

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Hughenden Valley Residents' Association

27th May 2009

1. Present: Paul Cawte (Chairman), Angus Idle (Vice Chair), Fran Slater (Treasurer), Fiona Humphreys (Secretary).

The meeting was attended by 18 members.

2. Apologies: Andrea Hulley, Al Bowyer, Edna Parker, Lyn Smith. Hugh Steel.
3. Minutes of the 2008 AGM were circulated. Acceptance of the minutes proposed by Angus Idle, seconded by Rosemary Hewitt, all agreed.
4. Matters arising from previous minutes.
None
5. Chairman's Report:
The chairman (Paul Cawte) read his report, (a copy of which will be printed in the Newsletter).

The chairman opened his report (which marked the conclusion of his seventh year as chairman) by thanking all road representatives and members of the committee for their valued support and assistance over the past year. He particularly thanked the outgoing secretary, Fiona Humphreys, for her work over the years and welcomed Jill Armshaw. In his opening he paid tribute to Eric Powell who had been very closely involved in village activities for many years.

The chairman went on to detail the village events that the Association had participated in and thanked all those involved for making them successful and enjoyable events. Road safety continues to be a subject of concern for many residents and the chairman continues to be active in liaising with the local Police and County Council concerning these issues.

In connection with crime prevention, the chairman has also been in regular contact with the local Police who have given valuable support over the few instances of vandalism, anti-social behaviour and burglaries. He urged members to use the ultra violet security pens given to all members last year. He was pleased to report that the Association is now in a position to remove any graffiti having received a clean-up kit, courtesy of the District Council.

The Planning sub-committee continue to be active, regularly reporting to the Association on existing and forthcoming planning issues. Over the past year, residents were concerned to see a large group of travellers move into the field at the bottom of Cryers Hill. The matter was dealt with very promptly and the group moved. However they left a large quantity of unsightly and dangerous rubbish. It was through the excellent work of a number of volunteers that this rubbish was removed and the temporary measures taken by the tenant farmer of adjacent farmland will deter future incidents of this nature.

The Association has a subcommittee linked to the Hughenden Allotment and Garden Association, reporting on and encouraging active allotment holders.

The chairman thanked the Hughenden News Magazine editor, Janet Idle, and her husband, Angus, for their dedicated efforts in producing an excellent local magazine. He thanked Janet for her contributions to the Bucks Free Press on behalf of the village. He

also thanked Tony Konieczny for his stewardship of the Hughenden Valley Web Site.

The chairman detailed projects that the Association have been supporting over the year. These have included continued adoption of the bench seats near the Village Hall and in Bryants Bottom. A donation to Hughenden School for high visibility jackets and a donation to Janet Idle who kindly presented an exhibition at Hughenden Manor on photographs concerning the village history. A donation was also given to the Village Community Shop and gave Association's best wishes for the success of this venture, which opened on 16* May.

He concluded his report by thanking all road representatives and the committee for their continued valuable support throughout the year.

6. Treasurer's Report

A written report was presented as the treasurer (Al Bowyer) was unable to be present. The accounts for 2008/2009 have been audited by Nigel Lanchbury (circulated). In summary, income was £6,472 and expenditure £5,385. The treasurer commented that there had been a good level of subscriptions and following an increase to £5.00 and £3.00 following the discontinuance of the 100+ club, it was proposed to not to raise subscriptions this year. He noted that three roads do not have representatives: Bumham Road, Valley Road (Hall to Cryers Hill) and a portion of Friars Gardens. A donation of £250 was received from the Council towards the Association's graffiti clearing equipment. A donation had also been received by the Parish Council towards the costs of the Hughenden News. The Potter Cup Quiz was successful and raised £469 which helped to fund the senior citizens event. Donations were given to Hughenden School for high visibility vests, The Village Shop and for an exhibition of local photographs at Hughenden Manor.

7. Election of Officers

The officers for the coming year were appointed as follows:

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
Chairman	Paul Cawte	Janette Saville	Dory Morgan
Vice Chair	Angus Idle	Janette Saville	Jill Armshaw
Treasurer	Al Bowyer	Dory Morgan	Liz Village
Secretary	Jill Armshaw	Fiona Humphreys	Angus Idle

7. Open Forum

The Annual General Meeting was brought to a close at 8.0pm

Speaker: Janet Idle gave a talk on a book by the author Kitty Aldridge