture' of current applications. Cllr Gilbey will include these comments and then forward to the Clerk so it can be sent to AVDC. All Cllrs were in favour of opposing the application.
 - 6.3. Planning Application 14/00107/APP is to be heard at the DCC at AVDC on 11th September. The PC objected to this application so a representative needs to attend the meeting. Cllr Scholtens agreed he would do this and the Clerk will provide him with the relevant paperwork.
 - 6.4. AVDC have advised that paper planning applications will no longer be sent to PC's, instead they would advise of a new application electronically. The Clerk explained that this will have implications for the Planning Committee as they no longer will be able to study paper plans.

It was agreed the Clerk will now advise of any new planning applications via email but the planning book will still be circulated for committee members to record their comments. Committee members will now have to study the plans and documents online although Cllr Elliott kindly offered printing facilities if paper copies were needed for detailed or contentious plans.

The Clerk will also respond to AVALC who have asked for opinions from the PC on the new procedure.

7. Report from the Recreation Committee

A lengthy report was provided to the PC.

- During August, a helper from Play in the Parish reversed a van into a picnic table. AVDC have accepted liability, a new bench is on order and will be funded by AVDC.
- BBQ's have now been used.
- Woodchip has been ordered and will be spread by a contractor between 20th and 23rd September.
- Adrian Buck is to assess the safety of the old willow tree and remove and rotten branches which reach the ground. He is to use a climbing frame to provide additional support and once erected the Committee will assess the tree for safety.

8. Footpaths Report

Robert Deuchar has done some pruning of the footpaths and will complete the task for all footpaths before the October PC meeting. BCC has mown the bridleway.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Plan at the last meeting of the Council it was submitted to AVDC and it completed its Regulation 16 publicity period at 5pm on 8th September. AVDC will publish the comments received. AVDC, in agreement with the Parish Council, have applied for the appointment of an independent examiner for the plan and subject to his findings AVDC will arrange a referendum of the all the registered electors in the parish.

10. Amendment to Standing Orders

After the amendment to NALC's model standing orders due to a change in the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 a resolution is proposed to amend Standing Order 2.14 to read:

The Clerk shall afford to the press reasonable facilities for the taking of their report of any proceedings at which they are entitled to be present. No person may orally report or comment about a meeting as it takes place if present at the meeting of the Parish Council or its committees but otherwise may:

- 2.14.1 *Film, photograph or make an audio recording of a meeting*
- 2.14.2 *Use any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear proceedings at a meeting as it takes place or later*
- 2.14.3 *Report or comment on the proceedings in writing during or after a meeting or orally report or comment after the meeting*

Cllr Lamberton proposed the resolution, Cllr Gilbey seconded it and all Cllrs were in favour.

11. Defibrillators

Cllr Gilbey had contacted the Winslow Lions to see if they would be able to contribute to fund a defibrillator for the village. He has been advised it has been referred to their welfare committee and will contact them again before the next meeting. In the meantime the Clerk will contact the Village Hall Committee to confirm a defibrillator could be fixed to an external wall.

12. Bollards on The Green

During the time the Fair was on The Green, it seems they removed a bollard and when replaced, the wooden bollard was damaged. After discussion it was agreed the PC would pay for the repair but the Clerk should write to the fair to advise them of the damage. Cllr Porritt will also investigate ways of getting the bollard repaired.

13. Soakaway on The Green

Cllr Mayne is in the process of collecting quotes for digging a soakaway on The Green.

14. Singleborough Noticeboard

Cllr Gilbey has received a quote from a contractor to replace the Singleborough Notice Board. This has been agreed and Cllr Gilbey will arrange for the works to take place.

The Clerk also advised that the Great Horwood Noticeboard is in need of some attention. The ivy surrounding it needs to be trimmed, the wood needs to be treated and the inside needs to be cleaned out. Cllr Lamberton kindly offered to do this.

15. Request from Allotment Holder

An allotment holder in Willow Road has asked the PC for permission to keep a small number of chickens in a moveable home. This is allowed in the allotment tenancy agreement but it was raised to ensure the PC had no major objections. It was agreed that a moveable chicken home did not amount to a permanent building.

16. Items paid since the last meeting

Harlequin Press re Community Shop Leaflets £45.00
Heady Plants £237.00
SLCC Subs £87.00
Harlequin Press – NPT Account £64.80
Community Impact Bucks – NPT Account £4215.00

Harris Bros – Horwode Pece £120.00
ABH Landscapes £36.00
The Lawn Ranger – Horwode Pece £80.00
Harlequin Press – NPT Account £214.00
Giffords Recycling – Horwode Pece £1536.00

17. To agree items for payment

- Mazars £120.00
- The Lawn Ranger £80.00 – BACS
- AVDC – Play around The Parish £260.00
- E-timber – replacement of bench - £230.00

Cllrs Gilbey and Scholtens agreed to authorise the online payments.

18. To receive and note correspondence

- An email from a resident regarding an overhanging hedge.
- A request for funds from Medical Detection Dogs. This was declined.
- A letter from John Bercow copying in a resident's letter regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. This has been responded to prior to the meeting.
- A summary of changes to Aylesbury Town Centre. This was passed to Cllr Mayne.
- A letter inviting representatives to the update on the VALP. David Saunders has indicated he will attend in the absence of any Cllrs. The Clerk will advise AVDC.

19. Items for the next meeting

- Defibrillators
- Soakaway on The Green
- Bollards

20. Confirmation of date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th October at 7.30pm. Cllr Gilbey advised he will not be attending.

The meeting closed at 8.29pm.

Signed _____

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Date _____

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 8th September 2014

- 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

19/06/14	14/01616/AOP	Mrs K Chandler	Land at Abbey Farm	Outline application with all matters reserved except access and layout for one residential dwelling	Objection	Refused
03/07/14	14/01798/APP	Mr P Wicks	16 Townsend Cottages	Single storey side extension	No Objection	Approved
31/07/14	14/02173/ATC	Mr P Morris	25 Spring Lane	Fell one Norway Maple Tree	No Objection	Approved

Pending

07/03/14	14/00107/APP	Ms M McCarthy	Land off little Horwood Road, Nash	Change of use of land to residential use for one static caravan, one touring caravan and car parking for Gypsy family	Objection	
24/04/14	14/01047/ATC	Mr P Morris	Mulberry Cottage	Pollarding of two large Acer Saccharinum trees on side of boundary of the site	No Objection	
08/05/14	14/00552/APP	Mr P Alshawi	Cricketers Field	Construction of stable block and retention of static non-residential caravan and hard standing (retrospective)	No Objection	
29/05/14	14/01255/APP	Mr & Mrs Cook	2 Greenway	First floor rear extension, two storey extension and new garage to side of existing dwelling.	No Objection	
05/06/14	14/01540/APP	Taylor Wimpey	Land off Weston Road	The erection of 45 no. residential dwellings together with associated access, car parking, landscaping and open space provision.	Objection	
31/07/14	14/02067/APP	Mr A Carr	Fincorrie Farm	Erection of two storey extension and single storey front/side extension	No Objection	
21/08/14	14/2404/APP	Mr S Papaioannou	31a Nash Road	Erection of a new chimney to the side of the dwelling		
29/08/14	14/02414/AOP	Talbot Homes	Land at Willow Road	Outline application with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for the erection of up to 34 dwellings including associated infrastructure and work.		
29/08/14	14/02510/ATC	Mr E Maddock	Park Lodge, Singleborough	Fell 3 Ash Trees		