

HUGHENDEN VALLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 7th September 2010 in Hughenden Small Village Hall at 7.30 pm

APPROVED

1. **Present:** Paul Cawte (Chairman), Angus Idle (Vice Chair), Dory Morgan (Stand in Secretary), Janet Idle, David Johnson, David Sharp, John Miller, Sara Hamilton, Jerry Morley, Lin Smith (Hughenden Parish Council).
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Al Bowyer (Treasurer), Christine Bowyer, Doreen Bryant, Phil Gomm, Andrea Hulley, Edna Parker, Daphne Hicks, Rosemary Hewitt, Anna Burniston.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of the meetings held on 4th May 2010 and 15th June 2010 were approved and signed by Paul Cawte Chairman as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** None.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** In the absence of the treasurer this was held over until the next meeting.

Chairman's Report: Paul Cawte emphasised the need to find a new secretary. In the interim it was suggested that members take it in turns to take the minutes. Dory Morgan took the minutes at this meeting, Janet Idle will take the minutes at the October Meeting. Dory will continue to circulate minutes and other relevant information to Officers and Road Reps. Minutes to be sent to the Officers for approval before circulation to the committee.

6. **Events:**

Potter Cup Quiz 9th October 2010: Dory gave an update following a meeting at Al's on August 25th and showed everyone the proposed poster. The theme will be 'The Four Seasons' with a new and shorter format, the emphasis will be on having fun and entrants will be encouraged to wear fancy dress to reflect their team name. Daphne Hicks will be collating all the questions with contributions from all on the working party; Rosemary Hewitt has once again agreed to provide the excellent buffet. Instead of a raffle there will be some games during the interval.

Senior Citizen's Evening 2011: Rosemary requested feedback on whether members thought it a good idea to book Sue Coombs as the entertainer again following her popularity at this year's party or if members had any other suggestions. It was agreed that Rosemary did an excellent job and that the committee would bow to her judgement; that Sue Coombs should be booked again. Paul read out a thank you letter from Stan Cole following this year's Senior Citizen Evening.

AGM 2011: The date was confirmed as 17th May and it was agreed that Janet would ask John Craven to be guest speaker. The hall has been booked.

Christmas Bazaar 2010: The date of the bazaar is 27th November, Sara Hamilton has kindly agreed to organise the tombola again; due to its success there will also be a children's' tombola and committee members are asked to look out for and collect suitable items.

7. Communications:

Hughenden News: Janet and Angus were congratulated on the latest excellent edition. It was agreed that a change to an A4 format would make production of the magazine easier, Janet and Angus to consider whether to change the format for the next magazine or leave it until the first edition of 2011. There is a need to review the cost of the magazine as funds are dwindling. Janet pointed out that the last two editions were more expensive as they had been larger than usual as they had a lot of campaigning content. It was felt that the advertising revenue needed to be increased by 10%; Janet, David Johnson and Al Bowyer will get together to discuss the matter including a review of printing costs.

Website: Derek Armshaw has offered to remain as webmaster until a successor is found.

8. Reports:

Parish Council: Lin Smith mentioned that she would be able to raise questions on residents' behalf as an agenda item at the full HPC monthly meetings. There will be a 'Get to Know Your Councillor' meeting at Widmer End School on 19th October; the guest speaker will be Rodney Griffiths.

Neighbourhood Action Group: The three top concerns highlighted in the recent survey are speeding, litter and parking (in particular outside schools).

Speeding/Parking: Lin has been trained to use the Community Speed Watch Monitor and is looking for volunteers to work with her. If the monitor highlights speeding the vehicle identification and speed is logged, this information is passed to the police; the driver then receives a formal letter. If records show that a driver has received three such letters legal action is taken. Jerry Morley questioned the validity of the evidence and expressed concerns for the safety of the volunteers.

Paul reported a problem with vehicles being parked with all four wheels on the pavement, also children on bikes and quad bikes causing problems around the village and on the football pitch; Janet requested a 'green sign' for Hughenden Valley and Bryants Bottom in line with other villages in the Parish. Lin will report these concerns at the next NAG meeting.

Litter: Lin suggested that residents take responsibility for keeping the area outside their property tidy as is done on the Continent. Litter Picking Parties were also suggested as was the possibility of getting companies to sponsor certain susceptible areas in return for a small plaque being displayed advertising the company's sponsorship. Janet will put an article in the next edition of the magazine.

Rural Affordable Housing: Paul gave an outline of the HVRA stance – that we are **not** against Rural Affordable Housing and have never mounted an Anti Rural Affordable Housing Campaign as intimated by members of HPC; the recent article in the Bucks Free Press sets the record straight. HVRA has however consistently campaigned against development on Green Built AONB Agricultural land. Janet read out the Naphill & Walters Ash Residents Association Public Meeting Report in the Naphill Gazette.

Road Representatives:

Friars Gardens: David and Susan Sharp have for some time kindly covered the whole of Friars Gardens; in the past this was shared with another rep. David and Susan will continue to be road reps for one half of Friars Gardens, a new representative is needed for the other half which includes The Chantry. Dory will put a slip advertising the vacancy in with next leaflet drop to the relevant houses on Friars Gardens and The Chantry.

South Maundin: Paul has sent a thank you letter to Linda Hicks who has retired as Road Rep for South Maundin; he will deliver some flowers to her on behalf of HVRA. Anna Burniston has kindly agreed to be Linda's successor. *Janet congratulated Paul and Yvonne on their Silver Wedding Anniversary.*

Warrendene Road: Angus thinks that Carole Palmer might be willing to be a Road Rep to help Al and Christine; Dory will make enquiries.

Orchard Close: David Johnson enquired about provision of salt/grit in preparation for icy weather. He already has a supply which he will divide up from his road. It was recommended that Road Reps. who wished to put a couple of bags in their garage do so and pass the bill to Al as Treasurer for reimbursement.

Bryants Bottom: Sara informed the committee that James Perkins has agreed to be the new Road Rep to replace Jill Armshaw. He retires in the autumn; he will then be able to attend HVRA meetings.

Janet commented that HPC consistently called local schools by incorrect names.

Jerry informed members about a meeting on Monday 13th September chaired by Steve Cohen, Editor of the BFP. There will be debate about the cost of local government and the need for so many tiers.

Planning Sub-Committee:

The Harrow: Road Reps will have received and distributed a flyer regarding a planning application to build a detached dwelling in the rear garden of the pub. A letter of objection from HVRA will be submitted shortly. If there are enough letters of objection this application could be 'called in' to the WDC Planning Committee.

Greenacres, Cryers Hill: A formal complaint was submitted to WDC Planning Enforcement regarding the introduction of windows in the front roof without planning permission. These are currently being removed; meanwhile a retrospective application for the windows in the rear roof and sun pipes has been submitted to WDC Planning Dept. these are expected to be granted permission. It is hoped the removal of the windows at the front will send a clear message to others in the vicinity that inappropriate development will not be allowed.

Village Hall Committee: Dory reported that the new kitchen had been installed and was a vast improvement on the old one; it includes an industrial dishwasher with a cycle of just three minutes. The VH AGM will be on 6th December at 8pm. Paul mentioned the recent mowing and raking of the conservation area and Angus is trying to get WDC or BCC to agree to take the cuttings away. John Miller questioned the expense of hiring the hall as halls in adjacent villages were cheaper- Dory to report back to VHC next month.

Community Shop: A new manger has been appointed and should be starting in a few weeks. HVRA has received a request for a donation to the shop; it was decided to defer decision until the next meeting when Al as Treasurer will be able to update us on our finances and whether we are in a position to be able to make a donation.

9. Any Other Business:

Hughenden School has vacancies for School Governors; please contact the Head Mistress for more information.

Anti HS2 Placards/Posters: Speen Action Group has asked for our views on placing placards/posters along the proposed alternative route 2.5 in the same way that protestors have placed them along the preferred route 3. HVRA and Speen Action Group are affiliated to

HS2 Action Alliance Ltd. It was agreed that at this stage we would not wish to blight the landscape; this accords with the views of the Speen Action Group. This will be reviewed as and when further Government announcements are made regarding the possible route.

Wycombe Society Pann Mill Open Day: The next open day is this Sunday 12th September at 11 am to 5pm. There will be various stalls as well as milled flour for sale. Pann Mill is at the entrance to the Rye.

Chemical Smell on A4128: Several members reported a strong chemical smell (like TCP) on the A4128 near Church Farm which has been noticeable for a few weeks. Dory will contact WDC Environment Services.

Wycombe Sports Stadium: Janet expressed concerns at proposals for a new Sport Stadium at Booker Airfield. Dory showed members a poster about community consultations and exhibitions, a link will be placed on the HVRA website; a copy of the poster and leaflets are in the Community Shop.

Search for a New Chairman: Paul confirmed that he will be standing down as HVRA Chairman at the next AGM in May 2011 after nine years in office. Now is the time to consider his successor.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 5th October 2010 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.45pm.

Chairman:

Secretary:

Date: