

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd October 2012 at Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

CONFIRMED

- The meeting started at 7:32pm. Action
- 1 **PRESENT:**
Angus Idle (Vice Chairman), Al Bowyer (Treasurer), James Perkins (Secretary), Clare Atkinson, Heather Dempsey, Rosemary Hewitt, Daphne Hicks, Andrea Hulley, David Johnson, John Miller, David Sharp, Jill Thompson, Geoff Wright
- 2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**
Derek Armshaw, Chris Bowyer, Anna Burniston, Karen Dynes, Jo Holt, Dory Morgan, Jerry Morley, Edna Parker, Lin Smith
- 3 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**
These were adopted as a correct and true record of the September meeting, and signed by the Vice Chairman.
- 4 **MATTERS ARISING:**
- 4a Lin Smith (LS) had been notified by Charlotte (Parish clerk) that she has received confirmation from BCC that an order has been raised to repaint the 'Turn Left' sign outside the Manor. No time scale given so we may need to remind them if nothing has been done after a reasonable time. LS
- 4b The Jubilee tree has been planted on the triangle at the bottom of Cryer's Hill. Mrs Leighton and Mr Andrews brought along some of the children from Hughenden School and the Chairman of the Parish Council was there for the hand over of the tree. Linn Smith requested that a note of thanks to go to the Parish council and a special note of thanks to go to Cllr John Moorby, who obtained the trees for us and prepared the hole and oversaw the planting. It is not his job to do this, he just volunteered because he is passionate about the environment and he was kind enough to contribute his time to do this.
The painted stone has been returned to the Council Office where arrangements will be made to have it securely placed in the ground.
- 4c The Road Reps have been emailed about overhanging hedges and LS has had a couple of replies. ALL
- 4d PC Lee Turnham was spoken to about the cars on the verge near the pumping station and he advised that he has already notified Bucks Highways about it and they are going to deal with it.
The 'Police Slow' sign at the top of Coombe Lane was apparently put there in response to complaints from residents about the speed of some vehicles going round that bend. The sign was put there to see if it made any difference. We do not know the outcome.
- 4e Some confusion about the requested location of the new dog waste bin. Someone more familiar with the issue near the allotments should contact Charlotte and give a precise location as what I have described sounds very near to the one that we have there already. Nothing is going to happen imminently as the requests will have to go back to the Environment and Services Committee for a decision and that will have to be agreed by full council.
LS has not yet contacted the doctors about an article on the dangerous bugs in dog poo, but she will attend to that when she gets back. LS

- 4f LS has asked Charlotte about a sign for the Warrendene footpath, and she thinks we may have to source one ourselves and then let her know when we get it. LS will chase this up when she gets back from vacation. She is not sure that we cannot go directly to County to ask for one. It may of course be quicker just to get one ourselves, but could be costly.
- 5 **TREASURER'S REPORT:**
Available funds currently £4,706. Subscriptions of £1,126 and advertising revenue of £3,514 received so far. No significant liabilities. A £50 donation was made to the village shop for selling bingo night tickets. AB
- 6 **EVENTS:**
- 6a **Climbing Wall/ Bouncy Castle (review)**
The Junior Event was very successful, comments such as 'everyone was talking about it' had been heard. Thanks were given to all those involved in the event and in particular to Al Bowyer for making the event happen.
- 6b **Bingo (review)**
50 people attended the bingo night and £360 profit was made.
- 6c **Potter Quiz**
9 tables booked at the moment, hoping for at least 12 teams of 8 people on the night. Help will be required for 1 hour from 4pm to set up. Cold buffet, desserts and cheese are being organised.
- 7 **COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 7a **Hughenden News:**
Deadline for copy for the next issue is Saturday 3 November.
- 7b **Website:**
Nothing to report.
- 8 **CORRESPONDENCE:**
- 8a LS has received emails from a resident of Warrendene Road complaining about the dog poo on the footpath opposite the Harrow. She has written back to keep them up to date on the actions we and the Parish Council are taking.
- 9 **REPORTS**
- ROAD REPRESENTATIVES:**
- 9a A questionnaire was developed for residents of Warrendene to assess their feelings about introducing parking restrictions to stop Oaktree Farm delivery lorries blocking the road at the junction with Bryants Bottom Road. Of 27 responses there were 11 against, 12 for and 4 for but only if the restriction was all the way along Warrendene. DM
- 9b There was another accident on Cryers Hill when a car coming down the hill left the road and crashed into a brick gate post. The driver had to be cut from the wreckage. We need to keep pressing for a reduction in speed limit from 50 to 40mph.
- 9c Bryants Bottom Community Trust has organised the first member field maintenance event for the weekend of 20/21 October. The objective will be to start removing scrub and saplings that have invaded 30 metres into the north end of the field.
- 9d BT have confirmed they will cut back the weeds that have grown inside the telephone box. Bucks County Council have passed a request to their technician to keep the surrounding area clear.
- 9e The hedge outside the old shop at the corner of Valley Road and Coombe Lane is obstructing the view for drivers. Parish Council should request it be cut.

- 10 **PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE:**
Work still seems to be continuing on the Magnolia Dean expansion. Rosemary Hewitt to investigate. (Since the meeting it has been confirmed these are the changing rooms for which permission has been granted) RH
- 11 **HUGHENDEN PARISH COUNCIL:**
- 11a LS has requested, and it has been agreed, that a letter be sent to BCC regarding the clearing of the drains in Valley Road and the bottom of Trees Road and Trees Avenue. The latter 2 are un-adopted and as such are not the responsibility of BCC, however LS has emphasised that the run off from them is causing a traffic hazard on the Valley Road. According to Geoff Wright some council men did appear to look at the problem but left without lifting and cleaning the drainage covers. LS
- 11b Residents are asked to keep an eye out for any trees which are on Parish Council land which look as though they may prove to be a problem: eg Overhanging dangerously ALL
- 12 **COMMUNITY SHOP**
- 12a Shop has done quite well over the last few weeks. A new storage unit has been installed so garage near the hall is no longer required. A grant has been received for CCTV. Volunteers are still required in the shop and for home deliveries. A flyer will be produced promoting the home delivery option for housebound people.
- 12b The shop telephone number is 01494 568653
- 13 **NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP**
- 13a **Speedwatch**
The NAG met on Thursday September 13. The equipment for Community Speedwatch is still not mended, but as soon as the budget for it has been agreed Lee will personally take it to the menders which is near where he lives and we will be able to continue.
- 13b **Burglaries**
Residents are asked to be particularly aware at the moment, as there has been an increase in burglaries in the area.
- 13c **Antisocial Behaviour.**
There is now a dedicated response van for dealing with ASB, operating from 10 am to 2 am every day. It will be able to deal with occurrences directly and hopefully speedily. If you are aware of any ASB please phone 101 to report or 999 if you think that an offence is being committed.
- 13d **School Parking.**
Lee will be going into Hughenden School shortly to discuss
- 13e **Crisis Planning**
A crisis planning draft plan has been accepted by the NAG and is now going to the Parish Council to be adopted, after which it will be rolled out to all NAG Members.
- 13f **Next Meeting**
The next NAG meeting is on Oct 25 at 7.30 in the Council offices, and only lasts a couple of hours. Anyone wishing to go please let LS know and she will give you a lift. We are seriously punching below our weight there.
- 14 **HS2**
- 14a The Campaign to Protect Rural England failed to mention HS2 in their latest publication as being one of the threats to the countryside in Buckinghamshire. RH

15 **VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

15a The Xmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday 17 November at 2pm. HVRA will run the Tombola as usual through Sara Hamilton. Request will be sent out asking for prizes for both the adult and children's event. SH
The committee is getting a quote for 120 new chairs and considering the purchase of a leaf blower.
The front door keys will not be changed until everyone has been given new electronic key fobs for the new entry system.
There is some doubt about whether the new fence around the small hall meets health and safety requirements. Investigations are underway.
The car park needs resurfacing at an estimated cost of £40,000.
Consideration is being given to having a special event with choir and mince pies from the shop when the Christmas tree lights are turned on.

16 **ROAD SAFETY**

16a Successful meeting with Bucks Highways who said they would paint the road red at the bottom of Coombe Lane to highlight the danger of pedestrians. Richard Pushman indicated he would contribute £500 towards it. John Miller was asked to see if we could get the other island area painted if we paid for it. JM

16b Proposal to have a Lollipop Person in Valley road is progressing well. First year cost expected to be £3,000. The school has indicated it will commit £500 and is investigating if it can raise more. The Parents Association has also indicated a willingness to contribute. Contact to be made with Richard Pushman to see if any funds might be available from him. JM

(Since the meeting Richard Pushman has confirmed NW Chiltern Local Area Forum will contribute £1,200 in addition to the £500 promised from the Community Leadership Fund. This should enable the scheme to go ahead this year). HVRA will discuss our own contribution for the on-going costs.

16c No budget for Community Speedwatch at the moment.

17 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

17a Community led planning to be discussed at the next meeting.

18 **Date of Next Meeting:**

The meeting ended at 9:18pm
Next meeting Tuesday, 6th November at 7:30pm.

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....