

# Hughenden Valley Residents Association

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

## CONFIRMED

The meeting started at 7:30pm.

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1 **PRESENT:**

Angus Idle (vice-Chairman), Al Bowyer (Treasurer, early part of meeting), Heather Dempsey, Geoff Wright, Derek Armshaw, John Miller, Jerry Morley, Janet Idle, Jill Thompson, David Sharp. Visitor: David Carroll

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

James Perkins (Secretary), Anna Burniston, Rosemary Hewitt, Dory Morgan, Daphne Hicks, Sara Hamilton, Jo Holt, Karen Dynes, Clare Atkinson, Alison Burnham, Andrea Hulley, Helen Lodge, David Sharp

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

These were adopted as a correct and true record of the February meeting.  
The vice chairman welcomed Councillor David Carroll to the meeting

4 **MATTERS ARISING:**

- Jerry Morley reported that Richard Pushman had approved the expenditure for road repairs for Walter's Ash and Naphill Main Road (but not Coombe Lane/ Hughenden Valley).
- John Miller raised again the issue of road marking with red paint at the bottom of Coombe Lane - funding had subsequently been withdrawn by BCC.
- It was reported that Richard Pushman had pledged for the lollipop scheme.
- Secondary signs (re School) had been provided to slow traffic along Valley Road.
- **Road items.**  
Concern was noted about HGVs hampering the progress of permanently keeping pot-holes filled. David Carroll promised to talk to Richard Pushman about several items raised in the discussion concerning the future Highways funding for Hughenden Valley. It was felt that children should know the risks/rules of where to cross the roads.

5 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Al Bowyer said there were fewer advertisers for the Hughenden News, due in some measure to businesses failing. There is just over £4140 in the HVRA account. He did not recommend raising the senior citizens membership fee to £5 at this stage but did recommend that road reps try to collect outstanding subs and encourage new membership.

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In future there could be more pressure on the use of local land and consequently more pressure on the Fighting Fund. A question was raised regarding the minimum level of the Fighting Fund and what it would be used for. Al would produce a report to discuss at the next meeting.

The advertisement rates for Hughenden News had been sent to all Road Reps. Al planned to discuss advertising with Angus and Janet.

6 **EVENTS**

6a **Senior Citizens 2013**

The Senior Citizens' event is on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The visiting singer had been booked. Rosemary will need volunteers.

6b The Potter Quiz will be held on October 12

6c The AGM will be held on Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup> in the Small Hall. Al Bowyer was disappointed that he had not been consulted.

7 **COMMUNICATIONS:**

7a **Hughenden News:**

It was reported that the items for the next issue were still arriving. Janet pointed out that although we publish the cost of each magazine issue, a certain amount of the cost is paid by the advertisers. She asked everyone to try to find more advertising. Community Impact Bucks had expressed an interest in advertising free of charge.

7b **Website:**

This was making good progress. Janet will send more items from the magazine, once it is published.

8 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Parish Council advised that they had two pot-holes repaired.

A considerable number of unsolicited letters are sent to the editor, but we only include those relevant to our villages, for the most part.

9 **REPORTS ROAD REPRESENTATIVES:**

Nothing to report

10 **PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE:**

Nothing to report.

11 **HUGHENDEN PARISH COUNCIL:**

The position of the dog bins had been finalised. People are using the shop bin and obviously must not. Areas around dog bins had been cleared. Dog-owners and others leaving a mess can be reported to PC Lee Turnham for anti-social behaviour.

12 **COMMUNITY SHOP**

Jill Thompson reported satisfactory progress.

13 **NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP**

Next meeting will be on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Anna Burniston may go.

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14 **HS2**

14a Should we still fund various HS2 objector groups? It was pointed out in the new documentation taxpayers would be funding the HS2 link. There would be a change of route marking an S bend round Knutsford.

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**

Nothing to report

16 **ROAD SAFETY**

See matters arising.

17 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

17a Lin Smith had offered to organise a litter pick up. It was decided to accept this offer if things got any worse.

17b There followed an interesting update on policing re. Thames Valley Assistant Police Commissioner, Councillor David Carroll, who had been out on incidents with Slough Police in their area. Both he and Jerry Morley had very useful information to exchange, with vital input. Cllr Carroll has pledged to carry on the Police work for two years.

17c The meeting ended with David Carroll stating that he enjoyed the meeting and pledged support for Hughenden Valley's needs. He also stressed that the Fight Fund referred to earlier on was still necessary as new planning changes emerge, especially as we are in the Green Belt and the AONB.

The Vice-Chairman thanked Cllr Carroll for coming and all were pleased that he will make a return visit soon.

The meeting finished at 9.35pm

18 **Date of Next Meeting:** Next meeting Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013 at 7:30pm.

**Chairman**.....

**Secretary**.....

**Date**.....