

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 7th May 2013 at Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

CONFIRMED

The meeting started at 7:30pm.

Action

1 **PRESENT:**

Angus Idle (vice-Chairman), Al Bowyer (Treasurer), James Perkins (Secretary), Clare Atkinson, Anna Burniston, Sara Hamilton, Rosemary Hewitt, Andrea Hulley, Janet Idle, John Miller, Jill Thompson.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Derek Armshaw, Chris Bowyer, Dory Morgan, Jerry Morley, Daphne Hicks, Heather Dempsey, Karen Dynes, Edna Parker.

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

These were adopted as a correct and true record of the April meeting.

4 **MATTERS ARISING:**

Jerry Morley's name was added to the list of NAG representatives.

5 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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There was a total of £707 in cash and cheques which still had to be banked. Out of a total invoice value of £3404 for advertising in Hughenden News, £1442 had been received. Total available funds were £3,859.22. There was some doubt as to whether there would be a delayed invoice for dog bins. It was thought that the Parish Council might be paying. Al Bowyer to investigate.

Al confirmed he was preparing the accounts for Clare Atkinson to present at the AGM on 21st May.

6 **EVENTS**

6a **Senior Citizens 2013**

So far 52 people have indicated their attendance. (Update: more than 80 people were due to attend in the end)

ALL

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. He will also check that his laptop works with Angus Idle's projector. Rosemary Hewitt agreed to arrange cheese and wine. Clare Atkinson will include information provided by Al Bowyer on the state of the fighting fund in her finance presentation, Angus Idle will then propose a resolution to make the fees £5 per year regardless of age.

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7 **COMMUNICATIONS:**

7a **Hughenden News:**

It was noted that the number of pages in Hughenden News had increased significantly in the years that Janet and Angus Idle had been producing it, from approx.. 35 to sometimes more than 70.

7b **Website:**

Derek Armshaw is still waiting to receive an electronic version of parts of Hughenden News from Angus Idle so that it could be loaded onto the web site.

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8 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

An email had been received from Matt Hopkins advising that he had not been contacted about his hedges overhanging the footpath as had been proposed in the December minutes. He advised that he would willingly have cut them back at the time had he been told. He had of his own accord cut them back anyway in February. James Perkins agreed to write and apologise. He also highlighted the huge increase in rural crime and urged the HVRA to support "Country Watch" within Hughenden News and on the web site.

9 **REPORTS ROAD REPRESENTATIVES:**

9a The hedges at the Warrendene end of Bryants Bottom Road have not been cut back enough over recent years and the road has become restricted in width. Scrub has also encroached on some of the grass verges. The sewer became blocked and effluent was flowing over the road. It took some time to get someone to come and fix the problem.

9b On some weekdays parking outside "The Harrow" stretches along Warrendene Road and causes delays and safety issues. Cars are also parking on the grass verge by the Millennium Tree and plaque. We should investigate the possibility of using tree stumps to keep vehicles away from the tree.

9c Bucks CC have investigated the drainage problem at the Trees Road/Valley Road junction and have concluded that the pipes to the soakaways have become blocked. They will bring along a pressure jet to clear them.

9d The Bryants Bottom Village Green objection phase has now passed and Bucks CC will be sending copies of the objections to the applicant for review.

10 **PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE:**

10a **Magnolia Sports & Social Club**

On 19 April James Tunnard of Bucks CC based in Easton Street, High Wycombe visited the site and agreed with the owners to move the bright security light to a different position so that it would not cause a driving hazard. As of last Friday it had not been moved.

10b **Country Supplies – Shana and Warrendene sites**

The Planning application for the Shana site and the increase in the Vehicle Operators Licence are still pending a decision. The lorries at Oakleaf Farm are still causing a problem and the large curtain-siders have trouble turning left at the bottom of Coombe Lane.

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 refused by Wycombe DC.

10e **Travellers' site at The Hedgerows, Walters Ash**

The Public Inquiry for the Appeal for this site and the Flackwell Heath site will be held at the Council Offices on 21 May.

WDC's Quality Counts Tour

On 25 April Rosemary Hewitt joined 50 others and visited 6 housing estates of varying size, mostly in Aylesbury to assess their character and place etc. It was very interesting and she has been asked to do a presentation on 6 June.

11 **HUGHENDEN PARISH COUNCIL:**

No Parish Councillor was able to attend the meeting so there is nothing to report.

12 **COMMUNITY SHOP**

Article was published in the Church Parish magazine. In discussion with the Village Hall about improving the access way to the shop. The shop AGM takes place on 14th May at 7.30pm. Al Bowyer will send senior citizens poster to Jill Thompson to go on the shop noticeboard. The shop will provide a hamper for the senior citizens event. Loyalty cards will be distributed again.

13 **NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP**

13a Anna Burniston, Rosemary Hewitt, Heather Dempsey, James Perkins and Jerry Morley have all volunteered to share the responsibility and at least two of them will take part in each meeting. All have been given NAG constitution documents to sign. AB

13b Parish Crisis Planning was discussed. HV ward is in the fortunate position of having Road Reps because it is a good communications link that, in the event of an emergency, enables messages to get from each road to the top of the chain. Eg RA or Parish Council – on-going discussions.

13c 2 Speed Watches were conducted in Valley Road and one in Bryants Bottom. As a result of the first one held on Monday 15 April, 57 letters were sent off to speeding motorists and Friday 19 April even more were sent off, 77. Hughenden Valley is considered a hot spot as it had the most offenders across the Speed Watches held in the 4 villages. A Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) is now in position in Valley Road. There are a total of 3 VAS units that will rotate around Hughenden Valley, Naphill, Widmer End and Gt. Kingshill spending 2 weeks in each location. They can only be used on pre-approved posts.

14 **HS2**

14a The Anti HS2 vote was keenly felt at the 2nd May local elections when UKIP won Gt Missenden, Wendover, Stone and Waddesdon and three of the six Aylesbury divisions. The Ridgeway East electoral division which includes Hughenden Valley was won by David Carroll.

15 **VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report

16 **ROAD SAFETY**

16a The VAS and Community Speedwatch programmes were reintroduced week commencing 15 April.

16b Road works will be undertaken in Valley Road by the Spring Valley Drive junction during half term week to make ready for the lollipop person. At present there have been no applicants for the lollipop job which is a permanent council position. It requires 30 minutes in the morning and afternoon and pays approx. £40 per week. The council is unlikely to allow volunteers to do the job.

17 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

17a Youngsters have been seen congregating in the scrub area in the recreation ground

Meeting finished at 9.26pm.

18 **Date of Next Meeting:** Next meeting Tuesday, 4th June 2013 at 7:30pm.

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....