

# Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

## CONFIRMED

- The meeting started at 7:33pm. Action
- 1 **PRESENT:**  
James Perkins (Secretary and Acting Chairman), Albert Bowyer (Treasurer)  
Derek Armshaw, Clare Atkinson, Anna Burniston, Heather Dempsey,  
Rosemary Hewitt, Andrea Hulley, Janet Idle, Jerry Morley, David Sharp,  
Jill Thompson (Minutes), Geoff Wright
- 2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**  
Lin Smith (Chairman), Angus Idle (Vice Chairman), Chris Bowyer, Alison Burnham, Karen  
Dynes, Sarah Hamilton, Daphne Hicks, Jo Holt, David Johnson, John Miller,  
Dory Morgan, Edna Parker
- 3 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**  
These were adopted as a correct and true record of the December meeting JP  
with the following changes:  
8b Should read "... Hughenden News came 34th out of 980."  
9a Second paragraph – 'spy field' should read 'Property Spy'
- 4 **MATTERS ARISING:**  
4c - There had been objections lodged to the application by Michael Bryant to change  
HGV movements on his Country Supplies site. The decision on this application had been  
deferred.  
  
(During this discussion it was advised that Cllr Richard Pushman would be retiring from  
Bucks County Council.)  
  
9a - It was thought that the HVRA rather than the Primary School Headteacher should be AB  
contacting the owner of the first property in Orchard Close where the hedge was  
overhanging the footpath and causing a hazard. It was concluded that Al Bowyer would  
contact Rachel Fountain the road rep for Orchard Close to see whether Rachel knew the  
owners well enough to discuss with them.
- 5 **TREASURER'S REPORT** AB  
It was reported that funds stood at approximately £3,900 compared to approximately  
£4,800 at this time last year. There were still some subscriptions to be collected in the  
amount of approximately £600. In addition during 2012 there had been some  
exceptional costs, namely for the Jubilee issue of Hughenden News, a contribution to the  
fight against HS2, the Junior Citizens Event, the Christmas Lights and the contribution to  
the Lollipop Group. The balance would be monitored

- 6 **EVENTS**  
**Senior Citizens 2013**  
The Senior Citizen's event for 2013 will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May and the singer used at the Bryants Bottom Jubilee will be providing the entertainment. Al Bowyer indicated that he may not be available on that day so James Perkins offered to stand in as MC if necessary.
- 7 **REVIEW OF ELECTED OFFICERS**  
There has been significant difficulty in filling the post of Chairman. As no one in the village offered to stand for the position last year, Lin Smith had very courageously but reluctantly carried on for another year. Unfortunately she has now had to resign for personal reasons. The committee expressed their sincere thanks to Lin for her past services and wished her well in the future. Angus Idle will be doing his best to fill in in the meantime. In Angus's absence for this meeting James Perkins agreed to take over as acting chairman and would continue to do so should Angus be unable to attend any meetings until the next AGM in May. However this meant that someone would need to fulfil the secretarial duties. Jill Thompson kindly undertook the task for this meeting.
- It was concluded that in order to find someone who can enthusiastically fulfil the role in the future we should prepare a special flyer for distribution with the next issue of Hughenden News which would appeal to all residents and not just those who are already active in the organisation. AB/JI
- 8 **COMMUNICATIONS:**  
8a **Hughenden News:**  
It was agreed that the intended review of the printing costs would be deferred due to Angus Idle not being able to attend the meeting. It was pointed out that the advertising revenue and subscriptions were not contributing enough towards the production cost and we might have to consider increasing the annual membership subscriptions. Al Bowyer would produce an analysis for the next meeting to determine the effect of increasing all subscriptions as opposed to removing the senior citizens discount AB  
All members were encouraged to find new advertisers and Al Bowyer would distribute the advertising rate card by email to the committee. In the meantime James Perkins agreed to visit Angus when he was available to review the production methods to see how we might publish the magazine on the web site and to see whether there may be other alternatives to reduce printing costs. AB  
It was agreed not to publish information from David Liddington's web site concerning HS2 in the magazine but we could consider providing a link on the web site. JP/AI
- 8b **Website:** ALL  
See previous about Hughenden News on web site.
- 9 **CORRESPONDENCE:**  
9a In response to her letter of thanks to the Queen concerning her Diamond Jubilee, Janet Idle had received a letter from the Queen's Lady-in-Waiting together with an enclosure showing photographs of the Jubilee celebration thanking everyone for their warm wishes and support. The communications will be published in the next edition of the magazine.
- 9 **REPORTS ROAD REPRESENTATIVES:**  
9a Janet Idle had spoken to David Moore of WDC regarding dustbins not being emptied in some roads in Hughenden Valley, for example Burnham Road. He had been very apologetic and had advised her that residents should put out their rubbish and the black bins as usual and that they would be emptied. Unfortunately there had been a lack of communication with the contractor, Veolia, but the matter had now been resolved and service should return to normal by 6 February 2013.

- 9b Jerry Morley raised the matter of the accident in Coombe Lane which had probably been caused by ice.
- 9c It was reported that retrospective planning approval had been given for the excavation work in the rear garden of Greenlands in Bryants Bottom and the work would continue in March. JM
- 10 **PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE:**  
Rosemary Hewitt reported that the security light at Magnolia Park was still very bright and could constitute a driving hazard but that the owner was investigating ways of remedying the situation. Rosemary agreed to take up the offer of a cup of coffee and a visit round the site. James Perkins offered to go along with her. RH
- A decision by the Traffic Commissioner on the application by Country Supplies to increase its Vehicle Operator Licence from 3 to 13 trucks plus 2 trailers at its Warrendene Road and Shana sites has been deferred until April due to objections including one from WDC Environmental Health on the grounds of potential noise, fumes, pollution and vibration.
- Country Supplies has also submitted a planning application to turn Shana Riding School into a storage and distribution depot. In the meantime WDC has asked the company to reinstate some earth moving that had taken place without approval.
- 11 **HUGHENDEN PARISH COUNCIL:**
- 11a It was confirmed that Lin Smith had resigned from the Parish Council. As there would no longer be a representative from the Council attending our meetings Al Bowyer agreed to contact Ed Furness to see if he would be willing to submit a brief report each month. AB
- 11b It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Lin Smith thanking her for her services to the Parish on the council as well as the HVRA. A letter would also be written to Tony Konieczny once his situation had been confirmed. Al Bowyer confirmed he would do both. There was to be a Parish Council meeting to be held at the Council Offices in Kingshill on Tuesday 12 February if anyone would like to attend. AB
- 12 **COMMUNITY SHOP**
- 12a Jill Thompson reported that the shop had been vibrant during the snowy weather, with customers taking advantage of the facility. She reiterated that it would be useful for residents if HVRA committee members could spread the word regarding free home deliveries, not only for vulnerable people, but also, as an example, for young mothers who could not leave sick children or indeed anybody who may have difficulty in actually going to the shop. This applied both during the recent icy and dangerous conditions and generally throughout the year.
- 13 **NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP**
- 13a Nobody from HVRA had managed to attend the last meeting. Anna Burniston and Heather Dempsey agreed to attend the next meeting in March and report back during our April meeting. AB/HD
- 14 **HS2**
- 14a The five Judicial Reviews were completed in December and the judgement is expected to be known in the first quarter of 2013. In a separate judgement HS2 Ltd was told that it must make available compensation agreements that it has already made with householders particularly in relation to the distance the relevant properties are from the line. RH

14b It was agreed that HVRA would not contribute any further money to the HS2 fighting fund at this stage but it should continue to keep residents informed, co-ordinate information and make it available for people to read on the HVRA website. Information to be sent to James Perkins.

15 **VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

15a Nothing to report

16 **ROAD SAFETY**

16a Matters are progressing in relation to the 'Lollipop Scheme' and it is hoped that work will commence in April. Representatives of Bucks CC have visited and have indicated where the crossing should be sited. A contribution of £200 has already been made by HVRA and Anna Burniston indicated that they would probably not require additional funding in the first year but would benefit from an annual contribution. It had been already agreed that this proposal was acceptable to HVRA but the actual amount would be discussed year on year.

17 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

James Perkins gave a brief overview of his participation in a stakeholder meeting concerning the Water Framework Directive and the Hughenden Stream and indicated that he would include full details on the HVRA web site for members to read. As the National Trust would have significant involvement with any changes that might be made to the stream it was suggested that we invite Neil Harris, the head ranger for the NT in our area to address the AGM.

The meeting finished at 9.35pm

18 **Date of Next Meeting:** Next meeting Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 7:30pm.

**Chairman**.....

**Secretary**.....

**Date**.....