

MINUTES of a MEETING of LITTLE HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL  
held on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 8pm**  
in the Memorial Hall, Mursley Road, Little Horwood

**Present:** Cllrs Arnold (Chairman), Cowdrey, McKnight, Seddon, Shaw and Trim

**Apologies:** AVDC Cllr Stanier and BCC Cllr Chilvers

Clerk: Mrs B Bradford

*12 Members of the public and no members of the press were present throughout the meeting*

14/01	<b>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:</b> none
14/02	<p><b>Minutes</b> of the extraordinary meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013: RESOLVED to accept the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting and that they be signed.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising:</b> Works required to the Willow on the Green RESOLVED to delegate to Mr Mike Jones to complete the Planning Application for works to a tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order. The Clerk now has contact address for the owner of the Beech Tree on the footpath from Mursley Road to the Garden of Peace. The Clerk will write a letter suggesting that the Parish Council be authorised by the owner to undertake any minor works to the tree as and when required in the future.</p> <p><b>Items Deferred from Previous Meeting:</b> none</p>
14/03	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p><b>AVDC</b> Publicity Period for Winslow Neighbourhood Plan RESOLVED to respond supportively as previously determined at minute 13/71</p> <p><b>LH Recreation Ground Charity</b> 2012 Annual Accounts receipt noted.</p> <p><b>Dept for Transport:</b> Local Authority Car Parking Consultation RESOLVED to respond to this national survey suggesting that it is desirable that revenues from parking penalty notices be used to support the provision of additional public transport in order to address multiple areas of concern, i.e. reducing pressure on parking spaces, increasing the use of more sustainable forms of transport and thereby reducing the need for enforcement officers and the number of penalty notices issued.</p> <p><b>BALC</b> VAT Consultation Members declined to respond to this consultation as its relevance to the parish was considered to be minimal.</p> <p><b>NBPPC</b> response to Winslow Neighbourhood Plan receipt noted.</p> <p><b>BCC WADLAF Priorities Budget</b> Having considered the new scheme and potential LHPC projects for financial year 2014-15 Members agreed there were no qualifying projects envisaged.</p> <p><b>BALC</b> Invitation to Nominate a Parish Councillor to attend Buckingham Palace Garden Party RESOLVED to nominate Cllr Arnold.</p> <p><b>Resident</b> Industrial Noise Nuisance from Greenacres Farm <i>Cllr Seddon declared an interest and offered information when the Chairman invited Members of the Public to do so.</i></p> <p>Having noted the number and nature of concerns and public's actions to date the Chairman advised that there is no power for the Parish Council to act, other than to refer the complainant to Environmental Health.</p>
14/04	<p><b>Councillor Reports:</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Trim:</b> had been contacted once again by Chris Cherry re the potential RAF Memorial. A former resident had also written to the Chairman advising that Little Horwood's existing memorials are not listed on national on-line databases. Cllr Trim will reconvene the War Memorial Working Party and report back.</p> <p><b>Cllr Shaw:</b> Play around the Parishes has been booked for the afternoon of 18<sup>th</sup> August at a cost of £130.</p> <p><b>Cllr Arnold:</b> had attended the WADLAF forum learning that: The Transport for Bucks Local Area Technician would now be Dave Smith with Stuart Whincup providing office support; TVP crime statistics showed a downward trend; the MKBucks Fire Authority would be providing cover during any strikes; AVDC recycling had increased by 20% and won an award; next meetings are scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> March, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 17<sup>th</sup> September and 10<sup>th</sup> December and there will be an update on EWRail in April.</p>
14/05	<p><b>Planning &amp; Development:</b></p> <p><b>Applications Received:</b></p> <p><b>13/03505/APP</b> Yew Tree Cottage 20B Wood End Two storey rear extension, replacement single storey side extension</p> <p>RESOLVED No Objection</p>

	<p><b>13/03133/AOP</b> Land Adjacent The Holding Great Horwood Road Erection of detached dwelling</p> <p>RESOLVED unanimously to Object: This application represents a change of use from agricultural to domestic dwelling and development in open countryside, is contrary to saved policy RA14, would set a precedent for neighbouring plots which would create ribbon development of the village along Great Horwood Road. The application is contrary to the Village Plan which seeks to preserve the setting of the village and safeguard the surrounding countryside. The site is bounded by agricultural (on two sides) and by equine (on one side) uses. Council undertakes to make representation at any relevant AVDC Development Control Committee meeting. The Chairman advised Members of the Public to make their own representations direct to AVDC.</p> <p><b>Community Right to Bid</b> – RESOLVED that the Clerk progress the Nomination of: The Shoulder of Mutton - as it is the only remaining pub, retail facility and social hub in the village with a permissive right of way through the site to give access to the Parish’s Recreation Hall and Ground. And The VAHT garages on Wood End as a valuable source of off road parking for which there is understood to be a waiting list.</p> <p>8.48pm <i>The meeting was adjourned for Public Participation, matters raised:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible funding source for a community defibrillator – Cllrs Seddon &amp; Mc Knight to progress</li> <li>• Poor state of the stile at the end of Wood End – Clerk to progress</li> <li>• Lack of long term remedy for Mursley Road railway bridge subsidence – Clerk to follow up</li> <li>• Flooding of Wood End and need for hedge and ditch works by landowner – Chairman to contact</li> <li>• Lack of white-lining reinstatement at Mount Pleasant – Clerk to follow up</li> <li>• Obstruction and extension of field boundaries in Botany Lane and the investigation of its possible protection as a “green lane” - Mike Jones to progress and report findings.</li> </ul> <p>9.12pm <i>The meeting was reconvened</i></p> <p><b>Rural Exception Scheme</b> – The Clerk advised that she had spoken with Bill Nicholson the local Planning Officer about the two potential sites on Mursley Road which he will revisit when next in the area. He had advised a further meeting with LHPC and Jean Fox of Community Impact Bucks and agreement to progress to sketched plans for one of the sites, prior to approaching site owners. A scheme which includes private market housing could be progressed due to planning law changes. RESOLVED that the Clerk set up a meeting for the LHPC Planning Sub-Committee and Jean Fox.</p>
14/06	<p><b>Amenities:</b> <b>MVAS</b> – the equipment will be delivered to Cllr Cowdrey tomorrow and a cluster training session is scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> Jan which Cllr Trim will attend. <b>Noticeboard</b> – The Chairman had identified various options and suppliers, RESOLVED that she progress purchase of a 6xA4 sheet hardwood, lockable, weatherproof item suitable for installation as previously determined within a budget of £700. <b>Community Shelter</b> – 10mm glazing to be installed on appropriate brackets as soon as possible, and leaf “etchings” for each panel are ready to add. <b>Recreation Ground Shed</b> – Cllr Shaw shared advice from AVDC that no planning permission is required to install a replacement shed at 90° to the current shed, provided it is no higher than 4m and the capacity is no greater than 200m<sup>3</sup>.</p>
14/07	<p><b>Finance:</b> The Chairman noted correspondence from one of the joint site owners of the allotment site questioning the payment of rent over the last 4 years. The Clerk had investigated and would respond accordingly noting that all but the November 2013 rents had been paid on time, 2 cheques had not yet been cashed (by other owners than the complainant) all outstanding amounts would be settled by the issue of the cheques listed below. The Chairman also advised that the Memorial Hall Treasurer was content that having not paid the half year’s Post Office rental on time, a financial year end total payment would be acceptable in March 2014. Further the Clerk summarised Post Office Coffee fundraising in the calendar year 2013 had totalled £193.35 the Chairman confirmed that the chosen charity for the year had been The Poppy Appeal. RESOLVED also to make donations as budgeted for the current financial year to the local CAB and Community Bus of £20 and £50 respectively.</p> <p><b>Payments:</b> RESOLVED to authorise signature of cheques totalling <b>£420.23</b></p>

	Jeremy Bull allotment land rental 2013 £ 20 Mark Bull allotment land rental 2013 (and 2012 £ 40 Michael Bull allotment land rental 2013 £ 20 Mrs C James allotment land rental 2013 £ 20 Mrs S Lowe allotment land rental 2013 £ 20 Buckingham Winslow & District Citizens Advice Bureau Donation £ 20 Winslow & District Community Bus Donation £ 50 Memorial Hall (hall hire for Council meeting 13.1.14) Donation £ 16.88 RBL Poppy Appeal PO Coffee Morning fundraising 2013 £193.35
	<p><b>Precept 2014-15</b> Having considered the circulated budget, financial risk assessment and current asset register as well as the projected reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 Members considered it prudent to minimise the depletion of reserves and RESOLVED to set an increase in Precept Requirement of no more than 5%, the final figure to be determined by the Clerk so as not to compromise the AVDC Grant related to Localisation of Council Tax Support.</p>
14/08	<p><b>Casual Vacancy</b> The Clerk had received one expression of interest from an appropriate candidate, who was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment. RESOLVED unanimously to co-opt Peter Nickoll with immediate effect.</p>
14/09	<p><b>Items of Report</b>  <b>Litter Blitz</b> agreed that this be held on one of the following dates, dependant on John Bercow's availability, 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> March or 5<sup>th</sup> April. The Clerk to advise the editor of the Newsletter of the chosen date no later than 23<sup>rd</sup> January.  <b>Dates of 2014 LHPC meetings:</b> Mondays 24<sup>th</sup> February, 24<sup>th</sup> March (Annual Parish Meeting), 12<sup>th</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 20<sup>th</sup> October and 24<sup>th</sup> November.</p>
	The meeting closed at 9.40pm
	Signed: _____ Chairman at meeting on _____ 2014