

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

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

CONFIRMED

The meeting started at 7:30pm.

Action

1 **PRESENT:**

Tony Konieczny (Chairman), Angus Idle (vice-Chairman), Al Bowyer (Treasurer), James Perkins (Secretary), Rosemary Hewitt, Daphne Hicks, Andrea Hulley, Janet Idle, David Johnson, Dory Morgan, Edna Parker, Jill Thompson, Geoff Wright,

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Clare Atkinson, Chris Bowyer, Alison Burnham, Anna Burniston, Heather Dempsey, Jo Holt, John Miller, Jerry Morley

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

These were adopted as a correct and true record of the May meeting with clarification in 11(a) that Rosemary Hewitt was investigating a 20mph speed zone for Hughenden Valley school.

4 **MATTERS ARISING:**

Derek Armshaw still to add "Country Watch" link to HVRA web site.

DA

With regard to car parking on the grass triangle opposite the Harrow pub, Rosemary Hewitt advised that Bucks CC quoted £125 to install each replacement post or £235 for the taller ones. Daphne Hicks agreed to contact National Trust to see if we could get a supply of "heavy" logs instead.

DH

There was confusion about the drain clearance in Valley Road. The drain has been cleared at the bottom of Trees Avenue but the run off from Trees Road into Valley Road still needs to be actioned. Rosemary Hewitt to contact council.

RH

5 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

AB

Statement not received from bank. Total funds available £4,447. Ad revenue of £2,000 has been paid. £1,100 still outstanding. No major issues. So far £165 has been received for 2013/14 subscriptions.

6 **EVENTS**

6a **The Potter Quiz (12th October 2013)**

No details of the theme of the questions. Committee of Al Bowyer, Daphne Hicks, Dory Morgan, Janet Idle and Angus Idle has yet to meet.

6b **Village Day**

To be held on 19th July 2014. No one has yet been appointed to lead the event.

7 **COMMUNICATIONS:**

7a **Hughenden News:**

Copy has been received. Janet Idle is currently editing the entries. This edition may be slightly smaller than previous issues. Publication is expected to be 20th July so that road reps can deliver it and collect subs before the summer holidays. Copy deadline for Autumn issue will be the middle of October.

AI/JI

A publication called "In and Around Hughenden and Downley" has been distributed in the area. It mainly consists of advertisements and a few general articles not specifically related to the Hughenden area. Although it has no local news it is competing for advertising revenue and seems to be delivered through every door in the area. Apart from the threat we should view the publication as a source of potential new advertisers.

- 7b **Website:**
 It was reported that the link to the Chairman's welcome message on the home page was bringing up an error message. JP agreed to investigate. Due to some time spent recuperating from an operation Angus Idle had been unable to supply the necessary PDF files of Hughenden News for the web site. He is aware that it still needs to be done. JP
- The link to Marian Miller's Uplands history has been put onto the web site and has proved popular.
- 8 **Uplands Conference Centre**
 About 140 local residents went to the Exhibition that was held in the Village Hall on 17 May 2013. Although the High Wycombe Society was supporting the campaign to have Uplands listed because of its historical/architectural interest, Marian Miller (who spoke about Uplands at our last meeting) has informed us that they have withdrawn their support. Disappointed but determined, she will make an application to English Heritage and is very pleased to have the support of Martin Andrew, WDC's Conservation Officer. Redrow Homes' planning application has gone in but another report is awaited before the Council registers it.
 Rosemary Hewitt agreed to draft a response once the application is available for public access. RH
- 8 **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 Nothing received
- 9 **ROAD REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:**
- 9a **Cryers Hill** – The grass verges have now been cut.
 Janet Idle to contact Highways on Call to report the dangerous nature of the footpath outside "The Lee" at the bottom of Cryers Hill. Trees etc need cutting back.
- 9b **Valley Road** –The blocked drain in Valley Road outside No 1 Trees Avenue has now been cleared, but problem of water running down Trees Road still needs to be taken care of.
 Rosemary Hewitt to contact the council. RH
- 9c **Roadworks** – there will be several night diversions in the area during school holidays to allow for road maintenance. Dory Morgan and James Perkins to send out details. DM/JP
- 10 **PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE:**
- 10a **Magnolia Sports & Social Club**
 The bright security light was taken down on 7 June for re-positioning.
 A huge marquee was put up on 21 June and a second one erected in the evening of 3rd July.
 (Just for the record - several marquees that were on site previously were up for 5 months - 31 Oct 2012 to 31 Mar 2013 and WDC Enforcement Officer requested their removal to comply with planning regulations.)
- 10b **Country Supplies – Shana and Warrendene sites**
 Decisions on the VOSA Licence, planning application and Appeal against Enforcement are still awaited.
- 10c **Coombe Lane** - Much needed repairs to potholes were carried out on 7 June
- 11 **HUGHENDEN PARISH COUNCIL:**

James Perkins is the new Parish Councillor reporting to HVRA.
Recruitment is under way for a new Parish Clerk.
Mr Bryant of Country Supplies to be invited to the council to outline his business objectives for Shana and Warrendene.
HPC to join 51M group opposed to HS2.
An additional VAS will be purchased so that each ward has one of its own. One will be upgraded to bring it in line with the others and allow data recording.
The Parish Council funded climbing wall will be available on 4 dates in July:
11th July 2013 - 15.30 -18.30 - Hughenden Valley School
12th July 2013 - 15.30 -18.30 - Council Offices Car park Great Kingshill (next to Rec Grd)
13th July 2013 - 11.00 -13.00 - Widmer End School
13th July 2013 - 14.30 - 17.00 - Naphill Village Hall Car park

12 **COMMUNITY SHOP**

Investigations revealed that the shop was not fully understood in terms of its purpose and the products it sold. More promotion to take place including sponsorship of the under 11 soccer team. More volunteers are required to man the shop as well as to become involved in the administration. Estate Agents have been asked to include the shop as a local amenity in Hughenden area house sales descriptions. The outside of the shop is being made more attractive with hanging baskets etc.

13 **NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP**

Additional VAS unit welcomed. New community speedwatch programme planned for week commencing 8 July. Hughenden Valley again had the greatest number of speeding vehicles in the previous Speed watch in early June at 46. Bryants Bottom was included for the first time and of the 39 vehicles that passed the detector 35 were speeding and sent a letter. Next meeting 18th July.

14 **HS2**

The outcome is awaited of HS2Action Alliance's Judicial Review that took place on 10th June in the Court of Appeal concerning the Government's non-compliance with important environmental legislation.

The High Speed (Preparation) Bill, sometimes known as the Paving Bill was approved at Second Reading in the House of Commons on 26 June 2013 by 330 votes to 27 despite the Secretary of State for Transport informing the House that the cost of the project had risen by £10bn (at 2011 prices) to £42bn.

David Lidington has taken the view that he should not resign his position from the Government and vote against HS2 although he says he disagrees with it. He said by retaining his position he has access to meet with the Prime Minister, Chancellor and Secretary of State for Transport to have very frank conversations on HS2 where he can express his views and those of his constituents who believe the project should be abandoned completely.

15 **VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

Risk assessment being undertaken in summer holidays.

With regard to the Carole Palmer accident it was indicated that there is no longer an accident report book. Instead, to meet data protection requirements, Accident Report forms are available.

The request for a defibrillator was received positively and will be investigated before the next meeting. Defibrillators are available that are fully automatic and do not require previous training.

The main kitchen will be deep cleaned and repainted during the summer holidays.

A new quote has been received to repair some of the worst parts of the car park and then resurface it at a cost of £21,000.

2014 is the 50th anniversary of the building of the village hall and a special celebration may be held in conjunction with Village Day on 19th July 2014.

16 **ROAD SAFETY**

16a The VAS and Community Speedwatch programmes continued in June.

16b Rosemary Hewitt to investigate the possibility of a temporary 20mph speed limit in Valley Road during school start and finish times.

RH

17 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

17a Richard Palmer has offered to act as a first aider at future senior citizens events.

17b Tony Konieczny to speak to neighbour about refurbishing the village notice board.

TK
JI/DH

17c Janet Idle and Daphne Hicks volunteered to clean the white village entrance gates in Valley Road and Warrendene Road.

17d On 6 June Rosemary Hewitt attended WDC's Planning Forum on behalf of the HVRA and gave a presentation entitled "Another Perspective" of the Qualiity Counts Tour that she attended on 13 April.

The meeting finished at 9.30pm

20 **Date of Next Meeting:** Next meeting Tuesday, 3rd September 2013 at 7:30pm.

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....