

MINUTES of a MEETING of LITTLE HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
held on Monday 21st October 2013 at 8pm
in the Memorial Hall, Mursley Road, Little Horwood

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

Apologies: none

Clerk: Mrs B Bradford

AVDC Cllr Chilvers and 9 Members of the public and no members of the press were present throughout the meeting (Mr G Atkins had sent apologies).

13/77	Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: none
13/78	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2013 RESOLVED to accept the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting and that the minutes be signed.</p> <p>Matters Arising: none not addressed by the agenda</p> <p>Items Deferred from Previous Meeting: none not addressed elsewhere on the agenda</p>
	Correspondence: none
13/79	<p>Councillor Reports:</p> <p>Cllr Shaw: Replacement storage shed on Recreation Ground - clarification of whether Planning Permission is required is needed, 3 quotes are being sought and grants investigated.</p> <p>Cllr Seddon: reported on the recent Memorial Hall Management Committee meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Cowdrey: attended the recent North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium meeting which had discussed Tattenhoe and Salden Chase plans, Luton Airport expansion and having considered the range of members views on the Vale of Aylesbury Plan would be supporting it.</p> <p>Cllr Garritt: advised she would be unable to attend the LAF priorities workshop on 14th November and Cllr Arnold undertook to attend.</p> <p>Cllr Trim: had attended the AVDC Parishes briefing on 25th September and as a result of asking a question about recycling had been invited to visit the processing plant in Leytonstone, he also reported that funds are available for barn owl nesting boxes and he would liaise with Mr Bull and others re optimum sites.</p> <p>Cllr Streeter: reported that Anglian Water had established that sewer gas levels in the village are above what would be expected and subsequent liaison should result in Horwood House treatment plant dosing being adjusted to alleviate the problem. Residents were urged to continue to report any incidents of foul odours. Sean Dunne of AVDC Environmental Health who had dealt with the matter is leaving shortly and will hand over to Veronica Lang.</p> <p>Cllr Arnold: thanked all for their assistance with the annual footpath walk but unfortunately, due to a low turnout, only 2 of the Parish's 5 paths had been walked. Cllr Arnold advised that she will walk the Horwood Manor route to satisfy herself that, contrary to local opinion, it is easily navigable. All identified issues will be relayed to Rights of Way by the Clerk. RESOLVED that the £68 raised by the event's raffle will be donated to Cancer Research UK.</p>
13/80	<p>Planning & Development:</p> <p>Applications Received:</p> <p><u>13/02494/APP Norbury Farm, Mursley Road</u> - Erection of no.2 agricultural barns Members were generally supportive of the application due to the farm's need for a base at the Little Horwood extremity of its land.</p> <p><u>13/02558/APP Well Field, Winslow Road</u> - Erection of steel portal frame agricultural building to extend existing cattle shed.</p> <p><i>7.55pm The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow representations from members of the public</i> <i>8.00pm The Chairman reconvened the meeting</i></p> <p>RESOLVED to oppose the application and Cllrs Arnold, Cowdrey & Trim were delegated to formally consult other relevant parties and respond, broadly on the grounds that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the proposed development is overbearing and inappropriate for the site • there is no apparent agricultural need for the barn extension • the visual and environmental impact on both neighbours and landscape • existence of a temporary dwelling on site without permission - which is currently subject to enforcement action. <p>Permitted:</p> <p>13/01918/APP The Hollows, Winslow Road - Demolition of rear wing and erection of single storey side extension</p> <p>13/02239/APP Lower Grove Farm, Mursley Road - Erection of hay and straw storage building</p>

	<p>Community Right to Bid (13/71) it appears that due to VoA Plan pressures AVDC are not yet in a position to progress nominations therefore no further progress has yet been made to nominate Wood End garages and the Shoulder of Mutton. RESOLVED to ensure this is progressed as soon as possible and to review the position at January 2014 meeting.</p> <p>9.05pm the Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public to speak</p> <p>Items raised included: the need to encourage more younger families to contribute to community activities; that streetlight 6 is not reliably functioning; the road at the railway bridge on Mursley Road has sunk further and needs warning signs; clarification that footpath signage at Horwood Manor is, contrary to popular opinion, quite clear and not obstructed; and that the ash tree on the green needs work. The erection of temporary orange netting on the green was noted its purpose being to protect the space during nearby building works.</p> <p>Cllr Chilvers reported that the AVDC recycling rate has risen from less than 30% to over 50% since introduction of the new bins; dates for Vale of Aylesbury Plan public hearings have been set for December and February. He also advised that the annual BCC online Budget Consultation has been launched including a specific Parish Council survey and there is currently a consultation running on Children & Young Peoples Services.</p> <p>9.15pm the Chairman reconvened the meeting.</p>
	<p>The Clerk was requested to notify AVDC Planning of intended works to the Ash Tree on the Green and to circulate the BCC Budget survey for consideration at next LHPC meeting.</p>
13/81	<p>Amenities:</p> <p>Website (13/72) it was noted that this is not a LHPC run site, but its timeliness has improved, the Chairman will endeavour to get minutes and other LHPC items up to date.</p> <p>MVAS (13/73) an invoice for the ground screws has been received but they are not yet in situ, Cllr Chilvers advised that there had been issues throughout the County securing utility mapping prior to installation.</p> <p>Noticeboard (13/74) no quotes yet received, RESOLVED to replace like for like with the one at the bus shelter being moved to back on to the bus shelter downhill side.</p> <p>Community Shelter (13/) Cllr Shaw advised she had liaised with BCC re creating disabled access and the matter now rests with them. 1 quote has been secured to glaze 4 panels, a further 2 quotes will now be secured and the remaining project budget calculated for next meeting.</p>
13/82	<p>Finance:</p> <p>Bank Balances: noted as totalling £10,679.67 per latest statements with cheques of £1,507.14 yet to be cashed.</p> <p>Payments: RESOLVED to authorise signature of payments totalling £1,196.83 and signature of the relevant cheques as follows:</p> <p>Bucks Playing Fields Association (annual subscription) £20 AVDC (Play Around the Parishes) £80 Outdoor Lighting Solutions (repairs) £152.46 Swarco Traffic Limited (VAS groundscrews) £778.58 Memorial Hall (hall hire for Council meeting) £11.25 Cancer Research UK (transfer of cash banked by PC from footpaths walk raffle) £68 and Direct Debit E-On (streetlight power July to September) £86.54</p>
13/83	<p>Personnel: RESOLVED to approve Mr Loch's request for a 6 month sabbatical and to appoint Mrs Bradford as temporary Clerk for a period of six months.</p>
13/84	<p>Items of Report</p> <p>Defibrillator: The LAF funding application had been turned down, the Clerk offered to explore other funding options.</p> <p>Little Horwood Trust: date of next meeting 25th November</p>
	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Monday 25th November at 8pm in the Memorial Hall</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.30pm</p>
	<p>Signed: _____ Chairman at meeting on _____ 2013</p>