

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd November 2010 at Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

The meeting started at 7.30 pm.

1. **Present**

Paul Cawte (Chairman), Angus Idle (Vice-Chairman), Al Bowyer (Treasurer) Geoff Wright (Stand in Secretary), Janet Idle, David Sharp, Andrea Hulley, Phil Gomm, Sarah Hamilton, Jerry Morley.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Dory Morgan, Rosemary Hewitt, Daphne Hicks, Alison Burnham, Christine Bowyer, Anna Burniston.

3. **Approval of Minutes of the last meeting.**

Proposed by Al Bowyer and seconded by Andrea Hulley and passed as a correct and true record of the October meeting.

4. **Matters arising**

The lights are now functioning at the pedestrian crossing.
Dory Morgan has actioned email to highways re. "cats" eyes on Valley Road.
Change of road rep for Bryants Bottom.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer reported that there had been an increase in revenue during the last month from some advertising and receipt of subscriptions. There had been little movement of funds out of the account which stood at £5820. Obvious funds are available but there is a commitment to the magazine although there are outstanding payments for some adverts. Janet Idle to contact Magnolia Park re. delay in payment. Al Bowyer to arrange meeting with sub committee members with respect to advertising. Grant form Parish Council for £365 has been received. Receipts to date for advertising is £1918 and subscriptions is £1943.

Eventual payments for reimbursements will be received for purchases for rock salt. Only to be used for gritting of tracks within a road which will be retained by residents at appropriate sites adjacent to problem areas under the co-ordination by the road rep.

6. **Events**

Potter Cup Quiz - The chairman thanked and congratulated all those involved in the sub-committee for the successful Potter Cup Quiz. A thank you also to Christine Bowyer for the catering and all others involved in the organisation. The evening raised a profit of £475. It was suggested that the 2011 date is booked for 8th/10th October.

Senior Citizens – Sue Coombs to be booked for the entertainment.

AGM 2011 – the date has been arranged for 17th May 2011. Janet Idle is contacting John Craven to invite him to be our Speaker. Cheese and wine to be arranged.

7. **Communications**

Website – there is a disappointing number of hits per week on the website. Unfortunately there is little current new news although there are regular updates of up and coming news.

Hughenden News – it was reported that the butcher at Cosy Corner is to increase the size of the advert and that there has been two further enquiries for the placing of advertisements. Janet Idle to phone some contributors to remind them of delayed receipts of payments. Articles from Councillors will be edited to avoid repetition of information. The target date is two weeks after the deadline with printing sometime in November. It was suggested the contributors provide an email address in order to improve contact details for reminders of payments etc.

Correspondence – Angus Idle had contacted Councillor Bendish Brown re. signage for Hughenden Valley. Within the AONB green signs are displayed for rural communities; as sited in other local villages. Bryants Bottom to be included within request.

8. Reports

Warrendene Road – demolished bungalow for re-development.

Bryants Bottom – Continued poor condition of road surface.

Valley Road – few complaints re. shop signage and parking of cars on verge.

Friars Gardens – signs are displayed for possible re-surfacing of road.

Other points raised

Janet Idle reported a party on the playing fields between 11.30 pm to 3.00am

Large number of leaves on pavement on Cryers Hill – Janet Idle to contact BCC.

The ITV are to film at Gt. Kingshill School re. opening of new kitchen and dining room building.

The Chairman has dealt with issues concerning number of small motorbikes being ridden around the valley. The police are involved and an item to be placed in the next newsletter.

Planning Sub-Committee

Planning – The application for a dwelling in the Harrow Pub garden is on the WDC Planning Committee Agenda for tomorrow evening (3rd October). Although the precedent was set by permission being granted on appeal for a similar proposal in 2004 (now out of date) we felt that the new directive from Eric Pickles to outlaw “garden grabbing” is pertinent this time. The planning officer is recommending approval as he considers that “garden grabbing” refers to residential gardens not commercial gardens. Dory Morgan agrees to differ having read PPS3 and PPG3 and the Eric Pickles report. DM has forwarded her findings to Councillor Pushman who is on the WDC Planning Committee and who will be on the site visit. The decision rests on whether the committee is prepared to go against the officer’s recommendation. On a previous occasion when they disapproved an application, permission was granted on appeal with WDC having costs awarded against them.

HS2 – a reminder to emailed information. HWS Chiltern Line Meeting to be held at the University on Wednesday 3rd at 7.30 pm. The journey time from High Wycombe to London will be just 22 minutes. Is HS2 therefore needed? HS2 rally at Burryfields Gt. Missenden on Sunday 7th October.

Cats Eyes – awaiting update.

Chemical smell on A4128 by Church Farm – WDC Environment Services are not 100% sure where it is emanating from although obvious source is nearby cattle sheds which are periodically heavily disinfected. The situation is being monitored and to contact DM if still concerned.

High Wycombe Society – Dory and Rosemary to attend the next affiliated meeting – date to be confirmed.

Parish Council – Lin Smith did not attend this month's meeting.

Village Hall Committee – Christmas Tree lights – Dory presented figures regarding options and it was agreed to have the LED lights as they are more durable and can be left in situ. The total cost will be approximately £1500 while the Resident Association will donate the agreed £300. Philip Morgan will complete the wiring and connect to the supply from the Village Shop. Consumption will be minimal although Dylan Jones will contact the shop committee to get agreement that the shop are happy to pay for the supply to the tree as their contribution. The hiring rates are to be increased between 2% - 4%. The audio system is to be improved following numerous pleas and several fund raising events have been planned for 2011.

Tombola – a flyer was attached to the minutes for distribution.

Community Shop – has applied for extension on temporary lease. The Village Hall AGM will provide a platform to declare longer-term plans. Still looking for more volunteers. The chairman suggested a representative attend a Residents meeting every three months to improve communications. Dory to be asked to make an enquiry to consider proposal.

Neighbourhood Action Group – speeding , litter and parking remain the priorities. An increase in house and car break-ins was reported.

Road Safety – Dory has been in contact with John Miller to discuss the prospect of a pedestrian crossing adjacent to the school along Valley Road. However BCC Highways are low on funding for the foreseeable future.

9. AOB – none reported

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm. The next meeting is 7th December at 7.30pm.
Rosemary to be asked to minute next meeting.

Nb. No January 2011 meeting.