

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 1st November 2011 at Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

CONFIRMED

The meeting started at 7:35pm.

Action

1 **Present:**

Lin Smith, Angus Idle (Vice Chairman), Al Bowyer (Treasurer), James Perkins (Secretary), Derek Armshaw, Sara Hamilton, Daphne Hicks, David Sharp, Geoff Wright

2 **Apologies for absence:**

Chris Bowyer, Anna Burniston, Rosemary Hewitt, Andrea Hulley, Janet Idle, John Miller, Dory Morgan, Edna Parker

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

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

4 **Matters arising:**

Nothing to report.

5 **Treasurer's Report:**

£6,000 is available. A couple of cheques for advertising will be cashed when the ads have been placed. Subscriptions are a long way down on last year. Extra pressure needs to be applied.

6 **Events:**

6a **Potter Quiz:**

Made a profit of £807.67 which is ringfenced for the Senior Citizens event next year. 120 people took part in 15 teams. The event was evenly balanced. The top team got 78% of the questions correct and the bottom team still managed to get 61% correct.

6b **Xmas Tombola:**

The Xmas Bazaar is on 19th November. £25 will be given by HVRA for a raffle prize. Flyers have been distributed asking for tombola prizes to be delivered to the hall or local road reps.

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6c **Village Day:**

Nothing to report.

7 **Communications:**

7a **Hughenden News:**

Most of the copy has been written. There are a good number of adverts for this issue. It should be printed by 11 November.

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- 7b **Website:**
James Perkins has been trained to enter information on the site. A weather “bug” has been added to the site. We have had a record number of visitors this month. Up from around 100 to more than 430 unique visitors. Derek Armshaw will supply the web statistics to publish in the Hughenden Vally News. DA
- 8 **Correspondence:**
- 8a Letter of complaint received about the state of the wall outside the old village shop. Investigation to be made before deciding what to do at the next meeting. All
- 8b Letter written to the Parish Council thanking them for their contribution to the HV News.
- 9 **Reports**
- Road Representatives:**
- 9a Bryants Bottom road repairs have been completed.
- 9b Strip of tarmac in centre of Valley/Hughenden Road has been replaced
- 9c Hedge has not been trimmed back in Cryers Hill.
- 10 **Planning sub-committee:**
- 10a Holmlea, Cryers Hill Road – Residents are concerned at the scale and appearance of the proposed extension to this modest bungalow in GB2 and AONB and the parish council has objected.
- 10b Travellers Site, Walters Ash – NAWARA have written to the Inspectorate attaching a Petition against the application with 1058 signatures from local residents. They contest the appellants’ claim that his disabled 29 year old son actually lives on the site because there is no evidence of any disabled access to any dwelling on site, nor have residents seen the son since the Inspector’s visit. Also, when Mr Murphy submitted his original application he stated that he was a horse trader but from evidence on site it is clear that the vehicles are used for the provision of drives and paving services. It would appear that he advertises his services widely from 2 local business addresses which are two residential properties. Furthermore, it would appear that the keeping of 2 horses on such a small field is contrary to Expert Guidance in relation to Horse Management. The date of the Informal Hearing is tba.
- 10c Magnolia Park Sports Club – The application for single storey changing rooms (part retrospective) was deemed acceptable and has been permitted
- 10d Change of Agricultural Use of Bungalow at Millfield Farm – Decision still pending.
- 10e Home Farm, North Dean – The Change of Use of agricultural building to a farm shop and creation of additional hard standing/parking area has been permitted but with 12 Conditions. Among them are the following:
1. The premises shop shall be restricted to the hours of 9am - 6pm Mon to Fri.
8.30am - 5.30pm Sat and 10am - 4 pm Sun & Bank Hols.
Reason: In the interests of the amenities of adjoining residents.
 2. Appropriate building materials to be used.
 3. No flood lighting or other form of external lighting shall be installed unless submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Authority.
 4. Off site highways works to be laid out and constructed before the alterations to the building takes place.
 5. No development takes place until a fully detailed landscaping scheme for the site has been submitted and approved.
 6. The farm shop shall only be used in connection with and ancillary to the production and occupation of the existing farm (Beechdean/Home Farm) and shall not at any time be severed and occupied as an independent retail unit.

- 11 **Hughenden Parish Council/NAG/LAF:**
- 11a Scrub is encroaching on nature reserve above football pitch. The parish council was asked to consider a permanent maintenance plan to keep the scrub in check. LS
- 11b A request was received for the parish council to consider cutting the small pathways in allotments. LS
- 12 **Community Shop**
- 12a Nothing to report.
- 13 **Neighbourhood Action Group**
- 13a A community speed watch will take place in November. LS
- 13b Lin Smith will ask the headteacher of Hughenden School to see if anyone would like to take part in NAG. LS
- 14 **HS2**
- 14a It was agreed to give another £300 to the Action Group Against HS2 (AGAHST) AB
- 15 **Village Hall Committee**
- 15a Nothing to report.
- 15b Angus Idle is to send James Perkins a list of volunteers for Village Hall conservation. AI
- 16 **Road Safety**
- 16a Nothing to report.
- 17 **Any other business:**
- 17a The seat outside the surgery needs renovating. Angus Idle to contact the surgery and Paul Cawte to see who should take responsibility. AI
- 17b Philip Morgan has offered to replace the Perspex cover on the village notice board. DM
- 18 **Date of Next Meeting:**
Next meeting Tuesday, 6th December at 7:30pm.

The meeting ended at 9:05pm

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....