

MINUTES of an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of LITTLE HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
held on Thursday 19th December 2013 at 8pm
in the Memorial Hall, Mursley Road, Little Horwood

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

Apologies: Cllrs Garritt & Seddon (prior commitments) accepted

Clerk: Mrs B Bradford

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

13/93	Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: none
13/94	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2013 RESOLVED to accept the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting and that they be signed.</p> <p>Matters Arising: none of an urgent nature</p> <p>Items Deferred from Previous Meeting: none of an urgent nature</p>
13/95	Correspondence: none requiring immediate response or action
13/96	Councillor Reports: none of an urgent nature
13/97	<p>Planning & Development: Applications Received: 13/03045/AOP Land Off Mursley Road Erection of No. 5 two storey dwellings including access, layout and scale 13/03046/AOP Land At Mursley Road Erection of No.9 two storey dwellings with access, layout and scale</p> <p>The Chairman noted the Planning History and Guidance relevant to this site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for: 1. 6 executive homes in 1994 and 2. up to 5 dwellings in 2006 <p>Both applications had been rejected and appealed with the Inspector in both cases had upheld rejection, stating development in open countryside as the overriding reason.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Vale of Aylesbury Plan details that Little Horwood be developed by 10 dwellings in the period to 2031 (there is believed to be 1 existing permission for 1 dwelling unrealised within the parish boundary which would be additional to this "allocation"). • LHPC has worked with AVDC and identified a housing need in the village for a Rural Exception Scheme of 6 houses which would be affordable and only available to people with a strong local Connection, such a scheme could be built in open countryside. 1 potential site has been identified by LHPC, on the opposite side of Mursley Road. Such a scheme would go a long way to fulfil the VoAP "allocation" for the village. • Only developments of 15 or more units currently carry an AVDC requirement for inclusion of social Housing units <p><i>8.04pm the Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public to speak, concerns expressed can be summarised as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Little Horwood has no need for any further large open market homes</i> • <i>A scheme of even 5 units represents a significant increase in numbers of dwellings, population and vehicle movements</i> • <i>Significant concerns regarding the sewerage capacity of the village – in particular that area of the village. Environmental Health and Anglian Water are continuing work to remedy the cause of ongoing problems, a response to these applications from the officers involved is required.</i> • <i>This is open countryside abutting the conservation area, is a good example of ridge & furrow, is outside the boundary of the built village and is a unique area within the village.</i> • <i>Should either scheme go ahead an onsite surface water attenuation scheme will be required to prevent flooding of Mursley Road.</i> • <i>The plans show the original garden boundaries of the properties on either side of the site on Mursley Road. Both properties have extended their domestic curtilage in recent years, apparently without planning consent for change of use. This issue should be taken up by the Enforcement team.</i> • <i>Fears that if permission were granted for either development, along the Mursley Road, it would lead to further development of the land behind this site.</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Loss of amenity of nearby properties in terms of quiet enjoyment, traffic, and open aspect.</i> <p>9.13pm the Chairman reconvened the meeting having expressed the significance of individual responses (and their number) to AVDC by the closing date of 26th December.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw declared an interest, being resident of a property opposite the site and withdrew from the meeting. The Clerk confirmed that although LHPC has a membership of 7 Councillors, 1 post is currently vacant therefore the 3 remaining Councillors present form a quorum.</p> <p>Members RESOLVED to object to both applications on the basis that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both applications represent development in open countryside which is contrary to RA14 • The site is also inappropriate for development because of its nature and the importance of its setting to the character of the village • Both proposals contradict the Parish Plan and Village Design Statement • There is no evidenced need for a development of this nature in Little Horwood • There are significant concerns regarding the impact on the community's infrastructure of such a development, particularly in terms of sewerage and surface water disposal <p>Members confirmed that should either application be referred to the Development Control Committee, a representative of LHPC would attend and speak.</p>
13/98	<p>Finance:</p> <p>Payments: RESOLVED to authorise signature of payments totalling £ 354.58</p> <p>Anglian Water – re allotment supply £70.55</p> <p>AVDC re dog bin emptying 2013-14 £274.66</p> <p>Memorial Hall (hall hire for Council meeting) £9.37</p>
13/99	<p>Items of Report - none</p>
	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Monday 13th January at 8pm in the Memorial Hall</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.18pm</p> <p>Signed: Chairman at meeting on 2014</p>