

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

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

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The meeting started at 7:30pm.

Action

1 **Present:**

Lin Smith (Chairman), Angus Idle (Vice Chairman), James Perkins (Secretary), Chris Bowyer, Sara Hamilton, Rosemary Hewitt, Daphne Hicks, Janet Idle, John Miller, Dory Morgan, Edna Parker, David Sharp, Geoff Wright.

Visitor: Anne-Marie Andrew from Widmer End Residents Association

2 **Apologies for absence:**

Derek Armshaw, Al Bowyer, Anna Burniston, Heather Dempsey.

Lin Smith introduced Anne-Marie Andrew from Widmer End Residents Association who had asked if she could take part in one of our meetings to see how a successful residents association functioned.

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

These were adopted as a correct and true record of the June meeting, and signed by the Chairman.

4 **Matters arising:**

Sue Coombs, the singer, is now back to health and will be invited to sing at next year's senior citizens event.

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The skip in Valley Road has now gone.

According to Richard Pushman, the speed limit review team has been disbanded and requests to change speed limits in Bryants Bottom and Cryers Hill would not be considered for at least two years.

Transport for Bucks have said they will sort out the problem with the inaccessible bus stop but nothing has happened yet. Angus Idle has informed Richard Pushman that it needs prompt action as it is a health and safety issue.

Not much response yet to the litter pick. Dory Morgan to develop poster to promote it for placement in the shop, on her fence and to distribute to the committee.

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5 **Treasurer's Report:**

Total overall funds as of 31st May 2011 were £4,866.07, but with uncleared cheques and payments in for £813.00 and uncleared liabilities of £593.65 available funds were £5,085.42. Advertising revenue received so far this year is £2,399 and subs received is £394.

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6 **Events:**

6a **Potter Quiz:**

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Preliminary meeting of Potter Quiz organisers has taken place. General agreement to develop questions around the proposed theme of "Invention, innovation and inspiration". The event needs to be promoted earlier. An advert should be placed on the HVRA website. Al Bowyer to liaise with Derek Armshaw

- 6b **Xmas Tombola:** DM
Slip requesting items for the tombola needs to be printed for distribution to residents. Dory Morgan to send James Perkins a copy of the previous year's.
- 6c **Village Day:**
It was agreed that we would not bring any influence to bear on the selection of the date for the Village Day 2012. It would be left to the Village Hall Committee.
- 7 **Communications:**
- 7a **Hughenden News:** AI, JI, JM, DH
Full page colour advert received from a new advertiser. Angus and Janet have phoned contributors for articles but not much response yet. Richard Pushman and three district councillors will contribute. John Miller to request info from Hughenden School. Daphne Hicks to speak to Doreen Bryant. Deadline for receipt is 14 July.
- 7b **Website:** DA
Because of the difficulty of removing adverts from the PDF file of Hughenden News the file had not been sent to Derek to upload onto the website. It was decided to put the project on hold until the complications had been resolved.
- 8 **Correspondence:**
- 8a Thanks were received from Paul Cawte for the bottles of wine.
- 9 **Reports**
- Road Representatives:**
- 9a Bryants Bottom road repairs will be undertaken in September. The road has already been marked up for the contractors. The Bryants Bottom Community Trust has been set up as a limited company with the aim of helping to maintain the rural and open nature of the Bryants Bottom surroundings. 27 households have so far joined and 10 directors have been appointed.
- 9b There was an accident on Cryers Hill. Request has been made to have trees cut back on Cryers Hill where they have encroached on the footpath.
- 9c Because funding for crossings has been cut we agreed to investigate the possibility of having a lollypop person located in Valley Road to help parents and children cross to Hughenden school. JM
- 10 **Planning sub-committee:**
- 10a It was noted that Lin Smith and Dory Morgan left the meeting and did not take part in planning discussions.
- 10b Rosemary Hewitt has commented on behalf of HVRA re the retrospective planning requested no 11/05644/4 for 2 caravans, cess pit etc. on the site in Walters Ash.
- 10c It was agreed we should object to the fence proposal from Wrights Builders Yard and request that it complies with planning regulations. RH
- 10d Change of use has been applied for a house on Millfield Farm.
- 10e Discussed the continued problem of lorries parking outside Oakleaf Farm. It was agreed that there was not much we can do other than draw attention to the breaking of traffic and parking regulations should they occur.
- 11 **Hughenden Parish Council/NAG/LAF:**
- 11a The Parish Council is on a steep learning curve due to the number of new councillors elected this year. The Parish Clerk has handed in her notice and will leave on 5 August. The council is considering a long term plan to cover the next 30 years and are putting together a working group to develop initial thoughts to discuss with residents.

- 11b Lin Smith has contacted WDC and they have indicated they are willing to provide equipment and take away the rubbish for the litter pick on 16 July.
- 11c Additional 30mph stickers have been ordered through NAG

- 12 **Community Shop**
- 12a The treasurers role has been split and Dillon Jones of 4 Trees Avenue is the new chairman. JP
He should be given the opportunity to attend HVRA meetings on a quarterly basis.

- 13 **HS2**
- 13a We should consider putting white elephants on the roadside to draw attention to the campaign against HS2. Rosemary Hewitt to find a supplier. Janet Idle advised that she had written a letter to David Lidington expressing her concern about the potential use of Chinese expertise in the construction of HS2 after her experiences with Chinese built railways in Tanzania. RH

- 14 **Village Hall Committee**
- 14a Nothing to report.

- 15 **Road Safety**
- 15a We have been told the council will not entertain a crossing at the bottom of Coombe Hill as they say we will not meet the traffic and pedestrian threshold. We need to undertake our own study which will cost £250 for a pedestrian count and £500 with a vehicle count as well. It was agreed before we go ahead and fund the survey we should get a guarantee from the council that they will sanction a crossing if we can prove that we exceed the threshold. JM

- 17 **Any other business:**
- 17a It was noted that the Bucks Free Press was running a double page spread advert from developers of the Wycombe Sporting Village and it was wondered whether the BFP had changed its attitude towards the project.

- 18 **Date of Next Meeting:**
No meeting in August. Next meeting Tuesday, 6th September at 7:30pm.

The meeting ended at 9:40pm

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....