

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2011 at Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

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The meeting started at 7:40pm.

Action

1 **Present:**

Lin Smith, Angus Idle (Vice Chairman), Al Bowyer (Treasurer), James Perkins (Secretary), Derek Armshaw, Doreen Bryant, Alison Burnham, Sara Hamilton, John Miller, David Sharp, Geoff Wright

2 **Apologies for absence:**

Chris Bowyer, Rosemary Hewitt, Daphne Hicks, Andrea Hulley, Janet Idle, Dory Morgan

3 **Doreen Bryant Presentation**

Before the meeting started a special presentation was made to Doreen Bryant in recognition of the many years she has acted as a road representative on the executive committee.

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

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

5 **Matters arising:**

Lin Smith raised with the Parish Council the subject of cutting the small paths on the allotments and was told there was no money available to do it. If allotment holders felt particularly aggrieved they were advised to write to the council.

6 **Treasurer's Report:**

£5,787 is available. Adverts created an income of £4,072 this year although £700 was still owing from advertisers. With money from the Parish Council the Hughenden News magazine has become self funding. Payment for rock salt from HVRA funds will only be reimbursed for use on pavements and roadways. HVRA will not pay for salt used on private drives and paths.

7 **Events:**

7a **Xmas Tombola**

Tombola made £250 profit. Overall the bazaar made approximately £1,000 for the village hall fund.

7b **Senior Citizens Event:**

£800 raised at the Potter Quiz has been ringfenced for the Senior Citizen's event. It was suggested that there were now two levels of senior citizens having differing requirements for entertainment. Alternatives to the current Senior Citizens format have been requested such as a day out or visit to a TV show. Ideas should be sent to Al Bowyer.

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- 7c **Village Day:**
Will take place on 14th July and will have an Olympic theme. There will be a barn dance in a marquee in memory of Eric Powell.
- 8 **Communications:**
- 8a **Hughenden News:**
Latest issue was distributed at the end of November. It was well received. Angus Idle to provide a PDF version to Derek Armshaw to upload onto the web site. AI
- 8b **Website:**
Record web statistics were provided to Angus Idle and published in the Hughenden News. A PDF version of the Hughenden News will be uploaded onto the site before Christmas. DA
- 9 **Correspondence:**
- 9a A letter of resignation was received from Phil Gomm as he is leaving the area. Angus Idle will search for a replacement. AI
- 10 **Reports**
- Road Representatives:**
- 10a A drainage ditch has been dug in Bryants Bottom Road to alleviate flooding when it rains. So far it has been successful.
- 10b Bryants Bottom Community Trust now has 41 members and is preparing to convert into a Community Interest Company and to canvass members about purchasing land in field 3661 which was sold to property speculators.
- 10c Angus Idle to contact the Valley Road surgery and the patients committee concerning maintenance of the bench outside the surgery and the dangerous car park entrance. AI
- 11 **Planning sub-committee:**
- 11a A 45 page appeal has been lodged in response to WDC's refusal for planning permission at Ivy Cottage in Bryants Bottom.
- 12 **Hughenden Parish Council/NAG/LAF:**
- 12a John Moorby has offered to clear up scrub in the triangular area referred to in Hughenden Park. LS
- 12b Ideas are required for the planting position of a Jubilee tree to be planted by the council. All
- 12c Scottish Power has advised the Parish Council that intermittent power interruptions are caused by power lines shorting out on trees. There is an "auto recloser" on the lines so that it automatically restores power to the line after a momentary fault such as a branch falling on the line. This is a benefit in that it means that you don't have to wait for an engineer to go and manually restore the power but bad in that they never actually know what caused the fault to happen. They have no plans to replace the supply with underground cables.
- 12d The RAF in Walters Ash would like to have more contact with the local community. It was suggested we invite them to take part in the Jubilee Event. LS
- 12e Richard Pushman confirmed it is too late to go through speed restriction consultation again. The committee has been disbanded.
- 13 **Community Shop**
- 13a Nothing to report.
- 14 **Neighbourhood Action Group**

- 14a A Litter picking event is planned for February/March. Volunteers should contact Lin Smith. LS
- 14b Parking by parents at Hughenden School has become dangerous. Parents are parking illegally on junctions and restricting visibility. Lin Smith to contact the school to try to recruit a NAG representative for Hughenden and to discuss the parking situation. LS
- 14c A speed check took place in Valley Road. Most speeders were found to be village residents. Speeds were recorded between 36 and 60 mph.
- 15 **HS2**
- 15a As agreed, £300 was sent to AGAHST specifically to support public relations activities against HS2. AB
The decision on HS2 has been delayed until after 10 January 2012 to consider adding an additional tunnel between Amersham and Hyde Heath.
- 16 **Village Hall Committee**
- 16a Julian Philips is now secretary of the Village Hall Committee. Their AGM was held on 5th December.
- 17 **Road Safety**
- 17a Bucks County Council have no objections to HVRA progressing with a road survey at the bottom of Coombe Lane to determine whether or not the pedestrian and vehicle count would warrant a pedestrian crossing. However HVRA would be expected to pay the £1,000 cost. HVRA would also have to pay for the crossing should it be warranted. Various costs between £10,000 and £60,000 have been indicated. John Miller to investigate and come back with more detailed information. Lin Smith to investigate if any funds might be available from NWCLAF (North West Chiltern Local Area Forum), the Parish Council or the Lottery. Residents need to be surveyed to see how they feel about the proposal should the vehicle and pedestrian levels exceed the parameters. John Miller to find out from Paul Cawte how the last survey was done. JM, LS
John Miller also agreed to plan a mock traffic and pedestrian survey before we go to the expense of carrying out an official survey. Lin Smith will notify James Perkins if a January meeting is required to discuss it.
- 18 **Any other business:**
- 18a 40mph dustbin stickers were requested for Warrendene Road. Lin Smith to see if any are available. LS
- 19 **Date of Next Meeting:**
Next meeting Tuesday, 7th February at 7:30pm.

The meeting ended at 9:26pm

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....