

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 6th
November 2012 at Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

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The meeting started at 7:32pm.

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1 **PRESENT:**

Lin Smith (Chairman), Angus Idle (Vice Chairman), James Perkins (Secretary), Clare Atkinson, Chris Bowyer, Anna Burniston, Heather Dempsey, Sara Hamilton, Daphne Hicks, John Miller, Dory Morgan, Jerry Morley, David Sharp, Jill Thompson, Jenny Worley, Geoff Wright

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Derek Armshaw, Albert Bowyer (Treasurer), Karen Dynes, Rosemary Hewitt, Jo Holt, Andrea Hulley, Janet Idle, David Johnson, Edna Parker

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

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

4 **MATTERS ARISING:**

4a The construction taking place at Magnolia Dean is for changing rooms and has been approved by WDC. However question mark over whether they were for the outside pool which has not been approved. Dory Morgan to investigate.

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4b Lee Turnham has visited Hughenden school and discussed parent parking.

4c Each ward has been allocated one new dog bin. Agreed the Hughenden bin would be placed at entrance to footpath from The Harrow car park to Piggotts. The proposal for one in the allotments was deemed unnecessary as there is already one nearby.

5 **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

No major issues. Available funds currently £5,905. Subscriptions of £1,550 and advertising revenue of £3,760 received so far. Invoice for printing costs for winter edition of Hughenden News will be received shortly.

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6 **EVENTS:**

6a **Potter Quiz (review)**

Another successful event with 12 tables entered. Thanks expressed to those involved with preparing the questions and the catering. £540 was raised to fund the Senior Citizen's Event next year.

7 **COMMUNICATIONS:**

7a **Hughenden News:**

Copy deadline was 3 November but still an opportunity for contributors to submit material before 9 November. Should be printed by the end of November.

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700 copies are printed for each issue at a cost of £1,400 per issue. It was suggested that new quotes should be obtained in the new year and that we should consider changing to A4 size if it would save costs. It will be discussed at the first meeting in 2013 on 5th February.

- 7b **Website:**
Comments concerning the currency of the events in the calendar on the website. ALL
Important to let James Perkins know well in advance of planned events so they can be added in a timely manner.
- 8 **CORRESPONDENCE:**
- 8a Janet Idle's letter to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth expressing the residents' appreciation of the Jubilee will be published in the Hughenden News.
- 9 **REPORTS**
- ROAD REPRESENTATIVES:**
- 9a The Jubilee plaque has now been placed on the cherry tree in Bryants Bottom and commemorative stones in place at the bottom of Cryers Hill.
- 9b Residents of Greenacres in Cryers Hill have applied for planning permission for Velux windows.
- 9c Enforcement order has been placed on Greenlands in Bryants Bottom to stop unauthorised garden excavation.
- 9d Bryants Bottom Community Trust maintenance weekend took place successfully in October. Major inroads were made into clearing scrub and young saplings which had encroached up to 40 metres into the field owned by the Trust.
- 9e The drains in Coombe Lane are blocked. Council to be contacted.
- 9f The drains in Spring Rising have been cleared.
- 9g HP14 was listed as a potential flood area with higher insurance premiums after earlier flooding caused by blocked drainage channels by the side of the road. Jerry Morley to check to see if this is still the case now that the problem has been cured. JM
- 9h Leaves on paths in Cryers Hill have now been blow away. Leaves in Coombe Lane are still a problem.
- 9i Bus stop in Valley Road near Magnolia Dean is still inaccessible.
- 9j Naphill post office is expected to move to the Costcutter shop.
- 10 **PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE:**
Rosemary Hewitt was ill and unable to attend the meeting so there is nothing to report this month. RH
- 11 **HUGHENDEN PARISH COUNCIL:**
- 11a It was agreed that there were no projects that would impact the current forecast expenditure for the Parish Council. LS
- 11b The Community Contingency Plan has been completed and requests will be going out through the Residents Associations in the area to identify people who would be able to offer assistance in a local emergency. ALL
- 12 **COMMUNITY SHOP**
- 12a Home delivery option for housebound people was emphasised. Advert promoting the service placed in next edition of Hughenden News. Will provide refreshments for Christmas Carol and Tree illumination on 1st December.
- 13 **NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP**
- 13a NAG has sourced leaflets on "What to do in an emergency". They will be inserted in the Winter edition of Hughenden News.
- 13b **Future Meetings**
Anna Burniston has offered to attend NAG meetings with Lin Smith on behalf of HVRA.

- 14 **HS2**
- 14a Compensation announcements have been made for those that live within 60m of the proposed HS2 track. Property price will be increased by 10% up to a maximum of £40,000 so someone who lives in a house worth £800,000 will only receive a 5% increase. Lobbying of politicians etc still taking place through AGAHST and affiliated organisations RH
- 14b A coalition of five Buckinghamshire councils is taking the Government to the High Court on Monday 26 November in a bid to halt or delay the building of HS2.
- 15 **VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**
- 15a Christmas Carols and Tree illumination will take place on Saturday 1st December at 5:00 pm. Refreshments will be provided by the shop.
It was suggested the Xmas Bazaar should in future be held in December. Next year will be on 8th December and to help keep order during the build-up, the doors will be kept locked until opening time. There will be a greeter on the door.
The small room in the hall entrance is being revamped.
A residents' working party will undertake a spring clean.
The AGM will take place on Monday 3rd December in the small hall.
A request for adult swings is being considered. It was considered suitable providing the scrub area is cleared first and that the Medlar tree is not impacted.
- 16 **ROAD SAFETY**
- 16a The school lollipop scheme is going ahead. The Parish Council has contributed £1,200 for the first year and will contribute £1,000 per year to be reviewed after year 2. Another meeting was held at the school for community members. Pledges were received from Country Supplies, Richard Pushman and from NWC Forum funds. Dory Morgan would commit next year's ward budget to the project. This year's budget was already committed. HVRA agreed to commit £200 per year and to discuss at the next meeting whether to add extra in the first year. The organisers are waiting for Bucks CC to tell them what needs to be done. JM
- 17 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**
- 17a **Community Led Planning**
Discussion took place about the impact of Community Led Planning. Community Led Plans are produced by and for communities, based on a detailed consultation, involving the whole community which prompts action and influences others.
Good community plans, use the Community Led Planning Toolkit framework, are supported by external facilitators, and can demonstrate a robust evaluation process.
CLPs underpin a community's vision for itself across all aspects of social, environmental and economic life. They celebrate positive features and activities, highlight community needs and contain a detailed Action Plan to help the community meet those needs.

In essence Community Led Planning allows the community to have influence over what actions are taken but specific decisions on where for example affordable housing or traveller sites will be located are still the responsibility of the elected local councils.
- 17b **Christmas Tree Light Maintenance**
A number of bulbs have failed this year and it was unanimously agreed to contribute £200 towards maintenance of the Xmas tree lights.
- 17c **Rock Salt**
Road reps were reminded to stock up on rock salt for their roads before we have any winter snow falls. It can be purchased from Wright Buildbase. Immediate reimbursement can be obtained from Al Bowyer. The salt is only to be used to make community pavements and roadways safe and not to be used for the clearing of resident's own drives and pathways.

The meeting ended at 9:50pm

18 **Date of Next Meeting:**

Next meeting Tuesday, 4th December at 7:30pm.

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....