

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2011
at Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

CONFIRMED

- The meeting started at 7:30pm. Action
- 1 **Present:**
Angus Idle (Vice Chairman), Al Bowyer (Treasurer), James Perkins (Secretary), Derek Armshaw, Chris Bowyer, Sara Hamilton, Rosemary Hewitt, Dory Morgan, Jerry Morley, David Sharp, Kevin Sumner.
- 2 **Apologies for absence:**
Alison Burnham, Anna Burniston, Daphne Hicks, Andrea Hulley, Janet Idle, John Miller, Edna Parker, Lin Smith (Chairman).
- 3 **Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting:**
These were adopted as a correct and true record of the September meeting, and signed by the Vice Chairman.
- 4 **Matters arising:**
The date for the Christmas Bazaar was confirmed as Saturday 19th November.
- 5 **Treasurer's Report:**
Advertising revenue increased again for Hughenden News, which with the Parish Council financial contribution should make the publication self financing this year. At this point we are £1,000 up on last year but subscriptions are down. Road reps were encouraged to collect subs as soon as possible otherwise people will think they are paying for 2012 instead of 2011. All
- 6 **Events:**
- 6a **Potter Quiz:** AB
A record 15 teams have entered this year's quiz. The questions have been set and the Powerpoint slides have been completed. Free tickets donated by Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury will be offered as an additional prize for contestants. Volunteers are required to help set up and prepare the food. An email will be sent out asking for help.
- 6b **Xmas Tombola:** AB, SH
The Xmas Bazaar is on 19th November. Now we know the date the form requesting Tombola prizes can be produced and will be emailed by James Perkins to all road reps for distribution to residents.
- 6c **Village Day:** DM
Still waiting for date to be agreed by the Village Hall Committee.

- 7 **Communications:**
- 7a **Hughenden News:**
Richard Pushman has written an article for the next issue. Although Janet Idle is incapacitated awaiting a hip operation she is still able to continue with editing the magazine. Contribution deadline is 20th October. All
- 7b **Website:**
James Perkins is to be given training so he can take responsibility for adding new material to the site. JP
- 8 **Correspondence:**
- 8a Nothing to report.
- 9 **Reports**
- Road Representatives:**
- 9a Bryants Bottom road repairs have not been completed. The contractors underestimated the time it would take so will come back to finish the job at the end of October.
Solar panels have been fitted to the roof of Glebe Cottage. It transpired that planning permission is not required for roof mounted solar panels in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) providing they meet the building regulations specially introduced for them. Only listed buildings and buildings in conservation areas require planning permission.
- 10 **Planning sub-committee:**
- 10a An appeal has been lodged by the owner of Ivy Cottage, Bryants Bottom against the WDC enforcement order to remove an unauthorised extension he is building behind his house.
- 10b The appeal against the rejection of the application for retrospective planning permission no 11/05644/4 in Walters Ash will be an informal hearing.
- 10c The application for change of use to farm buildings at Home Farm North Dean is in general welcomed by HVRA, but more detailed discussions will take place to ensure the neighbours are not overly affected.
- 10d Still no conclusion on the change of use application for the bungalow on Millfield Farm.
- 10e The Magnolia Park retrospective planning application is still pending.
- 11 **Hughenden Parish Council/NAG/LAF:**
- 11a The new clerk for the Parish Council is Charlotte Watts.
- 11b The council is looking into the possibility of supporting the National Trust's and Campaign to Protect Rural England's stance on the new government planning regulations which are being proposed.
- 11c Lin Smith reported to Lynne about the hedges and obscured road signs raised at the last meeting. She also spoke with Richard Pushman about the drains at the bottom of Trees Road and Trees Avenue.
- 11d Lin Smith reported the scrap lorry seen in Trees Road to Lee Turnham. He seems to think it comes from Slough.
- 12 **Community Shop**
- 12a Kevin Sumner reported that the manager of the shop had been made redundant as the business was not viable in its current form. It was felt that the only way to run a business of this size profitably is on a voluntary basis. Now this has been implemented the figures have improved.
- 13 **HS2**
- 13a The debate on HS2 takes place in the House of Commons of 13th October.

14 **Village Hall Committee**

14a After discussion with the local councils the Village Hall Committee have decided to take responsibility for the grass verges outside the hall. Natural wood posts will be strategically placed to stop footballers parking their cars on the verge. The VHC will pay with a contribution from the Parish Council.

14b Funds will need to be raised for the resurfacing of the Village Hall car park.

14c Kitchen doors will be roller shuttered.

15 **Road Safety**

15a Nothing to report.

17 **Any other business:**

17a Dory Morgan will investigate funding for a replacement village notice board. DM

17b Dory Morgan will send James Perkins the contact information for Pat Francis so he can report the request for lower speed limits in Bryants Bottom and Cryers Hill. Even though the speed limit group has been disbanded Richard Pushman suggested it was still worth putting the request on record for when it is reinstated. DM

17c Rosemary Hewitt will check the functioning of the Telephone Box in Valley Road. RH

18 **Date of Next Meeting:**

Next meeting Tuesday, 1st November at 7:30pm.

The meeting ended at 9:15pm

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....