

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 2nd April 2013 at Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

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The meeting started at 7:32pm.

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1 **PRESENT:**

Angus Idle (vice-Chairman), Al Bowyer (Treasurer), James Perkins (Secretary), Derek Armshaw, Clare Atkinson, Rosemary Hewitt, Jerry Morley, Janet Idle, Jill Thompson, David Sharp. Visitor: David Carroll

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Anna Burniston, Chris Bowyer, Dory Morgan, Daphne Hicks, Heather Dempsey, Karen Dynes, Andrea Hulley, Edna Parker.

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

These were adopted as a correct and true record of the March meeting with amendments in section 5 of Al Bowyer's recommendations for fees and in section 6 concerning Al Bowyer's disappointment at not being consulted about the AGM date. The vice chairman welcomed Councillor David Carroll to the meeting.

4 **MATTERS ARISING:**

Rosemary Hewitt pointed out that she did manage to attend the NAG meeting in March and that future meetings would be attended by one or more of the following: Anna Burniston, Heather Dempsey, Rosemary Hewitt or James Perkins.

5 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Al Bowyer based his report on a bank statement from 28th February. He confirmed that he would send a more up to date report to James Perkins once he had received the statement from the end of March. It was felt that although the average fund was about £700 lower this year compared to last, this was due to the insurance having been paid late last year and early this year. Once this was adjusted the funds were only slightly down this year. Income is down due to some outstanding membership fees and expenditure is up due in part to the special junior citizens' event. However advertising expenditure for the Hughenden News magazine has increased and covers the cost of publication.

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Clare Atkinson agreed to present the financial report at the AGM in Al Bowyer's absence.

6 **FIGHTING FUND**

Although the "Fighting Fund" had not been used significantly in the recent past it was felt that the changes in the National Planning Policy might well result in issues arising where we might need to incur legal advice. As an example the plot owners in "land banking" Field 3661 in Bryants Bottom have formed an association to fight the Village Green application that has been made by residents. Also it was noted that Chiltern District Council was being pressurised by the government to make more space available for new housing and was considering removing Little Kingshill, Jordans, Hyde Heath, South Heath, Botley, Lycrome Road and Nashleigh Hill from the Green Belt.

After a long discussion about the need to increase income to keep the level of the fight fund it was decided to propose that senior citizens paid the same level of membership fee as other members and to encourage new members to join. It was felt that senior citizens benefited more than any other group from the HVRA and to increase from £3 to £5 per year was a small price to pay. Al Bowyer to prepare a letter. It was also suggested that we might approach advertisers in the Hughenden News to see if they would be willing to pay extra to have their adverts placed on the shop notice board.

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6 **EVENTS**

6a **Senior Citizens 2013**

James Perkins agreed to stand in for Al Bowyer as MC at the Senior Citizens event on May 18th. It was confirmed that Alkka Stevenson would be singing at the event. Rosemary Hewitt distributed a form at the meeting requesting help for laying tables, preparing food and providing transport. Any member able to help should call Rosemary as soon as possible.

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6b **The Potter Quiz 2013**

No further plans yet for the Potter Quiz to be held on October 12th.

6c **Annual General Meeting**

James Perkins to confirm that the National Trust will be able to talk about the Hughenden Stream at the AGM on Tuesday May 21st in the Small Hall. Rosemary Hewitt agreed to arrange cheese and wine.

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7 **COMMUNICATIONS:**

7a **Hughenden News:**

It was confirmed the Parish Council will provide £400 towards the cost of publication of Hughenden News.

It was noted that the Good Companions really appreciated the magazine.

7b **Website:**

Janet Idle agreed to send an electronic version of parts of Hughenden News to Derek Armshaw so that it could be loaded onto the web site.

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8 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence

9 **REPORTS ROAD REPRESENTATIVES:**

9a The application by Country Supplies to increase its HGV licence from 3 to 17 vehicles in **Warrendene Road** and Walters Ash is being investigated by the Traffic Commissioner. Local residents were given another opportunity to object. A site visit from the Commissioner is expected before 14th April.

9b Water running down **Trees Avenue into Valley Road** is causing a problem as it is only connected to a soakaway resulting in flooding. The problem is being looked into by the council.

10 **PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE:**

10a **Magnolia Sports & Social Club**

Bucks County Council have sent a technician to investigate the position of the bright security light and he will continue to monitor it. As a result of an Enforcement Order by WDC the large marquee was taken down on 29 March and the other marquees that were situated on the decking above the changing rooms were being taken down today.

- 10b **Country Supplies – Shana site**
This application has been called in by the District Councillor for the Bradenham area because of the opposition of a huge number of local residents as well as Bradenham Parish Council.
- 10c **Country Supplies - Oakleaf Farm, Warrendene Road**
Complaints continue to be received from local residents about the number of lorries parking-up along Warrendene Road whilst awaiting access to the site, as well as the traffic hazard that arises. Al Bowyer reported that several residents who had written to VOSA before regarding the application to increase the Operator's Licence from 3 to 13 trucks plus 2 trailers have been asked to write again with their objections.
- 10d **Hunts Hill Lane – Structural Steels Ltd**
Retrospective application for change of use from mixed agriculture and equestrian to use of the redundant barn for B2 Business use and external storage has been called in because of the huge opposition to the noisy steel fabrication process and the safety issues because of the narrowness of Hunts Hill Lane.. A Noise Abatement Order has already been served.
- 10e **Travellers' site at The Hedgerows, Walters Ash**
Because the recent application for a travellers' site at The Nursery, Flackwell Heath was refused by WDC, reconvened dates for a Public Inquiry have been set for conjoined Appeals for both this and the Walters Ash site for 21 May 2013 and this is set to run for 5 days.
- 11 **HUGHENDEN PARISH COUNCIL:**
No Parish Councillor was able to attend the meeting so there is nothing to report.
- 12 **COMMUNITY SHOP**
Jill Thompson reminded us of the free home delivery service for senior citizens and the homebound.
- 13 **NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP**
We will make a concerted effort to find attendees for the NAG meetings. Anna Burniston, Rosemary Hewitt, Heather Dempsey and James Perkins all volunteered to share the responsibility. AB
- 14 **HS2**
- 14a HS2 Action Alliance won one Judicial Review - the Compensation - outright and has one to go. The Assessment of Sustainability (AoS) done so far is inadequate to meet the Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) and they have got permission to appeal. So on 13 March 2013 a £100K Appeal Fund target was launched.
- 15 **VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**
Nothing to report
- 16 **ROAD SAFETY**
The VAS and Community Speedwatch programmes will be reintroduced week commencing 15 April.
- 17 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**
- 17a **Best Kept Village**
After investigations it turned out we were too late to enter this year's competition but we would discuss at a future meeting to see if we should enter the 2014 competition.

17b **Gt. Kingshill C of E Combined School and Cryers Hill Parking**
Parents dropping off and picking up children from Kingshill School were creating dangerous driving conditions by parking on the roads and verges. It was agreed that the best solution to reduce the danger would be to have a drop off car park for the school and/or extend the roadside parking on the verge on the laeft hand side as you go up Cryers Hill.

18 **Date of Next Meeting:** Next meeting Tuesday, 7th May 2013 at 7:30pm.

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....