

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of
Hughenden Valley Residents Association
Tuesday 2nd May 2006**

1. Present: Paul Cawte (Chairman), Angus Idle (Vice Chair), Fran Slater (Treasurer), Fiona Humphreys (Secretary). The meeting had a quorum of 23.
2. Apologies: Loretta Kemp, Eric Powell, Stuart Hulley (Village Day Planning Committee)

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Richard Pushman and his wife, Councillor Hugh McCarthy and Councillor Linda O'Malley.

3. Minutes of 2005 AGM: The Chairman read the minutes and approval was proposed by Dory Morgan and seconded by Doreen Bryant.

4. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman opened his report by thanking all road representatives and members of the committee for their valued support and assistance of the past year. He outlined the events the Association had been involved in during the past year including the Potter Quiz, the recent Senior Citizens' Event, the tombola at the Village Hall Christmas Bazaar and thanked David Sharp, Rosemary Hewitt and Sara Hamilton and their respective teams for their work in making these successful and enjoyable events. The Chairman also spoke of the cordial relationships the Association has with the Village Hall Committee and looked forward to supporting them in the coming Village Day in July.

Moving on to road safety and the environment, the Chairman spoke of the forthcoming reduction in speed limit throughout the village to 30mph which would now mean that a zebra crossing could be placed near the Surgery. He also mentioned the ongoing work and speed reduction by Hughenden Manor which he hoped would make this a safer stretch of road. In discussing crime prevention in Hughenden Valley, he thanked PC Lee Turnham and his colleagues for their work and support around the village.

The Chairman spoke of the work of the Planning Subcommittee and thanked Dory Morgan and Rosemary Hewitt who have worked tirelessly to identify and where necessary, oppose planning issues that were considered to be detrimental to the village. He also mentioned the changeover of ownership from Sytners Garage to Deeter Electronics and looked forward to a positive relationship with them.

Over the past year the Hughenden News Magazine has been improved and thanked the new editor Janet Idle supported by Angus for her work and also for her editing and forwarding of information on the village to the Bucks Free Press. He also thanked Sian Fleming who has taken over from Edna Parker in securing the vital advertising support. Information about the village and events were on the website for which Robert Ralphs was thanked for his stewardship.

It has become a custom that the Association support various local projects and as well as continuing the maintenance on the bench seat by the Village Hall, grants have been given to the volunteer group, now under the guidance of Eric

Powell, in recognition of the excellent work they do in the management of the area of scrub-land bordering the football pitch.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Fran Slater opened her report by thanking Nigel Lanchbury for auditing the accounts this year. Copies of the accounts had been circulated. The treasurer highlighted that membership subscriptions have decreased slightly over the year but that income has exceeded expenditure by £160.67 leaving a balance of funds available of £5388.14. The 100+ Club is successful, the surplus has reduced slightly from £724 (2005) to £576 (2006). The income from the 100+ Club is used to cover the cost of the annual Senior Citizen's Event and the hall hire for the Good Companions group.

The Treasurer made specific mention that the hire of the hall is to increase and this together with the increased cost of the newsletter made it now necessary to consider raising the Association's subscription rate. The new rates were agreed by the committee and she looked forward to the members approving these rates.

In addition to the grants given to the volunteer conservation group, a donation has also been given to the Red Kite Society and subscription to The High Wycombe Society.

To conclude her report that Treasure thanked all the committee and members for their hard work in collecting subscriptions and work on the newsletter.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Angus Idle and seconded by Graham Atkinson

6. Subscription Rate Increase

The Treasurer, Fran Slater, made the proposal to increase the subscription rate per household to £4.00 a year or £2.00 where the main resident is a senior citizen with effect from 1st May 2006.

The Committee agreed this increase on 7th March 2006 and asked the members at the AGM to ratify this proposal.

Proposal seconded by Janet Idle

All members agreed.

7. Amendment to Hughenden Valley Residents Association Constitution

A proposal has been made by the Chairman, Mr Paul Cawte, to amend the Constitution adopted on 27th January 1998 to the effect that no meeting need be held in month of January. The proposal is that there will be then monthly meetings each year, excluding January and August. The proposed amendment to the Constitution will read:

Clause: Executive Committee Meetings

The Executive Committee shall meet on the first Tuesday of each month, excluding January and August, and more frequently should the Executive Committee deem that to be appropriate.

The committee agreed this proposal in outline in the March 2006 meeting.

The proposal was seconded by Edna Parker

The members unanimously agreed.

8. Election of Officers for 2006/7

The officers for the coming year were appointed as follows:

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Chairman	Paul Cawte	Edna Parker	Alma Hansford
Vice Chair	Angus Idle	Fiona Humphreys	Linda Hicks
Treasurer	Fran Slater	Sara Hamilton	Dory Morgan
Secretary	Fiona Humphreys	Janette Saville	Linda Hicks.

9. Village Design Statement

Councillor Linda O'Malley addressed the meeting to draw attention to the proposed consultation that is to take place to seek the views of the residents of Hughenden Valley which will go towards the Village Design Statement. This is the second phase, the original Village Appraisal Statement completed last year being the first phase. She emphasized that this is a vital document that will inform and guide future planning in the local area when inevitable changes will be proposed. She hoped that this consultation would be included in the organization of the Village Day in July so that as many residents would have the opportunity to express their views.

Emphasis on the importance of this document was also expressed by Councillor Richard Pushman and Councillor Hugh McCarthy. Councillor Pushman urged residents to put forward their views as their input was vital to inform the local development framework. Councillor McCarthy reminded residents that 20 year development plans are being drawn up by the unelected assembly who will be making decisions on proposed changes to the area in which we live.

10. The meeting was closed following a few questions put to Councillors Pushman and McCarthy.

Speaker: Mr Rodney Griffiths of Brands House gave a most interesting illustrated talk on the history of Brands House which was enjoyed by all and the evening concluded with cheese and wine.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 5th June 2007
8pm Small Village Hall

AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
2. Approval of the minutes of AGM 2006
3. Matters arising from previous minutes
4. Chairman's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Election of Officers for 2007/8
 - Chairperson
 - Vice Chairperson
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
7. Open Forum
8. Closure of Formal Meeting

Guest Speaker

**Mrs Jill Kent
of Northdene Farm
On
Farming in the Valley**