

MINUTES of a MEETING of LITTLE HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

held on **Monday 24th February 2014 at 8pm** in the Memorial Hall, Mursley Road, Little Horwood

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

Clerk: Mrs B Bradford

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

14/10	Cllr Nickoll was introduced by the Chairman, the Clerk confirmed that she had received a signed and completed Acceptance of Office and a Declaration of Interests from this new Councillor.
14/11	Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: none
14/12	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2014: RESOLVED to accept the minutes (including budget spreadsheet) as an accurate record of the meeting and that they be signed.</p> <p>Matters Arising: <u>Litter Blitz</u> (14/09) confirmed as 22nd March at 10.30am, (Cllr Arnold will accompany John Bercow starting at 10am) transport and collection of waste arrangements now in place. Equipment to be passed to Cllr Arnold who will also ensure suitable & timely publicity of the event.. <u>Works to Willow on The Green</u> (14/02) Planning application submitted, awaiting consent.</p> <p>Items Deferred from Previous Meeting: none</p>
14/13	<p>Correspondence: Stop Salden Turbines – copy of publicity leaflet re planning application 13/03455/APP for 4 x 115m wind turbines on land between Drayton Parslow, Mursley & Newton Longville RESOLVED to delegate to Planning Committee to respond if felt appropriate. Resident - noted correspondence suggesting alternative glazing for bus shelter and the response that the matter had been determined at Council (mins 13/90 and 14/06 refer) 14/00156/LAPRE The Retreat - Members noted Nash PC and LHPC Planning Committee/Clerk responses to this licencing application and RESOLVED that the Chairman make representations to the hearing on 6th March. WADLAF - Noted deadlines for LH Youth Club grant claim passed to LHYC and that matters are now in hand. AV Transport User Group – invitation to meeting on 4th March 10am @ Buckingham TC offices, any resident concerns with services can be raised via the Clerk. Vale of Aylebury Plan - formal notification re the withdrawal of the Vale of Aylesbury Plan noted by Members, also noted that Winslow Neighbourhood Plan Examination had been postponed pending outcome of a legal challenge to a similar situation in Cheshire. AVDC Waste – notice of the closure of local recycling centres such as Greyhound Lane CP in Winslow BCC Rights of Way - after careful consideration of the Invitation to cut Fpaths 13/1 & 15/1 for a “grant” of £154.19pa RESOLVED to request details of what had been done, and when, within the Parish in last 3 years. RBL Winslow – Noted thanks re donations passed on from Post Office coffee sales in 2013. WDCBus - Noted thanks for Grant and update re no of users in Parish (7) with operating cost of £11,000 to deliver service in 2012-13.</p>
14/14	<p>Councillor Reports: Cllr Cowdrey: <u>NBPPC</u> meeting considered Fracking (no licences to be issued in Bucks and no likely sites within 100 miles of the parish) and a Vale of Aylesbury Plan update (as above). <u>VAS</u> recorded (between 17th January and 19th February, whilst located on Mursley Rd monitoring traffic coming in to the village): 22,910 vehicle movements in total, approximately 15,000 at or below 30mph, 5,000 at or below 30mph, 2,000 at 40mph, 550 at 45mph, 125 at 50mph, 32 at 55mph, 6 at 60mph, 1 at 65mph and 2 at 70mph. The data is stored and it can be identified when the most excessive speeds occurred. Cllr Cowdrey will liaise with TVP to establish what duration of monitoring in any particular location with what results would trigger enforcement action. The impression is that the sign is having a generally positive impact. Cllr Seddon: Memorial Hall Management Committee meeting heard that the duck race and murder mystery events had raised over £1,000 and that bookings are at broadly similar levels to past years and the crockery is to be replaced. The meeting had also discussed the possibility of siting an external defibrillator on the hall, which was generally supported, provided the PC meet all running costs. Defibrillator Discussion of the cost/benefits of installing such an item ensued RESOLVED that a straw poll be undertaken at the Annual Parish Meeting. <u>Noise Nuisance</u> arising from industrial units on Mursley Road – the EHO had assessed the situation and confirmed there is a problem which will be progressed. <u>Noticeboard</u> – a quote for £844.40 excl. VAT (with posts but not installed) had been received from Willowbank against various online quotes of around £1,200. RESOLVED to progress purchase and installation within a</p>

<p>9.05pm</p> <p>9.30pm</p>	<p>revised total budget of £1,000 (per 2014 budget, min 14/07 refer), further RESOLVED that the precise site for installation be agreed by Members outside the meeting after further site investigations and that Cllr Seddon be authorised to agree appropriate terms on which the old board could be sold to the Memorial Hall Committee.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw: <u>Shelter</u> After a further, joint, site visit by the glazing and metalwork contractors the specification for the Shelter had been slightly amended resulting in a reduction in cost to £1740 incl VAT. Members RESOLVED that although this sum is £160 more than the quote secured by a resident, the contract entered into was for a bespoke solution and was the best value option in the long term.</p> <p><i>The meeting was adjourned for public participation and raised the following issues:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Younger members of the community must be encouraged to participate in the Litter Blitz</i> • <i>The Cricket Club has withdrawn from use of the Recreation Ground and would no longer be mowing the site in lieu of paying rent. Mr Jones has been tasked with securing grass cutters and considers that the additional costs should be met by increased letting potential arising from lost cricket fixtures.</i> • <i>The next edition of Open Gate could usefully remind parishioners how and why they should report problems with roads and footpaths etc direct to AVDC & BCC as appropriate.</i> • <i>BCC Cllr Chilvers is to meet with the LAT re Shucklow Hill, any feedback to the Clerk asap.</i> <p><i>The meeting was reconvened.</i></p> <p>Cllr Trim: <u>RAF Memorial</u> appropriate quotes had been secured and would be put to the War Memorial Working Party shortly.</p> <p>Cllr Arnold: <u>Streetlight</u> outside House no 2 Church Street was intermittently off, but is now permanently out.</p>				
<p>14/15</p>	<p>Planning & Development:</p> <p>13/03513/APP Norbury Farm Mursley Road - Erection of agricultural barn RESOLVED No objection</p> <p>Refused:</p> <p>13/03045/AOP Land Off Mursley Rd - Erection of No.5 2 storey dwellings including access, layout & scale</p> <p>13/03046/AOP Land At Mursley Rd - Erection of No.9 two storey dwellings with access, layout and scale</p> <p>Community Right to Bid – the Nomination of: The Shoulder of Mutton had been submitted. It must be demonstrated that the VAHT garages on Wood End “contribute to the Social Wellbeing of the village” if nomination is to be progressed. Cllr Trim will prepare a suitable case.</p> <p>Rural Exception Scheme – The Chairman reported on a site meeting with Jean Fox who had subsequently advised the Clerk that she is happy to progress the site next to 26 Mursley Road on receipt of the site owner’s contact details. There may be a need to update the Housing Needs Survey and it was noted that the type of affordable housing units required (for only appropriately qualified local people to buy or let) is yet to be agreed.</p>				
<p>Amenities: - all current issues addressed elsewhere on the agenda</p>					
<p>14/16</p>	<p>Finance:</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the precept requirement notified to AVDC on 22nd January (without impact on any central government or AVDC grants) was £9,403.20, representing a 5% increase, per minute 14/07. A Bank Reconciliation had been circulated to Members showing available funds at 4th February to be £7,647.85.</p> <p>Payments: RESOLVED to authorise signature of cheques totalling £759</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Memorial Hall (hall hire for Post Office 2013-14 and Council meeting 24.2.14)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£735</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Frame Art Display (leaf transfers for Shelter glass)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 24</td> </tr> </table>	Memorial Hall (hall hire for Post Office 2013-14 and Council meeting 24.2.14)	£735	Frame Art Display (leaf transfers for Shelter glass)	£ 24
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<p>14/17</p>	<p>Items of Report</p> <p>Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Monday 24th March, formalities will be followed by a “Meet your Councillors” event with wine in an effort to encourage “new blood” for election in 2015.</p> <p>Flood Prevention The Chairman reported on the outcomes of villagers working with the Environment Agency on this matter. 6 properties were identified as at risk, for various reasons only 2 accepted the offer of assessment for mitigation works to enhance their flood defences and of those only 1 chose to have the recommendations implemented. Work to that property, The Chairman’s home, has now been completed.</p>				
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.50pm</p> <p>Signed: _____ Chairman at meeting on _____ 2014</p>				