

**MINUTES of a MEETING of LITTLE HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (LHPC) held
on Monday 20th March 2017 at 8pm in the Memorial Hall, Mursley Road, Little Horwood**

Present: Cllrs Nickoll (Acting Chairman PN), Bull (MB), Cooper (CH), Davey (JD), Garrett (TG), and Clerk: Mrs M Cliffe. 9 members of the public were present during the meeting including County Councillor John Chilver and Dist. Councillor Sir Beville Stanier.

17/14	1	Apologies – Cllr Mark Cowdrey sent his apologies. Regular attendees Mrs Pat Curtis and Mrs Mary Arnold also sent their apologies.
17/15	2	Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest – Cllr Bull declared an interest in the Hillside development (item 10)
17/16	3	Minutes of Last Meeting 16th January 2017 - it was resolved to agree and sign the minutes.
17/17	3a	<p>Matters arising –</p> <p>6d – The PC has been considering the problem of reduced availability of sodium street lamps at the last meeting. The Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of stock piling this type of bulb. In the course of enquiries, the Clerk was informed by Western Power Distribution that Little Horwood does not have any sodium lamps. All the street lights are 42 watt low pressure mercury (PL-T lamps) and there is currently no problem with the availability of these lamps.</p> <p>8g. - Mr Michael Richfield, the resident of 7 Mursley Road, has asked the PC to make clear that his only reason for reporting the condition of the tarmac surface on the Village Green in front of his house was for the safety of the general public (as it is breaking up). The condition of the surface has no effect on his driving onto his property. The PC is happy to make this clear and would like to thank Mr Richfield as, in addition to advising us of the problem, he has alerted the PC to an issue that needs consideration as it will affect other tarmac areas on the Village Green.</p>
17/18	4	Items deferred from Previous Meeting (and not covered elsewhere on the agenda) – none.
17/19	5	Casual Vacancy - It was decided to continue to maximise publicity in order to try to fill the post. The Clerk was asked to contact Peter Arnold to arrange an email circular.
17/20	6	<p>Correspondence sent and received</p> <p>a. The meeting was advised of letters of thanks from recipients of LHPC grants (Citizens Advice Bureau, Action 4 Youth and Winslow and District Community Bus) all received with appreciation.</p> <p>b. The Clerk advised that the LAF grant for the MVAS ground screw has been processed.</p> <p>c. A letter has been received from Helen and Douglas House Hospice requesting a donation. It was decided to delay a decision until the next PC meeting.</p>
17/21	7	<p>To update the Parish’s support for the “Battle’s Over Commemoration”.</p> <p>It was decided to contact various groups in the Village, including the LHRGT and the Church, to canvas interest in arranging a combined celebration.</p>
		At approximately 8.20 pm the Chairman adjourned the proceedings for public participation.
17/22	8	<p>Councillors’ Reports (items not arising elsewhere on the agenda)</p> <p>a) Cllr MB reported that MVAS data show speeding on both the Mursley and Winslow Roads. Although the Winslow Road carries 60% of the traffic through the village, more speeding and the highest speeds were recorded on the Mursley Road, (60-65mph). It was noted that speeds do reduce when the MVAS is flashing (37% on Winslow Road and 16% on Mursley Road).</p> <p>b) Cllr JD had nothing to report.</p> <p>c) Cllr TG attended the BCC Winslow and District Local Area Forum (LAF) meeting on 9th March 2017. She reported that the issue of planning applications not being decided in a timely manner is of general concern and will be raised at the next LAF meeting. Other issues raised included East West Rail, Verney Garden City (for which she has no immediate concerns), an update on Transport for Bucks, (including road resurfacing in Winslow) and the problem of cold calling “Nottingham Knockers” for which advice and Trading Standards Stop Cold Calling sticker packs are now available.</p> <p>LAF funding benefits diverse groups including the Winslow “Men in Sheds”, (a potentially life changing facility for the lonely, bereaved and single to learn new skills and make friends), Winslow Youth Action and Great Horwood cage cricket.</p> <p>Winslow Fire Station was praised as one of the best in the area. A community asset, it is run entirely by retained firefighters who have attended 134 callouts in the last year and are always in need of recruits.</p> <p>Villages were also asked to publicise the “Donate a Gate” scheme. Access to the countryside can be improved with a donation of £250 from any member of the public or an organisation. This will provide a metal gate (and installation by the</p>

		<p>North Bucks Ramblers Association) to replace awkward or broken stiles. A plaque will then be placed to mark the donation or to remember a loved one or event of the donor's choosing. Feedback on this scheme has been very positive.</p> <p>d) Cllr CH had nothing to report.</p> <p>e) Cllr PN reported that the Spinney bridge had been repaired and praised Bucks CC's speedy response to this request. He also said that the litter pick arranged for 18th March was a great success and thanked the 25 people who participated. There was not as much rubbish as last year but more fly tipping including a large fridge freezer. The Clerk was asked to arrange for the rubbish to be removed by AVDC.</p> <p>f) On behalf of Cllr MC, PN reported that</p> <p>i. AVDC Planning Enforcement (Mr Philip Dales) has been contacted re Hillside 15/00725/APP as the developer is not adhering to the provisions of the planning agreement. Concerns were expressed about the width of Hill Farm Lane, the need for 2 vehicles to be able to pass, room for the bin lorry to turn and ruts on green spaces made by contractors vehicles. It was suggested that contact should also be made with Mr Dale's superior, Customer Fulfilment Manager Lindsey Vallis (Mrs Susan Kitchen's successor), case officer Bill Nicholson and Sir Beville Stanier.</p> <p>ii. The PC remains concerned about the mini Spinney as water has now been provided to the site and two caravans have been placed on it. A question was raised as to whether there was a preservation order on any of the trees. Sir Beville Stanier agreed to look into the matter due to the lack of progress with AVDC enforcement</p> <p>iii. The Shoulder of Mutton public house is now in de facto residential use. Correspondence between Mr Frank Donlon and Mrs Susan Kitchen is ongoing, although contact with the tenant has been difficult. It was confirmed that AVDC cannot evict the tenant or force them to trade, which is seen as an encouragement to apply for residential use.</p> <p>iv. The issue of the condition of driveways crossing the Green is complicated and on-going.</p> <p>v. Work is still awaited on the curb stones on Church Street opposite the Shoulder of Mutton and the Church.</p> <p>g) The Clerk reported that</p> <p>Plans were being made to carry out repairs to the Mursley Road which will involve a 24 hour road closure. Affected residents should be advised by Transport for Bucks by letter when the time comes.</p>
17/23	9	Planning and Development

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Application	Location	Notes
a. Applications Received:		
16/03843/APP	Land adjoining 22 Mursley Rd, Little Horwood	Erection of a detached block to provide one maisonette and to flats LHPC resolved to object. Awaiting decision from AVDC
16/04212/APP 20 Jan 2017	Greenacres 13 Mursley Road Little Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0PG	Erection of garage with first floor study LHPC resolved not to object. Awaiting decision from AVDC
17/00817/APP 14 Mar 2017	Manor Farm Shucklow Hill Little Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0PY	Part single storey, part two storey rear extension
b. Permitted/determined		
17/00049/APP 9 Feb 2017	The Holding, Little Horwood Rd, Little Horwood, Milton Keynes, Bucks	Agricultural building for the housing of sheep for lambing, storage of fodder and of maintenance equipment to service the small holding. LHPC resolved not to object. Application withdrawn 01 March 2017
16/04214/APP 20 Jan 2017	Greenacres 13 Mursley Road Little Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0PG	Proposed boundary wall with close boarded fence infill LHPC resolved not to object. Application approved 08 Feb 2017
16/04578/AOP 31 Jan 2017	Shucklow Cottage Shucklow Hill Little Horwood Buckinghamshire MK17 0PY	Outline application with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for a site for one dwelling including removal of existing kennel/cattery buildings and associated enclosures. LHPC resolved to object. Application refused 22 Feb 2017

17/24	10	Planning and development – Issues arising. Issues arising from the planning report were considered in the Chairman's (Cllr. MC) report.
17/25	11	Annual Village Meeting 24th April 2017 The Annual Village Meeting will take place on 24 th April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Recreation Hall. A defibrillator demonstration given

		by Geoff Shaw of the Buckingham AED Project has been arranged at the beginning of the evening. Wine and nibbles are being provided courtesy of the Chairman.																														
17/26		<p>To discuss the possibility of starting a Speed Watch Group</p> <p>Contact details of Ian Whipp and Andrew Gould (who hold the equipment) have been obtained and Cllrs MB and TG will make contact to discuss availability and training.</p>																														
17/26	12	<p>Finance and administration</p> <p>a) The Bank reconciliation, receipts, payments and cheques for authorisation were circulated at the meeting.</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the payments and sign the cheques as detailed.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>i.</td> <td>LH 16.60</td> <td>LH Memorial Hall hire</td> <td>Chq 001280</td> <td>20.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ii.</td> <td>LH 16.61</td> <td>AVDC dog bin emptying service</td> <td>Chq 001281</td> <td>288.87</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iii.</td> <td>LH 16.62</td> <td>Sparks (two years payments)</td> <td>Chq 001282</td> <td>1020.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iv.</td> <td>LH 16.63</td> <td>Clerk's Salary</td> <td>Chq 001283</td> <td>544.96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>v.</td> <td>LH 16.64</td> <td>Anglian Water</td> <td>Chq 001284</td> <td>38.09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>vi.</td> <td>LH 16.65</td> <td>Litter Pick Expenses Cllr PN</td> <td>Chq 001285</td> <td>20.85</td> </tr> </table>	i.	LH 16.60	LH Memorial Hall hire	Chq 001280	20.00	ii.	LH 16.61	AVDC dog bin emptying service	Chq 001281	288.87	iii.	LH 16.62	Sparks (two years payments)	Chq 001282	1020.00	iv.	LH 16.63	Clerk's Salary	Chq 001283	544.96	v.	LH 16.64	Anglian Water	Chq 001284	38.09	vi.	LH 16.65	Litter Pick Expenses Cllr PN	Chq 001285	20.85
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17/27	12	<p>Any Other Business.</p> <p>Cllr PN raised the issue of the need for another parish councillor on the Little Horwood Trust. Cllr JD has agreed to fulfill this vacant position.</p>																														
		<p>The meeting closed at 9.15 pm</p> <p>The Annual Village meeting will be held on 24th April at 7.30pm in the Recreation Ground Hall The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 15th May 2017 at 8pm in the Memorial Hall</p> <p>Signed: DRAFT Chairman of the Meeting</p> <p>Date: 15th May 2017</p>																														