

MINUTES of a MEETING of LITTLE HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
held on Monday 25th November 2013 at 8pm
in the Memorial Hall, Mursley Road, Little Horwood

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

Apologies: Cllr Seddon (unwell) accepted

Clerk: Mrs B Bradford

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

13/85	Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: none
13/86	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2013 RESOLVED to accept the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting and that they 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>
13/87	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p><u>BCC Budget Questionnaire for Parish Councillors</u> – RESOLVED that the Clerk respond that improved communication is necessary to improve BCC’s service to LHPC and that whilst improved road repairs are important to residents they would not want more resources allocated to them at the expense of Social Service front line delivery to residents. Integrated public transport is a high priority for rural parishes and the possibility of residents using school buses should be explored</p> <p><u>AVDC Play Around the Parishes 2014</u> - RESOLVED to finance one session in the summer holidays on a date to be determined by Cllrs Garritt & Shaw prior to the January deadline. Suitable publicity to maximise village participation, would be addressed in due course.</p> <p><u>AVDC Music in Quiet Places 2014</u> - Mike Jones agreed to progress an application using the Church.</p> <p><u>BCC Young Civic Futures questionnaire</u> – Clerk to respond highlighting that LHPC does not actively seek to involve younger residents in decision making in the community and has no particular desire to pursue a youth involvement project. However Council consults younger residents via the local youth club when appropriate.</p> <p><u>AVDC re Precept 2014</u> – members noted recent updates, there is no significant adjustment to the number of Band D equivalent households in the Parish, and AVDC is likely to maintain its grant to parishes relating to Localisation of Council Tax Benefit for the next 3 financial years.</p>
13/88	<p>Councillor Reports:</p> <p>Cllr Garritt: awaiting information from the Clerk in order to progress the Community Defibrillator project.</p> <p>Cllr Streater: announced his relocation to Northants and therefore his resignation from LHPC. He thanked members and residents for their support during his term of office. He also advised that Lindy Chitty and Peter ??? had volunteered to continue liaison with Environmental Health regarding foul odours.</p> <p>Cllr Trim: reported on an interesting visit to AVDC’s household recycling processing plant</p> <p>Cllr Shaw: advised she is awaiting AVDC Planning Officers’ complimentary advice re the planned replacement of the Recreation Ground shed and quotes for likely options are in hand.</p> <p>Cllr Cowdrey: updated members on his exploration of the Well Field planning application and associated applicant’s grant – the donor would monitor compliance with the grant conditions for a period of 5 years if the project proceeds. Also BCC have advised that they have established that the county is unlikely to be a source of shale gas so will not be issuing any licences.</p> <p>Cllr Arnold: reported on the LAF Priorities Workshop, the results of which will be considered at the next LAF meeting on 12th December, 7pm. She also attended the MKBALC AGM (at which LHPC has a vote) and welcomed the indication that more Councillor training will be offered.</p> <p>Cllr Arnold formally thanked Cllr Streater for all the work he has done for the parish.</p> <p><i>8.45pm the Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public to speak</i></p> <p><i>It was reported that BCC have erected temporary “Uneven Surface” warning triangles at Mursley Road railway bridge until permanent ones can be installed and that the matter is to be referred to Network Rail for further investigation. The Clerk was requested to press for prompt attention as the danger was felt to have increased in the past week.</i></p> <p><i>8.50pm the Chairman reconvened the meeting.</i></p>
13/89	<p>Planning & Development:</p> <p>Applications Received: none</p>

	<p>Permitted: 13/02054/APP The Old Vicarage, 8 Church St Resiting of front gates by 5m, raising SW pedestrian gate to 2.2m and W gate to 1.8m & 13/02053/ALB 13/02494/APP Norbury Farm, Mursley Road Erection of no. 2 agricultural barns 13/02816/ATC 13 Church Street Fell no. 1 Norway Spruce</p> <p>Community Right to Bid (13/80) The Clerk advised details of the AVDC scheme. Council would, in the event of the assets being registered and subsequently offered for sale, have a period of six months in which to co-ordinate a scheme to purchase of the assets prior to them being offered for sale on the open market. RESOLVED to proceed with registration of Wood End garages and The Shoulder of Mutton as Community Assets. ensure this is progressed as soon as possible and to review the position at January 2014 meeting.</p>
13/90	<p>Amenities: MVAS (13/81) Cllrs Arnold and Cowdrey had attended a training session (which had been very poorly organised by Transport for Bucks) and are keen to put the training into practise. The Clerk had been advised that the ground screws were installed on October 17th and delivery of the equipment remains to be organised. Cllr Cowdrey agreed to receive the equipment after 5th December. Noticeboard (13/81) The Clerk had secured 3 comparable quotes which were all substantially more than had been anticipated. The Chairman offered to explore other suitable options, for consideration at the next meeting. Community Shelter (13/ 81) Cllr Shaw advised details of the only 2 quotes secured for glazing. RESOLVED to proceed using N & G Windows, based within the parish, who were prepared to undertake the work without charging for labour, for a total of £1,880 (material costs confirmed by 2nd quote).</p>
13/91	<p>Finance: Bank Balances: no further bank statements had been received prior to the meeting. Payments: RESOLVED to authorise signature of payments totalling £1,391.76 and signature of the relevant cheques as follows: Mr J Bull (replacement of out of date cheque no 1022) £20 RBL Poppy Appeal (Remembrance Day Wreath) £20 Thomas Redding (Grounds Maintenance July to Oct) £888.50 Staff net salaries and HMRC Oct – Dec total £452.01 Memorial Hall (hall hire for Council meeting) £11.25</p>
13/92	<p>Items of Report Little Horwood Trust: a vacancy for a third LHPC representative now exists which will be considered at the January meeting. Casual Vacancy on LHPC suitable notices will be posted as soon as possible, asking interested parties to make themselves known in the event that co-option rather than election is used to fill the vacancy. Succession Planning Working Party will meet on 16th January at 7.30pm</p>
	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Monday 13th January at 8pm in the Memorial Hall The meeting closed at 9.15pm</p> <p>Signed: Chairman at meeting on 2014</p>