



**Great Horwood
Parish Council**

GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on
Monday 6th April 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs J. Gilbey (Chairman) R. Moulding (Vice
Chairman) M. Brocklehurst, J Samways, I Lamberton ,
M. Berrill, Mr. D. Trigg (Clerk)

In attendance: 6 members of the public.

9.1 Apologies for absence

None

9.2 Confirmation of minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 9th March 2009.

Cllr Moulding asked for confirmation that the previous minutes had been adjusted to record that the items for payment had been listed as approved. A revised version of these minutes was exhibited to confirm that the change had been made. The minutes from 9th March were then unanimously approved.

9.3 Declaration of Interest.

None

9.4 Matters arising from the Minutes

9.1 Request for an easement across the Green to allow access to a possible development behind 11 the Green.

Cllr. Gilbey and Mr. West will advise, as necessary, based on new information from the SLCC course attended on 6th April.

9.5 Public Participation

A member of the public stated that they did not think that AVDC should be allowed to dictate to the village what type and size of tree should be planted as a replacement on The Green. Cllr. Brocklehurst responded that the Council must stay within the law when making any such decisions whilst trying to satisfy the wishes of the village. The Clerk will once again seek clarification from AVDC and pass the information to Cllrs. Lamberton and Berrill.

9.6 Report from the Recreation Committee. Cllr. Brocklehurst.

Cllr. Brocklehurst was delighted to report that the play equipment was all installed and working well and that the recreation ground was being very widely used by large numbers from the village of up to 50, 60 or 70 people at a time. There was still some work to do such as hanging the gates. Plans are well advanced for the official opening on Sunday 17th May.

The licence for the Parish Council to install the play equipment on the land was provided and signed at the end of the meeting. The Completion

Certificate for the installation of the play equipment will also be signed off shortly.

Cllr Gilbey proposed a special vote of thanks to David Bolton in arranging the grants from WREN, AVDC etc. and negotiating with the suppliers of the equipment and this was unanimously approved.

9.7 Report on BCC Winslow Local Area Forum on the 18th March 2009. Cllr Moulding.

Cllr. Moulding reported that only 5 parish councils were represented and that they were outnumbered by BCC staff. Some matters were discussed which were not relevant to Great Horwood. However, there was some good news on the delegated budget for the current financial year. 13 requests had been submitted and Great Horwood had come out top and we will be receiving £10,000 (out of a total of £15,000 available for the whole Winslow area) to install a footpath at the top of Nash Road opposite Chapel House. It is hoped to give an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.

The next meeting of the LAF is scheduled for 15th July.

9.8 Report from the Planning Committee. Cllr Gilbey

The report is attached to these minutes.

9.9 Whaddon Chase Living Networks. Cllr Moulding

Cllr. Moulding reported that he had received information on a trial scheme by BCC in which Whaddon Chase is to be a pilot area for engaging local areas in mapping for green infrastructure. This would identify existing areas of green spaces with the aim to help protect these and create new areas. Representatives of the parish including Cllr. Moulding and Monica Jones will meet with the new co-ordinator and report back.

9.10 Replacement of the Tree on the Green. Cllr Berrill

No further report still working on the matter. The Clerk to advise on the exact requirement from the tree section of AVDC

9.11 Change of use on the old recreation ground in Willow Road. Cllr. Gilbey

The change of use adverts have been placed for two weeks in the Buckingham and Winslow Advertiser and as no objections had been received the Council is now able to go ahead with the plan to convert to use as allotments. Quotations will be obtained for clearing the ground in preparation for allocation of plots. The Clerk has also received advice from Aylesbury Town Council on various topics related to allotments including a model contract for renting the plots..

9.12 Vacancy on the Council. Cllr Gilbey

Cllr. Gilbey reported that the article advising of the vacancy had appeared in Focus and that he had two expressions of interest which he would be following up..

9.13 Update on the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Gilbey

Cllr Gilbey reported that he has invited representatives from 24 village-based organisations to attend the Annual Parish meeting in order to promote more involvement in the life of our community. He had received 18 positive responses so far.

9.14 For Payment.

Clerks Remuneration Standing Order £175. Cllr Moulding £232.76 (reimbursement of cost of Public Notices placed in the Buckingham and Winslow Advertiser) , SLCC Ltd £149.50, AVDC £355.14 Dog Bins, all approved.

9.15. Receipts BCA £2329.00, AVDC £2000.00 £10 John the Barber. all approved.

9.16 Correspondence. Various items were distributed..

9.17 Items for the next meeting. The grant received from BCC for the new footpath in Nash Road.

9.18 Date and time of the next meeting. Monday the 11th May 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The AGM will take place first.

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Signed Chairman

Date