

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 5th April 2011 at
Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

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- The meeting started at 7:30pm. Action
- 1 **Present:**
Paul Cawte (Chairman), Angus Idle (Vice Chairman and Stand-in Secretary), Alison Burnham, Christine Bowyer, Sara Hamilton, Daphne Hicks, Andrea Hulley, Janet Idle, Dory Morgan, James Perkins, Lin Smith (HPC), Geoff Wright.
- 2 **Apologies for absence:**
Al Bowyer, Anna Burniston, Phil Gomme, Rosemary Hewitt, Jerry Morley, Carole Palmer, Edna Parker.
- 3 **Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting:**
These were adopted as a correct and true record of the March meeting, and signed by the Chairman.
- 4 **Matters arising:**
No matters arising
- 5 **Treasurer's Report:**
The Treasurer's Report was presented by Christine Bowyer in Al's absence. Total overall funds as of 31st March 2011 were £5,284.13 with an additional £197.00 uncleared making a total of £5,481.13 available. Advertising revenue for 2010/11 was £3,308.40 and subscription fees were £2117.00. AB
As the income for last year did not fall far short of expenditure, and there have been improvements made in the cost of delivering leaflets it was decided to keep the annual subscriptions unchanged for 2011/12 at £5 per household with a reduced rate of £3 for the over 60s.
- 6 **Events:**
- 6a **Senior Citizens Event 14th May 2011:** DM
It seems unlikely that Rosemary will be able to run the event this year due to family commitments. Dory Morgan agreed to act as a coordinator for the event and she will contact Rosemary for organisation details.
- 6b **AGM 2011 17th May 2011 7:30pm**
The large hall has been guaranteed for the event. Angus confirmed that Jim Foy will be bringing the AV equipment. Village history exhibition will also take place. If Rosemary is not available we need to find someone to take responsibility for refreshments. RH
AI, DM

- 7 **Communications:**
- 7a **Hughenden News:**
The publishing of Hughenden News has been delayed due to copyright issues and to ensure compliance with electoral rules. It is now expected to be issued during week commencing 11th April to road reps. JI, AI
- 7b **Website:**
More material is now being added to the website, but it is still being done by Derek Armshaw as Dory has not been able to access the system. Dory to find out from Derek what the hit rate has been for the last month. DM
- 8 **Correspondence:**
- 8a The procedure for distributing email correspondence has been confirmed.
- 8b Hughenden Valley direction signage will be going ahead.
- 9 **Reports**
- Road Representatives:**
- 9a Bryants Bottom: Sara Hamilton reported that a new person was in charge of drainage in the area and had arranged for storm drains and underground drainage cisterns to be cleaned out in Bryants Bottom. Consideration is being given to clean out the roadside ditches and add additional drains between Bryants Bottom and Warrendene to solve road flooding problems. SH
- 9b Drain still appears to be blocked at the junction of Cryers Hill and Valley Road. AI
- 9c Potholes seem to have been fixed in Coombe Lane. PC
- 9d Royal Wedding: No interest shown in holding a village wide Royal Wedding event? All
- 10 **Planning sub-committee:**
- 10a Situation with Gypsies having moved into Walters Ash is on-going. Retrospective planning application was made by the Murphys but because it was completed incorrectly it has been returned for correction. Council is still waiting for the corrected forms to arrive. Stop notices have been served by WDC Planning Enforcement.
- 10b Attempts are being made to try to prove intent to get an injunction to stop travellers moving into a site on the right hand side at the top of Coombe Hill
- 10c Planning applications at Greenacres and Mariern, both on Cryers Hill have been refused.
- 11 **Hughenden Parish Council/NAG/LAF:**
- 11a 30mph stickers have been delivered and given to relevant road reps in Bryants Bottom, Valley Road and Coombe Lane. Only 350 received instead of the 600 requested.
- 11b Litter pick took place in Valley Road on 26th March.
- 11c Annual Parish meeting will take place at Gt Kingshill School at 8pm on 24th May.
- 11d Farm vehicles have become the latest target for thieves as they have limited security with a screwdriver being the only tool necessary to force the ignition lock.
- 11e NAG forms were distributed but it was requested that face to face interviews take place due to a poor response last time. All

12 **Village Hall Committee:**

12a The main notice board will be moved into the vestibule where a new floor has been laid. The notice boards for individual organisations will be placed together and a curtain installed to conceal them, making the room more attractive for private functions. The small hall kitchen will be refitted in August in the same style as the recently installed large hall kitchen. A new 90cm cooker will be purchased for the large hall kitchen and the smaller current cooker will be used in the small hall kitchen.

13 **Community shop:**

A sub committee has been set up to discuss the future of the shop and the possibility of a permanent building.

14 **Any other business:**

14a A volunteer is needed for NAG as Rosemary has not had time to take part. All

14b No progress from the council on the pedestrian crossing. Dory suggested copying Jim Stevens, Richard Pushman and Val Letheren on a follow up letter. JM

14c Speed checks on Valley Road are being carried out every 4 weeks but the average speed has only been 34.5mph which is considered satisfactory enforcement. It was suggested to consider Bryants Bottom next. LS

14d 24 people are standing for 15 seats in the Parish Council elections. 6 are standing for the 4 seats in the Hughenden ward. There are only 3 candidates (all Conservative) standing for 3 seats in the District Council elections.

14e The HVRA expressed its sadness at the passing of Dr Jeremy Carless and offered condolences to the family.

14f Paul Cawte confirmed his retirement as chairman after 9 years due to increasing commitments on his private time.

15 **Date of Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, 3rd May at 7:30pm.

The meeting ended at 9:15pm

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....