

MINUTES of a MEETING of LITTLE HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
held on **Monday 13th. May 2013**,
at 8.00pm in the Memorial Hall, Mursley Road, Little Horwood

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Arnold (Chairman), Cowdrey, Garrit, Seddon, Shaw, Streater and Trim Apologies. None Clerk: Mr. C Loch <i>6 members of the public and AVDC Councillors Sir. B. Stanier were present throughout the meeting . There were no press.</i></p>	
13/35	Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: None	
13/36	Minutes of the meetings on 25th. February 2013. RESOLVED to accept the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting and the minutes were signed.	
13/37	<p>Matters arising: Jubilee Oak: A site had now been identified and the Clerk would liaise with M Jones and J Bull to have it planted. Parking: Noted that there were no further issues with parking on The Green but the it would continue to be monitored. Some issues on the Mursley Road were also noted. Street Lighting: Light failures in Wood End and Mursley Road were noted. Speed Restriction: A request to consider a 20 mph limit in Wood End was raised but as no accidents or serious incidents had been recorded it was not felt that inclusion on a future agenda for consideration would be productive.</p>	
	Items Deferred from Previous Meeting: None	
13/38	<p>Correspondence: <i>not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.</i> BCC Cllr. J Chilver: A response on the sale of the VAHT garages was considered, but while dealing with matters of procedure it had not answered the objection of the site being sold without reference to the Parish Council who would have considered acquiring the garages. Cllr. Arnold would respond and make the point again. Wood End Garages: Noted that Mr. Dawson would be meeting with a representative of VAHT on May 14th.</p>	
13/39	<p>Councillor's Reports. Cllr. Seddon: Reported that the Spring Clean on 12th May had been very successful. The new shed was now finished and upgraded lights had been installed in the hall. A professional cleaner would now attend fortnightly and works to improve the floor and deal with damp were being considered as well as secondary glazing. Cllr. Shaw: The Recreation Hall continued to be well used. The cricket season had started and a working party had started on the Ash tree. Sales for the ball were high and funds would now be raised for a new shed Cllr. Cowdrey: Reported on his visit to the Gladman consultation re the Verney Road development in Winslow. Other than for the developer to gather comments it did not add to the debate and the situation could only be monitored. Cllr. Garrit: Reported on the LAF meeting in early March. Main items discussed were the success of the winter road gritting/clearance programme, change of TfB area technician, that it would take 2 to 3 months to catch up on pothole repairs and plans to install defibrillators in some public areas across the county. The Clerk would investigate the possibility of LAF funding for one in Little Horwood Cllr. Trim: Noted the recent improvement in LAF meetings and that the work to resurface Shucklow Hill was awaiting good weather.</p>	
13/40	13/00334/APP	<p>Planning: Applications Received: 13/00334/APP Steart Hill Cottage Mursley Rd Demolition of existing lean-to structure and conversion of existing single storey outbuilding into a 'Granny Annexe' and erection of front porch canopy.</p>
13/41	13/00786/APP 13/00982/APP	<p>5 The Green Single storey side extension Scot's Meadow Demolition of existing garage. Erection of detached double garage/store and single storey side extension.</p>

<p>13/42</p>	<p>Permitted 13/00334/APP Steart Hill Cottage Mursley Rd Demolition of existing lean-to structure and conversion of existing single storey outbuilding into a 'Granny Annexe' and erection of front porch Canopy</p> <p>Enforcement Issues: Well Field Farm – This had been taken up fully with Planning. Both Planning and Environment would not acknowledge a problem and all that can be done at present is to report any incidents to Council for logging and further discussion with the relevant authorities.</p> <p>Cherry Tree Cottage: This development met all Planning legislation and would only becoming a consideration for enforcement should be used for other than a garage.</p> <p><i>The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.</i></p> <p><i>Items raised by residents were a concern that falling crime figures were only achieved as the public felt that there was no point in reporting matters when action was so seldom taken: a note of appreciation for the good work done by Cllr. Arnold as Chairman: support for having a defibrillator in the village and concern that lack of action on the part of Enforcement was undermining confidence in the planning system. Cllr. Stanier undertook to raise the latter item with AVDC if provided with relevant information.</i> <i>The meeting was then reconvened.</i></p>
<p>13/43</p>	<p>Business of the Annual Council Meeting: Appointments: RESOLVED that appointments be made as follows: Little Horwood Recreation Ground Trustee – Cllr. Shaw Little Horwood Trust Trustee – Cllr. Streater Memorial Hall Management Committee representative – Cllr Seddon Planning applications and responses: Cllrs. Arnold, Trim and Cowdrey</p> <p>Meeting dates for the year to March 31st 2014 were agreed and would be circulated. No amendments to the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were required. The Asset Register required no amendments but would be updated for the Bus Shelter The existing Insurance Arrangements would continue for the contracted three year term. Annual Return: RESOLVED to approve the Annual Accounts and Return and to be signed by the Chairman. The internal auditor to be Mr. D Barry.</p> <p>General Power of Competence Having considered the General Power of Competence as provided in the Localism Act 2011 and having confirmed eligibility in that two thirds of Members have been duly elected and that the Clerk was suitably qualified, members RESOLVED to adopt the power which would remain in force while the Council remained duly eligible or until renewed at the Annual Meeting in the year of the next election.</p>
<p>13/45 13/46 13/47 13/48</p>	<p>Amenities Footpath Map: The maps were being printed and would be delivered shortly. Bus Shelter: Noted that the shelter had now been erected and would be completed on 14th May. Web Site: This was working far better and there were plans to include a comprehensive village diary. Coffee Morning: Members considered a request from the Hall Management to take over the control and donation of funds raised from this activity. RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to receive coffee morning receipts and hold in the Council bank account until paid to nominated charities each year.</p>

<p>13/49</p> <p>13/50</p>	<p>Finance: Bank Balances: Noted the current balances as Current Acc. £4720.03 and Deposit Acc. £3,399.37</p> <p>Payments RESOLVED to authorise payments totalling £8,130.66 and that the payments listed be signed. aVDC £248.35, AMP Electrical £120.00, Dove Building £1,718.340, Luke Miller Studios £5,208.00, Came&Co £518.48, BCC £288.43, CPRE £29.00.</p>
	<p>Items to Report: None</p> <p>Pub Lunch Scheme: Details awaited form L Monger. A co-ordinator was still required.</p> <p>Rights of Way: Noted that a new scheme was available for parishes to be funded for work taken over from of BCC. The clerk would investigate the specific requirements, in particular for more kissing gates on local paths</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 9.28pm.</p> <p>Signed:(Chairman) Date:</p>