

# Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>  
December 2012 at Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

## CONFIRMED

The meeting started at 7:32pm.

Action

1 **PRESENT:**

Angus Idle (Vice Chairman), Albert Bowyer (Treasurer), James Perkins (Secretary), Anna Burniston, Sara Hamilton, Rosemary Hewitt, Daphne Hicks, Jo Holt, Janet Idle, Dory Morgan, Jerry Morley, David Sharp, Jill Thompson, Geoff Wright. Michael Bryant (Country Supplies)

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Lin Smith (Chairman), Derek Armshaw, Clare Atkinson, Chris Bowyer, Alison Burnham, Heather Dempsey, Karen Dynes, Andrea Hulley, David Johnson, John Miller, Edna Parker

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

These were adopted as a correct and true record of the November meeting with the following changes:

Geoff Wright should have been listed under apologies as he did not attend the meeting.

It was also pointed out that in the October minutes the £50 contribution to the shop from the Bingo night should have been minuted under the Bingo review (6b) rather than the HVRA treasurer's report as it was run by the Village hall and therefore did not come from HVRA funds.

4 **MATTERS ARISING:**

4a Dory Morgan confirmed that the changing rooms at Magnolia Dean have been approved. DM

4b Jerry Morley confirmed that the flood area for HP14 is now only from the bottom of Cryers Hill to High Wycombe.

4c Jerry Morley advised of his investigations into Buck CC HGV strategy following concerns about HGVs from Country Supplies using Coombe Lane as a major supply route. He suggested visiting the web site address:

[http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/assets/content/bcc/docs/transport/TfB\\_Freight\\_Strategy.pdf](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/assets/content/bcc/docs/transport/TfB_Freight_Strategy.pdf)

During the meeting, Michael Bryant of Country Supplies advised that he will be recommending that all HGVs supplying his new storage facility at the old Shana Riding School take the A4010 from West Wycombe and then Bradenham Wood Lane rather than come through Hughenden Valley.

5 **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Total overall funds are £6,130 but there are several un-cleared cheques and invoices to pay bring available funds down to £3,850. There are still some subscriptions to be collected by road reps. AB

- 6 **EVENTS:**
- 6a **Christmas Bazaar (review)**  
 The Tombola made £270 this year which is down on previous years but it was felt the short preparation time meant contributions were less than normal. In total the bazaar made £975. Next year the bazaar will be on December 7<sup>th</sup> and not the 8<sup>th</sup> as previously indicated.
- 7 **COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 7a **Hughenden News:**  
 Magazine was printed and distributed before the end of November. Two of the adverts turned out to be colour but only the single colour rate had been charged. An additional charge of £170 had been incurred as a result. Al Bowyer to contact the advertisers. AI/JI
- The following changes need to be made to the road representatives in the back of the magazine:  
 Change Carol Palmer from Bryants Bottom Road to Hampden Road  
 Add Heather Dempsey for Bryants Bottom upper left side.  
 Change Sara Hamilton to Bryants Bottom lower left side  
 Change James Perkins to Bryants Bottom right side.
- 7b **Website:**  
 Nothing to report. ALL
- 8 **CORRESPONDENCE:**
- 8a Janet Idle's letter to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth expressing the residents' appreciation of the Jubilee was shown at the meeting and given unanimous approval. Due to the timing it did not make the latest issue of Hughenden News and will be too old to include in the next issue.
- 8b The printer running the newsletter competition wrote and indicated that the Hughenden News came 34<sup>th</sup> out of 980.
- 9 **REPORTS**
- ROAD REPRESENTATIVES:**
- 9a Valley Road - Hopkins hedges are overhanging Valley Road footpath. It was recommended that we write to ask them to be cut before contacting the council. Several hedges from Orchard Close to the school are also overgrown. It was suggested that the headmistress writes to the households concerned as it is a safety issue for the children.  
 The bowser has been removed from the Property Spy field and bales dumped near the entrance. Dory Morgan to speak to Charles Kent about the situation. (Update: Dory advises that Charles Kent who farms the majority of the field, is currently spreading lots of muck and old straw. No one will want to venture on there at the moment as it is covered in slurry. He will close the gate and place the bowser behind it when he has finished)
- 9b Bryants Bottom Road – Due to a lack of autumn food badgers have been digging up the grass verges in search of grubs and worms. Serious damage has been done to a wide area of grass. It was suggested that they would hibernate and the problem would be over but in fact it seems badgers do not properly hibernate. They just stay underground during really cold weather and will emerge again when the frost has gone.

- 9g Whitfield Road plan to buy 8 bags of rock salt. Michael Bryant indicated that Country Supplies sold rock salt for £3.33 + vat for a 20kg bag. JM
- 10 **PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE:**  
Nothing to report although it was suggested that somebody contact Magnolia Dean about the hazardous lighting which dazzles drivers on the way into High Wycombe at night. RH
- 11 **HUGHENDEN PARISH COUNCIL:**  
11a Jim Foy has replaced Heather Dempsey on the Parish Council following her resignation.  
11b Lin Smith was thanked in her absence for supplying mince pies for the meeting attendees.
- 12 **COMMUNITY SHOP**  
12a Nothing to report.
- 13 **NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP**  
13a The "What to do in an emergency" booklets were distributed with the Hughenden News at the end of November.  
13b Heather Dempsey has also volunteered along with Anna Burniston to attend NAG meetings with Lin Smith on behalf of HVRA.
- 14 **HS2**  
14a The judicial review has started. The coalition of Bucks councils on the route allege that the Department for Transport reached the HS2 decision through a flawed consultation and inadequate environmental assessment. They are all members of the 51m Alliance, which is named after the estimated £51m cost of the project to each parliamentary constituency. They say the information the DfT acted upon was not sufficiently accurate, and that impacts on communities and on other infrastructure – such as underground capacity at Euston – were not properly considered. They also question how far proposals comply with environmental law and challenge the chosen route.  
  
Campaigners for the five reviews hope to force the DfT to reconsider its decision to back the project, to change the route, or to bring another round of consultations.  
  
HS2 Action Alliance meanwhile is backing two judicial reviews, claiming the government has failed to comply with environmental law and to carry out a fair consultation.
- 15 **VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**  
15a Derek Ransom has resigned as chairman of the Village Hall Committee and has been replaced by Michael Sole. Dylan Jones has taken the position of secretary. Prices for hiring the hall will be increased for 2013.
- 16 **ROAD SAFETY**  
16a Still waiting for information from Bucks CC about the necessary signage for the lollipop scheme. JM
- 17 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**  
17a **Hughenden News Advertisers** ALL  
Al Bowyer asked that road reps give consideration to who might potentially be interested in advertising in Hughenden News. We need to increase the revenue from advertisers. AB  
Al was asked to reprint the rate chart and distribute it to members.

17b Michael Bryant from Country Supplies advised of his plans for the Shana site which he has purchased in Walters Ash. He much prefers to communicate with local residents through such organisations as HVRA so that any issues with local residents can be resolved as amicably as possible.

At present he is clearing rubbish away from the site and has built bunding around the perimeter by moving a huge mound of earth that had been used as a riding hill climb. He plans for the Oakleaf site to be more for cash and carry. Most of the Country Supplies trucks that visit the site will be tippers.

Materials such as paving and timber which arrives an articulated curtain sided trucks will mostly be stored at the Shana site. Trucks are being advised to visit this site by using the A4010 and Bradenham Wood Lane. There is enough off road parking for four trucks.

A discussion took place about white line road markings in Warrendene with Michael had offered to pay for. It was agreed that Dory and Al would write to residents asking for their opinions about the proposal.

The meeting finished at 9:50pm

18 **Date of Next Meeting:**

Next meeting Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 7:30pm.

**Chairman**.....

**Secretary**.....

**Date**.....