

<p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES of a MEETING of LITTLE HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (LHPC) held on Monday 24th November 2014 at 8pm in the Memorial Hall, Mursley Road, Little Horwood</p>	
	<p>Present: Cllrs Cowdrey (Chairman), Arnold, Garritt, Nickoll and Seddon. Apologies: Cllrs Shaw and Trim, accepted Clerk: Ms K Oddey <i>Members of the public were present. No members of the press attended.</i></p>
	<p>Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest – none.</p>
14/73	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting (15th September 2014): RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.</p>
	<p>Items deferred: none</p>
14/74	<p>Correspondence: Wood End: Councillors noted that residents had complained about the mud on Wood End, it was agreed to check the current state of the road and highlight to Transport for BUCKS (TfB) if necessary. Dial a ride – request for funding support: the Council agreed to decline the opportunity. Grit offer from Bucks County Council (BCC): Cllr Arnold agreed to review the current bins and confirm if grit was required. If necessary the Council RESOLVED to spend up to £100 to purchase 2 bags of grit from BCC. Transport for BUCKS (TfB) Village Walk About: the Clerk agreed to obtain possible dates and advise. Playaround the Parishes, request for dates: Cllr Seddon agreed to confirm dates with Cllr Shaw and advise the Clerk to inform AVDC. The Clerk was asked to update the budget for 2015/16 accordingly. Planning Communication (new process): it was noted that AVDC had confirmed the recent changes. Consultations: it was noted that the Council had not responded to Parking and Hackney Carriages consultations.</p>
14/75	<p>Councillor Updates: Cllr Arnold: Attended the Forum Meeting on the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) on 16th October 2014, attendees were asked to submit comments on the scope and objectives of the plan via the web site. LH's response was made via NBPPC. Little Blitz 2015: it was agreed to target 21st March 2015 for the event and to request and confirm the possible availability of Mr J Bercow MP. Cllr Cowdrey – North BUCKS Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC): the major focus of the meeting was the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP). The key issue was confirming if Aylesbury had a 5 years housing land supply. It was thought Aylesbury needed about to grow by an average of 1500 new houses per year. On a prorate basis Little Horwood would have to grow by 2.8 houses per year. LH exceeds this. There was also a brief discussion on East West Rail but there is unlikely to be further progress on this until later in the process. Local Councils Planning Liaison Group: the meeting also included a discussion of the VALP, Cllr Cowdrey raised with Ms S Kitchen the issue of whether AVDC Planning had learnt from their experience, providing a number of examples. Ms Kitchen agreed to look into the issue. Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs: Statistics were in line with previous months, the initial reduction in speeding that was experienced when the signs where introduced have now stabilised. Traffic Warning Signs: The idea of having an "Oncoming Traffic in Middle of Road" warning sign at the bottom of Shucklow Hill had been proposed to Transport for BUCKS (TfB) and they had agreed to meet to discuss the proposal. It was agreed to aim to do this as part of the TfB Village Walk about. The Clerk agreed to establish the process to obtain traffic calming (aka Stewkley) and to highlight to TfB the damaged Give Way sign from Great Horwood to Shucklow Hill.</p>
14/76	<p><i>The meeting was adjourned for public participation, the following items were raised:</i> Gate/Stile at the end of Wood End (entrance to footpath FY13): residents emphasised that changes were required to allow walkers and their dogs to pass through. It may be possible to resolve the issue by flattening the bank near the dog gate. It was agreed to obtain a quote for the work from contractors. Cllrs Arnold and Nickoll agreed to talk to two potential contractors. Cllr Cowdrey agreed to talk to the landowner to seek their agreement. Road Sign Cleaning: it was agreed that the Clerk would contact TfB to highlight that the road signs on Shucklow Hill, near the Nash Turn off and also at the bridge near to White House required cleaning Salt Bins: Cllr Garritt agreed to establish if BCC are still putting salt grit at the Nash/A421 junction. Traffic Calming/Road Narrowing: investigations where made several years ago but it had proven too costly. Grant monies from LH Trust and Claydon Lodge: The Treasurer advised that the Lodge had authorised the grant for the Defibrillator and that the money was expected towards the end of November or December. The LH Trust would advise the LHPC when it had arrived. The Clerk agreed to send a note of thanks to the Lodge. Red tarmac trips at the entrance to the 30mph area in the village: The Council had invested in the trips and BCC had agreed to maintain them. As their condition had deteriorated this would be discussed as part of the village walk about.</p>

	<p><i>The Council Meeting reconvened and continued with the Councillor updates:</i></p> <p>Cllr Garritt: Winslow and District Local Area Forum –it was reported that the following items were discussed: East West Rail – a station is being considered at Steeple Claydon; Trading Standards are promoting “no cold calling” and Cllr Garritt requested that stickers and information be provided for distribution; Weight restriction issues were discussed and Councils were encouraged to notify the Local Area Coordinator of any issues for discussion at the next meeting. TfB are intending to restructure in December. Police Statistics showed a reduction in crime. Their current focus is on burglary and rural crime. 2015/16 Funding Priorities: Community Businesses and Enterprises have been highlighted, this will be discussed further at the next meeting. The next meeting is on 11th December.</p> <p>Cllr Nickoll: Bucks and Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils: it was reported that members did not accept the proposed budget nor an increase in fees. The Extraordinary General Meeting on the constitution was postponed. Cllr Nickoll agreed to look into the benefits of BMKALC for discussion at the next LHPC meeting.</p> <p>Little Horwood Recreation Ground Trust (LHRGT): The shed is installed and there is a shortfall of £2,500 which is to be funded through a grant from LH Trust and other fund raising activities. LHRGT has been given 30 trees for planting, some form of memorial to the 100 year anniversary of the First World War is being considered.</p> <p>Bucks County Council (BCC) devolution of grass cutting and related services: a quote was received from AVDC to do the work currently carried out. The quote was c.£4K compared to the £1.25K expected from BCC. The Council agreed to consider writing to AVDC and BCC expressing concern re the affordability of this initiative for small parishes. The Council agreed to delegate the action to Cllrs Cowdrey and Nickoll with help from the Clerk to follow up as they consider appropriate.</p> <p>Cllr Seddon: LH Memorial Hall Committee - It was reported that: work had been done to improve some aspects of the Hall; £1,500 had been raised from fund raising events creating a total of £5,000 to invest in the next major improvement project; it was requested that the Council attempt to source a red box for the Defibrillator. The Council thought it would be helpful to create a calendar of events. Cllrs Cowdrey and Arnold agreed to put something together. It was also agreed that Cllr Garritt and the Clerk would investigate the idea of creating social media links to the LH Parish Council web site.</p>																														
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14/78	Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan: see Councillor updates above.																														
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	<i>Council RESOLVED to extend the meeting to 10:15</i>																														
14/80	<p>Budget: Following a discussion of the Budget for 2014-2015 it was agreed to: (a) include monies to support additional grass cutting particularly in areas where safety or tidiness are an issue (b) focus activities on completing existing projects (eg. Defibrillator, LHRGT Shed) and (c) remove any budget for additional salt/grit. It was RESOLVED to prepare a budget and precept request showing a 5% increase. The submission will be finalised in the January Council Meeting.</p> <p>It was also agreed to review the allotment rents for next year, the Clerk was asked to circulate a proposal for discussion in January.</p>																														
14/81	Finance: The Council RESOLVED to agree and sign the cashbook, bank reconciliation and cheques, including a £20 donation for the Remembrance wreath																														

14/82	Other Items for Information. Banners and signs had been placed contrary to the Fly signage policy, the Clerk was asked to write to offending organisations to clarify the policy etc.
	The meeting closed at 10:15pm The next meeting will be 12 th January 2015 at 8pm. Signed: Chairman at meeting on 12th January 2014