

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 17th May 2011 at Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

The meeting started at 7:30pm and featured a pictorial exhibition of Hughenden Valley history prepared by Janet Idle.

1 **PRESENT:**

Paul Cawte (Chairman), Angus Idle (Vice Chairman), Al Bowyer (Treasurer), James Perkins (Acting Secretary)

Total number of additional attendees 39.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Anna Burniston, Rosemary Hewitt, Christine Bowyer

3 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

The minutes of the 2010 AGM were circulated. Approval was proposed by Angus Idle and seconded by Dory Morgan and passed unanimously.

4 **MATTERS ARISING:**

None

5 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman read his report which he advised was not exhaustive as much of the HVRA activity was now recorded in Hughenden News and on the HughendenResidents.org website. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

6 **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

We had a deficit of £500 this year so the balance sheet reduced to £5,531.13. We always try to retain between £4,000 to £5,000 as a fighting fund so we are still in a healthy situation despite expenditure of £500 on the affordable housing leaflet, £357 on a new shop sign and £300 towards Xmas tree lights. Web site costs are new this year. Although production costs of Hughenden News are rising, advertising revenue is also increasing and we expect to break even next year. Membership fees were kept the same this year at £5 per household and £3 for households with senior citizens.

7 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Officers for 2011/2012 were appointed as follows:

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Second
Chairman	Lin Smith	Dory Morgan	Al Bowyer
Vice Chairman	Angus Idle	Sara Hamilton	David Sharp
Treasurer	Al Bowyer	James Perkins	Dory Morgan
Secretary	James Perkins	Paul Cawte	Yvonne Cawte

8 **OPEN FORUM**

Richard Pushman gave a short presentation on county council matters relating to HVRA and complemented the association on being well run. He questioned the need for HS2 and urged members to keep an eye on the alternative HS2.5 proposals. He commented on the affordable housing issue and felt it was handled and ended well. His community fund would probably continue and is replenished at the beginning of the new financial year. Priority road repairs would be undertaken in Bryants Bottom Road and at the bottom of Cryers Hill. The road in North Dean needs to be curbed to improve pedestrian safety. Whilst recognising the traffic issue with Country Supplies, he was not sure what the answer was.

David Carroll commented on the Big Society and emphasised that the District Councillors are here to support us.

Dory Morgan commented on the need for continued action against HS2 and to email six friends around the country asking them to lobby their MPs.

Derek Armshaw was thanked for his work with the web site.

As some senior citizens were willing to pay the full £5 membership fee it was suggested that the executive committee consider making the senior citizens fee a minimum of £3.

9 **RETIRING CHAIRMAN**

The new chairman, Lin Smith took over the meeting and thanked everyone for their efforts in the previous year and for their outstanding community spirit. Al Bowyer then made a presentation of two bottles of 2002 vintage wine to Paul Cawte in recognition of his services as chairman since 2002.

10 **GUEST SPEAKER**

Jim Foy from the National Trust gave a presentation on the history of the NT with a special quiz for local residents.

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.30pm

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....