



**Great Horwood  
Parish Council**

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Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on  
14<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

Present: Cllr John Scholtens (JS) (Chairman), Cllr John Gilbey (JWG) (Vice Chairman), Cllr Angela Mayne (AM), Cllr Mary Saunders (MS), Cllr Jane Holland (JH), Cllr John Gunn (JAG), Cllr John Huskinson (JRH), Karen Francis (Clerk), 7 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence  
All Councillors were present.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015  
No amendments were made.
3. To receive declarations of interest  
None were received.
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
  - The planters are being maintained on an ad-hoc basis. Councillors agreed they would ask the contractor mowing The Rec to maintain all the planters and trim around them when necessary.
  - The NPT email account has been closed.
  - There has been no response to the letter sent by the PC to the owner of the Mill.
  - The Local Area Technician didn't think that the damage to the MVAS groundscrew was caused by a mower. Duncan Trigg will arrange for a photograph of the damaged screw as the one looked at was probably not the damaged one.
  - The letter re Nash Park was sent.
  - No suggestions on improving the website have been received. JRH and MS will discuss with JWG.
  - JH has been approached about arrangements for a Summer Solstice ball.
  - The footway in front of 14 Weston Road and across the end of the road are to be looked at and assessed by the Local Area Technician as they are in a poor state of repair.
  - Mandy Cliffe has been appointed as the new Clerk and started at the beginning of September.
5. Public Participation Period
  - Mick Wood asked what Councillors wanted to be done with the data from the MVAS. It is apparent that speeding occurs primarily on the Winslow Road and also on the Nash Road and Singleborough Lane. The data has already been emailed to Sergeant Hill. It was agreed that the Clerk would email the information to PCSO Wendy Taylor and ask her to come to the next meeting to discuss.
  - Duncan Trigg asked if the PC could consider a fixed speed readout sign but it was agreed that the MVAS was sufficient.
6. Planning Issues
  - 6.1. Councillors were provided with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting. Five new applications had been received and twelve applications had been determined. The planning report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

Councillors then discussed the Taylor Wimpey Planning Application for land south of Weston Road which has been recommended for approval by the AVDC case officer. It will be discussed and decided at the Strategic Development Management Committee Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September in direct conflict with the Great Horwood Parish Neighbourhood Plan (GHPNP). Cllr Scholtens, Cllr Gilbey and David Saunders will produce objection responses and speaking notes for the forthcoming committee meeting. A request has been submitted by David Saunders for the Planning Application to be called in by SoFS for Communities and Local Government to try to prevent AVDC from potentially approving this large-scale planning application and thereby undermining the GHPNP. The Rt Hon John Bercow has also been alerted to the fact that the GHPNP is facing its 1<sup>st</sup> major challenge and our considerable concern.

7. Report from the Recreation Committee

- A lengthy report was received and this is attached to these minutes.

MS asked if one of the replacement picnic tables could be used with a wheelchair.

JRH asked why the funds ring-fenced by the PC to be put towards a slide were intending on being used for Monkey Bars. Cllrs agreed that the funds should be used for a slide and asked the Clerk to contact the Management Committee in order to convey this view.

8. Administration of the Great Horwood & Singleborough Trust

Cllr Gilbey highlighted concern with the way the Trust is being managed and that the Charity Commission page has not been updated with the change in Trustees or the latest accounts. Cllr Scholtens had spoken with Steve Brigden to request rectification of these issues. Cllrs Holland and Gunn, who are the PC Trustees, will bring this up at the next Trustees meeting. In the meantime JWG will circulate the Trust constitution to all Councillors.

9. Footpaths Report

Robert Deuchar has pruned some of the Parish's footpaths and expects to have them all done by the end of September. The one bridleway was mown by Bucks CC in mid-August.

10. Update on the Neighbourhood Plan

This was discussed under item 6.

11. Report from the AVALC meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September

Cllr Gilbey attended this meeting. Two new members were welcomed meaning AVALC members have nearly reached their full quota. Discussions took place over devolution, the possible closure of Aylesbury Magistrates Court and the local transport plan consultation by BCC.

12. Parish Plan 2016

There has been little progress over the summer but Councillors will continue their work very soon.

13. Shared Strategy for Devolution

JWG believed the PC should explore the possibilities of devolution of services from BCC as he is concerned with the grass cutting situation which is only going to get worse. JS was of the view that devolution was too much responsibility for the Parish Council and that the transferred funding from BCC would be insufficient, and this view was shared by AM and MS.

A meeting on devolution is to be held in Aylesbury shortly and JRH volunteered to attend and report back.

14. Village Green

Cllr Mayne has been looking at the problems of The Green which mainly comes down to the shrubs being unattractive, there are a lot of weeds and there are traffic vision problems when leaving The Green. Her proposal is to remove the shrubs and the concrete bollards and install a small timber fence and plant a row of trees instead. She has canvassed opinions from residents of The Green who are in favour of minor re-development.

It was agreed AM would find out some more details and would report back at the next meeting.

[At this point Cllr Gunn left the meeting due to another commitment]

15. Weeding of Verges

Cllr Holland asked if BCC could weed the kerbs in the village rather than using the road sweeper as the sweeper couldn't get to the kerbs because of the parked cars. It was agreed this was unlikely to happen.

16. Arrival times of the Fair

It was reported that the fair arrived very early on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August rather than after 2pm when they were expected and they also stayed up late packing up. It was agreed when a date is agreed with the fair for next year they will be informed of the times they need to arrive and depart by.

17. Road Closures

Cllr Holland asked if there was any way for road closures to be publicised. However, the PC are not always told about them and often they are only given a short period of notice.

18. To agree items for payment

- Clerk's Expenses £16.00 – BACS
- Heady Plants £180.00 – BACS
- Eon Quarterly Maintenance £110.70 – BACS
- Horwode Pece Mowing £280.00 – BACS

- SLCC Subscriptions £88.00 – BACS
- Mazars (Auditors) £240.00 – BACS
- AVALC Additional Subscription £20.00 - Cheque

Councillors Gilbey and Mayne agreed to authorise the payments.

19. To receive and note correspondence

- A request for a village walkaround. This was passed to AM.
- Information on the East/West railway line. This was passed to JRH.
- Information on possible funding from the HS2 fund.
- Notification that a watercourse programme was being undertaken in the Parish.

20. Items for the next meeting

No additional items were discussed.

21. Confirmation of date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.54pm.

Signed\_\_\_\_\_ **DRAFT** \_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

## Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 14th September 2015

Below are current and recent Planning Applications. 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               |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Determined</b> |                    |                 |                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                         |                             |
| 27/04/2015        | 15/01269/APP       | Mr A Clark      | Land between Six Lords and Fair Lorna Cottage | Erection of agricultural storage barn/livestock shelter and alteration to existing access.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | No Objection            | Approved                    |
| 15/04/2015        | 15/00950/APP       | Mr S Hole       | Cross Roads Kennels                           | Erection of two blocks of replacement kennels and part demolition of existing kennels.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No Objection            | Approved                    |
| 15/04/2015        | 15/01146/APP       | Mr & Mrs Ledger | Candleford, Singleborough                     | Conversion of Garage to Annexe (amendment to planning permission 13/03182/APP - single storey rear extension to existing detached annex and part conversion back to garage and alterations to the roof)                                                                                                                                                  | No Objection            | Approved                    |
| 10/06/2015        | 15/01766/APP       | Mr B Reddrop    | Sunnyhill Farm, Little Horwood Road           | Variation of Condition 6 of planning permission 04/01015/APP to retain part of the original property                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Objection               | Approved                    |
| 15/06/2015        | 15/01875/COUOR     | Mr H Elliott    | Spring Cottage, 28 Spring Lane                | Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport & highway impact, contamination risk and flooding for the conversion of existing B1(a) offices to form one dwelling house (C3).                                                                                                                                           | Objection               | Prior Approval Not Required |
| 15/06/2015        | 15/01781/APP       | Mr R Edmans     | 17 Little Horwood Road                        | Erection of a detached single storey garden office outbuilding.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | No objection            | Approved                    |
| 16/06/2015        | 15/01778/APP       | Mr & Mrs J West | The Grange, 2 Winslow Road                    | Demolition of outbuildings, construction of new dwelling with attached garage and associated external works: Reinstatement of original front entrance door opening, replacement pitched roof on single storey rear extension and replacement of defective windows on rear wall of two storey extension at The Grange: New detached garage for The Grange | No objection            | Approved                    |
| 16/06/2015        | 15/01779/ALB       | Mr & Mrs J West | The Grange, 2 Winslow Road                    | Demolition of outbuildings, construction of new dwelling with attached garage and associated external works: Reinstatement of original front entrance door opening, replacement pitched roof on single storey rear extension and replacement of defective windows on rear wall of two storey extension at The Grange: New detached garage for The Grange | No objection            | Approved                    |
| 06/07/2015        | 15/02174/APP       | Med Det Dogs    | Millfield, 4 Greenway Business Pk             | Erection of temporary additional office accommodation with access ramp                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                         | Approved                    |
| 06/07/2015        | 15/02265/ATC       | Mr Guy Revis    | Dorney Cottage                                | Remove one Silver birch and two Hawthorn trees on rear boundary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                         | Proceed with works          |
| 22/07/2015        | 15/02459/APP       | Mr S Hedge      | 19 Nash Road                                  | Demolition of a single storey extension and erection of a replacement two story extension                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | No objection            | Approved                    |

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| 04/08/2015 | 15/02325/APP | Mr & Mrs Elliott | Spring Cottage, 28 Spring Lane | Conversion of four existing bedroom suites within Spring Cottage to provide Bed and Breakfast accommodation, together with new access, driveway and extended parking area | Objection | Approved |
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### Pending

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| 24/04/2014 | 14/01047/ATC           | Mr P Morris               | Mulberry Cottage                                  | Pollarding of two large Acer Saccharinum trees on side of boundary of site                                                                                                                             | No Objection |  |
| 29/08/2014 | 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.                                   | Objection    |  |
| 25/09/2014 | 14/01540/APP (Revised) | Taylor Wimpey             | Land off Weston Road                              | The erection of 42 no. residential dwellings together with associated access, car parking, landscaping and open space provision.                                                                       | Objection    |  |
| 29/04/2015 | 15/00038/REF           | Ms M McArthy              | Land Off Little Horwood Road Nash Buckinghamshire | Change of use of land to residential use for one static caravan , one touring caravan and car parking for Gypsy family                                                                                 | Objection    |  |
| 10/06/2015 | 15/01205/ALB           | Charles Wells Pub Company | Swan PH, Great Horwood                            | Installation of extraction system; erection of a timber store/housing for LPG tanksinternal alterations.                                                                                               | No objection |  |
| 19/06/2015 | 15/02013/APP           | Mr & Mrs Goss             | Tythe House, Little Horwood Road                  | Single storey front extension, construction of gable dormer windows to north roof slope and insertion of new doors and windows.                                                                        | No objection |  |
| 07/07/2015 | 15/02233/APP           | Mrs Carmel Williams       | Land opposite Causter Farm                        | Removal of Condition 2 on planning application ref 10/00680/APP allowed on appeal with ref APP/J0405/C/11/2148933 and APP/J0405/A/11/2148930 to allow permanent occupation of the mobile homes on site | Objection    |  |
| 08/07/2015 | 15/00060/REF           | Mr & Mrs Wootton          | 9 Little Horwood Road                             | Erection of three detached dwellings with associated parking                                                                                                                                           | Objection    |  |
| 20/07/2015 | 15/02355/APP           | Mr & Mrs Cook             | Cricketers Field                                  | Creation of a menage                                                                                                                                                                                   | No objection |  |
| 04/08/2015 | 15/02379/APP           | Mrs C Cheshire            | 2 School End                                      | Demolition of outbuilding. Erection of replacement garage, workshop and store with home office above and with external staircase                                                                       | No objection |  |
| 04/08/2015 | 15/02381/ALB           | Mrs C Cheshire            | 2 School End                                      | Demolition of outbuilding. Erection of replacement garage, workshop and store with home office above and with external staircase                                                                       | No objection |  |
| 15/08/2015 | 15/01204/APP           | Charles Wells Pub Company | Swan PH, Great Horwood                            | Installation of extraction system and erection of a timber store/housing for LPG tanks (Retrospective)   The Swan PH 1 Winslow Road Great Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0QN                             | No objection |  |
| 18/08/2015 | 15/02811/APP           | Mr E Dablin               | Timbers, 2 Church Lane                            | Refurbishment of roof and new gate and fence                                                                                                                                                           |              |  |

**Horwode Pece Management Committee**  
**Report to Great Horwood Parish Council – Sept 2015**

This report covers the period July to September as there is no Parish Council meeting in August. 'Picnic on the Pece' was on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June and was a great success well enjoyed by everyone who attended, as already reported in FOCUS. We would like to thank Giocosco for their continued support for 'Picnic on the Pece' and providing the most enjoyable on the day. Thanks also to Steve and Janthea Brigdon for providing the 'Circus skills' again this year. This will have been the seventh year for this popular village function, every year since the Rec opened.

The most noticeable change this summer is how well the Rec is looking with the new contractors cutting the grass on a regular basis. Clearly, the sheep thought so too! as we had a number of incidents over the summer months of sheep getting into the Rec. to eat the newly mown grass. The problem with this was the reported incidents of sheep poo on the Rec.

Inspections of the Rec and its equipment continue on a weekly basis and thanks go to all the helpers that take their turn, whether the weather is good or bad, to make sure the equipment is in a first rate condition for all to use. Let me welcome our latest helper Karen Wilkinson to the Rec check team. There are some minor repairs needed:

- One plank on the side of the toddler area is rotten and has been noted in a number of reports. This will have to be replaced at the next working party.
- The oldest of the picnic tables is now in a very bad state and will need to be replaced this year. It is clearly starting to rot, one seat has been snapped in half by vandals, who must have deliberately jumped up and down on each side of it, two other seats have parts broken off and the table top shows some signs of rot.
- The replacement picnic table has been installed with new paving under the table legs and secured with a chain and padlock. This is adjacent to the young children's play area. Thanks to Mike Hobday for helping with this.
- Both football nets need some repair; the netting twine is broken in several places on both nets.
- Some soil needs replacing around the frame legs of the zip wire and the rubber matting on the mound is breaking up in places.
- Various pieces of equipment need some minor maintenance; the 'Navigator' needs a handle reinstalling; the 'Spit level bars' and 'Parallel bars' need tightening and the 'Crazy Scrambler' needs its handle tightening. These items are noted for the next working party, but do not affect the safe operation of this equipment.
- Also, the ramps will need to be repainted this year as some of the non-slip paint has started to peel off. This must wait until the ramps have time to dry out completely, given the recent spout of wet weather. In the meantime one should take care on these ramps when wet as the ramps can be slippery.

This minor maintenance is planned for the autumn working party, which will be discussed at the next Horwode Pece management committee meeting later this month. Apart from these noted items, the Rec equipment is generally in good order.

I only have one area of concern and that is the increased vandalism down the Rec over these summer months. This was first noticed with a pile of broken paving slabs adjacent to the football goals. It was apparent that some vandals had had fun launching these paving slabs from the top of the goal until they broke. This has happened on more than one occasion so now we have only have the number of donated slabs left; not sufficient to complete the planned paved area under the basketball net. This has been followed by damage to one of the Rec seats; it was broken, irreparably, and then thrown over the fence into the mill. Most recently, we have seen one of the picnic tables and its seats damaged; again to such an extent that it will have to be replaced.

John Nicholls  
Chairman of the Horwode Pece Management Committee  
8<sup>th</sup> March 2015