

<p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES of a MEETING of LITTLE HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (LHPC) held on Monday 12th January 2015 at 8pm in the Memorial Hall, Mursley Road, Little Horwood</p>	
	<p>Present: Cllrs Cowdrey (Chairman), Arnold, Nickoll and Seddon, Shaw and Trim. Apologies: Cllr Garritt, accepted Clerk: Ms K Oddey <i>Members of the public were present. No members of the press attended.</i></p>
	Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest – none.
15/01	Minutes of Last Meeting, on 24th November 2014: RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.
15/02	Matters Arising: In response to action 14/74 (to review the Grit Bins), it was agreed to postpone the purchase of grit until it was needed.
	Items deferred: none
15/03	<p>Correspondence: NALC S.137 Expenditure Limit 2015/16 for LH was advised as £7.36 per elector (c. £2,700K) Pensions Regulator: the Clerk had been named as the contact for correspondence. Dog Bin Emptying Charges – an increase of 2% had been advised for 2015/16</p>
15/04	<p>Councillor Updates: Cllr Arnold: Litter Blitz: John Bercow MP has agreed to attend the event confirmed to be on 14th March between about 10:30 and 12noon. Cllr Arnold agreed to liaise with the residents who agreed to move the waste to the Allotments and who had previously supported transport around the village. The Clerk will ask AVDC to remove the waste. Stile at end of Wood End: The landowner has given permission that the work to improve the stile can be carried out. The Clerk advised that BCC had confirmed the official right of way went through the main gate and also that BCC would be able to provide a replacement pedestrian gate that LHPC could arrange to be fitted. The Clerk was asked to confirm this with BCC and establish details of the gate to allow the best course of action to be confirmed. In the meantime Cllr Arnold agreed to contact someone who could help make it safe. Dog stile into Spinney (near Horwood House): The Council was advised that this gate was damaged and the local Blacksmith agreed to repair it. The Clerk agreed to advise BCC of the work. Cllr Cowdrey – LH Trust had advised that the Grant for the Defibrillator had been authorised and Cllr Cowdrey would obtain an update on the payment. Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs: Traffic levels had been lower than usual on Mursley Road. The Council agreed to not purchase a maintenance contract and to address any issues case by case. Events – the list of activities had been created and circulated for comments. 3 Counties Radio Interview – it was noted that some good publicity had been obtained for the Parish during a radio interview with Cllr Garritt.</p>
15/05	<p><i>The meeting was adjourned for public participation, the following items were raised:</i> Allotment Rents: The Clerk confirmed that letters would be sent to residents shortly. It was agreed to provide details for BACS payments and to request emails to reduce the cost of future correspondence. AVDC update: AVDC Cllr Stanier confirmed that there would be no increase in AVDC Council Tax this year and that any ideas of a Unitary Council would not be until 2016. BCC Update: BCC Cllr Chilver explained there would be an increase in BCC Council Tax and that the BCC Local Area Technicians (LATs) had investigated the recent flooding on Wood End. It was also noted that the landowner had been asked to reinstate the drainage pipe. Cllr Chilver asked for ideas for road improvements. It was agreed to progress this during a Village Walk about with the LATs.</p>
15/06	<p><i>The Council Meeting reconvened and continued with the Councillor updates:</i> Cllr Nickoll: Bucks and Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils: it was reported that the benefits mostly relate to Clerks' training– it was RESOLVED to remove the subscription from the 2015/16 budget. Little Horwood Recreation Ground Trust (LHRGT): Ms B Jones had resigned as Secretary. Ms H Cane is now managing Hall Bookings. The projected budget shortfall had been resolved with fund raising activities and grants. Bucks County Council (BCC) devolution of grass cutting and related services: a BCC meeting in December had been attended. LH intend to remain with BCC through 2015/16 and to consider taking on these services in 2016/17. Possible solutions are to operate alone or to join another nearby Parish. AVDC has been discounted as a supplier due to cost. Cllr Seddon: no update Cllr Shaw: Playaround the Parishes – Wednesday 12th August was agreed as the date and the form would be provided to the Clerk for submission. Cllr Trim: Community Right to Bid (Garages Wood End) – the form is ready to submit once the map is finalised.</p>

15/07	Planning Applications		
	Application	Location	Notes
	a. Applications Received:		
	14/03761/COUAR	Well Field Winslow Road	Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport & highway impact, noise, contamination risk, flooding and locational considerations for the conversion of one agricultural building into one dwelling (under Class MB(a)) and in relation to design and or external appearance of the building (Class MB(b)) and part of the building to be used as a workshop. – Well Field - Winslow Road - Little Horwood – Bucks (by 26.1.15)
	It was RESOLVED to object to the application stating the reasons submitted with the last objection and to reinforce the Highways issues, referring to the Officers Report previously issued. Cllr Stanier offered his support and to ask a question about the apparent removal of documents from the AVDC Planning Web Site.		
	b. Permitted		
	14/01273/APP	Norbury Farm Mursley Road	Erection of a 4 bedroom agricultural dwelling, farm workshop, carport and associated landscape works.
	c. Appeal Dismissed		
	13/03046/AOP (14/00049/REF)	Land at Mursley Road	Erection of No.9 two storey dwellings with access, layout and scale
	13/03045/AOP (14/00052/REF)	Land at Mursley Road	Erection of No. 5 two storey dwellings including access , layout and scale
15/08	White House Farm Bungalow: A proposed planning application had been presented to the Council prior to submission to AVDC. The Council agreed it would not object to an application should it be submitted.		
15/09	Amenities: Allotment Rents where reviewed, it was confirmed that incomes are currently higher than costs. However, it was noted that over time this may change and it may be necessary to increase rents, an informal poll of some allotment holders didn't foresee any issues with this. It was agreed to promote vacant allotments.		
15/10	Elections: The Council elections will be on 7 th May. It was agreed to write to residents who have expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor to highlight the opportunity and explain the process. Cllr Cowdrey agreed to help organise an event for residents to learn more about the LHRGT and LHPC and to potentially have a stall at the Village Fete.		
15/11	Precept: It was RESOLVED to agree the precept of £9,870.		
15/12	Finance: The Council RESOLVED to agree and sign the cashbook, bank reconciliation and cheques as presented.		
15/13	Meeting Dates: future dates where provisionally agreed as: March 2nd 2015, Annual Parish Meeting March 30th. 2015/16: Annual Council Meeting in May 11th, Council Meetings July 13th, Sept 14th, Nov 9th, Jan 18th, March 21st (consider combining with Annual Parish Meeting). Annual Council Meeting in May to be confirmed.		
	The meeting closed at 9.20pm		
	The next meeting will be 2 nd March 2015 at 8pm.		
	Signed:	Chairman at meeting on 2 nd March 2015	