

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 1st May
2012 at Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

CONFIRMED

The meeting started at 7:32pm.

Action

1 **PRESENT:**

Lin Smith (Chairman), Angus Idle (Vice Chairman), Al Bowyer (Treasurer), James Perkins (Secretary), Clare Atkinson, Derek Armshaw, Anna Burniston, Heather Dempsey, Sara Hamilton, Rosemary Hewitt, Daphne Hicks, Joanne Holt, Andrea Hulley, Janet Idle, Helen Lodge, John Miller, Jerry Morley, David Sharp

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Chris Bowyer, Edna Parker, Dory Morgan, Geoff Wright

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

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

4 **MATTERS ARISING:**

4a Question raised as to whether the Parking Officer in 10g had been consulted.

4b Jo Holt could not confirm availability of exhibition displays for Jubilee event. Probably not needed anyway as the displays will all fit onto a couple of tables.

4c Response received about youth wall. See later

5 **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Annual Report is currently being audited. £228 excess income over expenditure this year. Confirmed that there was no need to raise subs as figures aren't expected to change next year.

6 **EVENTS:**

6a **Senior Citizens 19 May:**

RH/AB

Still waiting for everyone to reply. 45 confirmed attendees at the moment. Should be at least 60.

Timetable as follows:

13.30 Set up hall

14.30 - 16.30 Buffet preparation

16.45 Doors open

20.30 Close

There are enough helpers except for transport home afterwards. Suggest we ask guests if they can help out.

Agreed to extend an invitation to 2 French visitors attending the Wycombe town twinning event.

The "Youth Wall" to be funded by the Potter funds has been confirmed at £325 for 3 hours. The price includes 3 supervisors and all safety equipment. Al Bowyer is finding available dates. Still need to decide on its location. Refreshments will probably be laid on.

- 6b **AGM 22 May:** LS/RH
Confirmed after the meeting that the AGM will be held in the large hall at 19:30 on 22 May. Karate training will vacate large hall by 19:15 to give us time to set up. Rosemary Hewitt is organising the cheese and wine. Reminder was made that no one has offered to stand as chairman.
- 6c **Jubilee Picnic 2 June:** DM
Small hall has been booked but large hall will be vacant and so is being held in reserve in case it rains. Event will start at midday. Dory Morgan is looking for volunteers to help with bunting etc.
- 6d **Village Day 14 July**
Raffle tickets should be ready 2nd week in May. Jayne Birkenhead and Nikki Henshaw are calling road reps to organise door to door selling. Main prize is £100 Eden vouchers.
- 6e **Potter Quiz**
Nothing to report
- 7 **COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 7a **Hughenden News:**
Issued on 10 April. Well received. Delay with printers did mean some of the adverts were out of date. Copy deadline for the next issue is 25 June. More photos would be welcome to enhance the written word.
- 7b **Website:**
Nothing to report.
- 8 **CORRESPONDENCE:**
- 8a Jerry Morley had contacted the Bucks County Council about the condition of Coombe Lane and the inadequacy of pothole filling that was taking place. His letter has been passed to the local area technician. Jerry also commented that there was no facility on the WDC website to report blocked drains. JM
- 9 **REPORTS**
- ROAD REPRESENTATIVES:**
- 9a Table top sale took place in Bryants Bottom on Sunday 22 April to raise money for the BB Jubilee event. It was also noted that Bryants Bottom Road no longer floods since the new drain had been cut into the verge. SH
- 9b Bryants Bottom Community Trust has now purchased part of the land banked field to the south west of the village. DA/JP
- 9c Cryers Hill Rd (north side) Drop in level of grass verge, following Skanska installation of pipes last year, resulting in exposed manhole cover and raised kerb edges. DH
- 9d Parent parking in Fleet Close/Spring Valley Drive is still a problem, particularly those parking on kerbs on corners. Lin Smith has contacted PC Lee Turnham on several occasions but still nothing has happened. Andrea Hulley had emailed all residents but there was no general consensus about what should be done. Only a few were in favour of double yellow lines. Suggestion that temporary bollards should be placed on the corners. It was felt that parents should be encouraged to walk with their children to school but crossing Valley Road needed to be made safer. Road Safety committee considering vehicle activated speed indicators near the junction of Valley Road with Spring Valley Drive but they cost £8,000 to £10,000 each. LS/JM
Traffic volumes have been sent to Bucks CC to see if a Lollypop person is warranted. If not, maybe we could self-fund lollypop people through local retired residents.
- 9e A new road rep is experiencing negativity about joining HVRA. Al Bowyer to send her a document explaining the benefits. AB
- 10 **PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE:** RH
- 10a Lin Smith and Heather Dempsey left the meeting for some planning issues.
Travellers Site at Walters Ash –The Public Hearing is to take place on Tuesday 22 May in the Council Chambers.

- 10b The Judicial Review of the Hemley Hill Travellers site was held in the High Court in London on Wed 14th March. A decision is still awaited.
- 10c A decision is still awaited regarding the written Appeal that was submitted for boundary fencing at Hopkins Yard
- 10d Magnolia Sports & Social Club's application for an indoor gym and outdoor fast-lane swimming pool is pending a decision.
- 10e The Gate, Bryants Bottom – WDC's Licensing Panel held on 12th April agreed to the Variation to the Premises Licence by allowing live music/recorded music or dance to be held twice a month as well as special days and bank holidays but with conditions: - to be held indoors only and that all windows and doors to remain closed at all times except for access and egress of customers and staff during any regulated entertainment to minimise noise emanation
- 10f Decision still awaited on the appeal by the owners of the cottage at Spring Coppice by way of written representation against WDC's refusal to grant planning permission.
- 10g The validity of HVRA commenting on residents' planning applications was questioned because it was suggested the Parish and District Councils were capable of looking at the legalities of applications. Also did HVRA Planning Sub-Committee opinions reflect the thoughts of the residents. It was explained that HVRA did not usually make representations with regard to private dwellings but did so when local planning issues were contentious and against Green Belt and AONB Policies. Also, when residents expressed concern they offered policy guidance. The key point was that HVRA could not support one resident against another but it could make representations where it considered policy was contravened. The Secretary was asked to review the HVRA Constitution for clarification. The aims and objects of the Association are listed as follows: RH/DA
- 1) to promote and encourage community spirit and social activities;
 - 2) to be aware of the interests and concerns of residents;
 - 3) and, where appropriate, to seek resolution and make representations to the various authorities;
 - 4) to achieve the broadest based representation of the Community by maximising the membership of the Association.
- 11 **HUGHENDEN PARISH COUNCIL:**
- 11a The Jubilee trees were identified as copper beech. They were felt to be too big for Bryants Bottom and something like a cherry tree was suggested. Lin Smith to investigate. Road reps should consult with members on the preferred type and position of the tree. LS
 Hughenden School children will be involved with the planting of the Hughenden tree which is planned to be opposite the Harrow pub next to the millennium tree.
- 12 **COMMUNITY SHOP**
- 12a The AGM took place on 11 April. The report was quite positive but more helpers are needed for this important village amenity.
- 13 **NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP**
- 13a Nothing to report
- 14 **HS2**
- 14a Awaiting the outcome of the judicial review expected in June.

15 **Village Hall Committee**

15a No meeting had been held this month.

16 **Road Safety**

16a At approx. £50,000, the zebra crossing at the bottom of Coombe Hill was felt to be too expensive to consider. Details of the costs are as follows:

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The estimate is based on the zebra being located at the site of the existing dropped kerbs.

- Kerbing & Footways £16,000
 - Raising low kerbs
 - Widening the existing dropped crossing
 - Installation tactile paving
 - Resurfacing footways
- Lighting £6,000
 - Installation of 2 No light columns (to light the crossing)
 - Ducting for the electrical supply
 - Connection of an electrical supply
- Carriageway Resurfacing £14,000
 - Plane out existing surface to depth of 50mm on both approaches to the roundabout. (the existing surface has a series of transverse cracks and skid resistance unknown)
 - Resurfacing of both approaches
 - Apply High Friction Surfacing on both approaches
- Road Closure & Traffic Management £5,800
 - TTRO
 - Diversion Route Signing
- Road Markings and Signs £2,000
 - Markings for zebra crossing
 - Refresh existing markings on the roundabout and the approach to the roundabout
- Design & Supervision £6,000
 - Site survey
 - Design
 - Safety Audits (3No)
 - Consultation
 - Supervision

16b Following the earlier discussion on Vehicle Activated Speed Indicators (VAS) on Valley Road close to the school, it was pointed out that the Parish Council might contribute in line with their funding agreement for approved schemes which is £5,000 or 20% of the cost whichever is less. There was some confusion as to the cost of VAS varying from £5,000 to £10,000 per unit but it was felt this was the difference between temporary and fixed units. Lin Smith and John Miller to confirm. Lin also agreed to speak to Paul Cawte to see what had happened previously on this matter in the Road Safety Committee.

LS/JM

17 **Any other business:**

17a Existing dog bin emptying contractor ceased providing the service so new contractor has been employed in conjunction with the Parish Council saving £50 per year. It is the Parish Council's contract and they will invoice HVRA each quarter.

18 **Date of Next Meeting:**

The meeting ended at 9:54pm

Next meeting Tuesday, 12th June at 7:30pm.

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....

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