

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

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

CONFIRMED

- The meeting started at 7.30 pm Action
- 1 Present:**
Tony Konieczny (Chairman), Angus Idle (vice-Chairman), Al Bowyer (Treasurer), Andrea Hulley, Janet Idle, Edna Parker, Jill Thompson, Geoff Wright, Sarah Hamilton, Heather Dempsey, Claire Atkinson, Christine Bowyer, David Sharp, Jerry Morley, Joanne Holt, James Kent (Visitor)
- 2 Apologies:**
James Perkins (Secretary), Dory Morgan, Daphne Hicks, David Sharp, Jill Thompson, Rosemary Hewitt.
- 3 Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:**
These were adopted as a correct and true record of the July meeting
- 4 Logs Opposite Harrow Pub**
The logs have been positioned on the grass triangle opposite the Harrow pub to prevent cars parking. However, the general consensus of the committee, including feedback from residents, is the logs look unsightly. It was agreed that the Chair would arrange for the National Trust to remove the logs and monitor/review the situation. The Chairman recognised that the original decision to place the logs could have been better communicated and this will be addressed in future. TK
AB
- 5 Matters Arising:**
Country Watch link to be added to HVRA website and the link to Chairman's statement still contains an error message. (*Country Watch had already been added in the "Link" section and the Chairman's statement is now live*). JP
- No action has been taken as yet regarding the drainage problem on Trees Road and Trees Avenue. Rosemary Hewitt will have an update at the next meeting. RH
- Thanks to Rosemary Hewitt and Janet Idle who wrote to HWDC regarding the proposal to build at Uplands. Letters objecting to the plans have also been sent by Widmer Residents Association and Naphill Residents will also be submitting their objections. Residents can visit the WDC website for more information.
- The road works have taken place, however Cryers Hill has been closed for 8-days which is longer than anticipated. Angus will write to the Bucks CC/WDC to see why it has taken so long to complete. AI

Thanks to Daphne and Janet who cleaned the village gates on Cryers Hill. It could also do with a paint and a willing volunteer to clean the village gates at Bryants Bottom would be appreciated.

6 Treasurers Report:

As at 31 July 2013, the bank balance shows £3,500. This includes monies paid out for the magazines which will show on August statement. £1,600 has been paid out although the cheques have yet to clear. £690 subscriptions have been received with more expected. The subs are later this year due to the increase which was agreed at the AGM. The Treasurer is looking at possibility of receiving subs by Standing Order or BACS for next year.

The Treasurer advised that HSBC may be introducing bank charges to the HVRA account of £10.20 per month. If that happens it will be necessary to change bank accounts. More information will be provided when it becomes available.

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7 Events:

The following events are confirmed and volunteers to assist in planning or helping on the day are very much appreciated:

12 October 2013 - Potter Quiz

The theme will be 'Britain is Greater than you think'. Posters have been printed and will be distributed shortly. Tables are already being reserved so book early to avoid disappointment.

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23 November 2013 - Christmas Bazaar

HVRA committee members will be asked to assist with the tombola. .

SH

21 December 2013 - Christmas Dance.

Uncertain who is running this at present

19 July 2014 - Village Day

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the village hall.

8 Communications:

Hughenden News - The August edition has been distributed. Feedback shows people like the Computer Desk piece. The football club appreciated a 3 page centre spread. (Permissions were sought and given by parents to use the photographs). Volunteers are required to take over the running of the Hughenden News. Anyone who is interested would learn the ropes soonest with a view to taking over early next year. The Deadline for the next issue is 20 October.

Website – No report available

Correspondence - The Treasurer received a thank you letter for the donation from Marion Miller who gave a presentation on the Uplands

Centre.

9 Road Rep Reports:

Janet Idle advised that the fireworks and drumming that many residents heard very late one night came from the a private function being held at the village hall. One of the guests set the fireworks without obtaining the correct permissions. The Village Hall committee have discussed and have spoken with those concerned.

The drainage on Trees Road still needs to be addressed.

The Treasurer informed the committee of the sad news that Bob Sanderson had passed away. He was well known within the community.

The school alarm (Frogmore Close) and car alarms have been sounding at night. The school alarm is being investigated as it might be due to sensitive sensor or wildlife setting it off. Tony Konieczny suggested considering a silent alarm for the school. However, residents are reminded to take care and not ignore alarms.

Angus advised that the stream ran dry again. Affinity are planning to cease pumping from this area and hopefully this will improve the flow again.

Bryants Bottom have a road sign missing and foliage is obscuring the speed limit sign. The Treasurer will write to the council to have this rectified. (Road sign was reported in July and has been ordered by Bucks CC)

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TK

10 Planning Reports – No report available

11 Parish Council – No report available

12 Village Shop – No report available

13 HS2 – No update available

14 Road Safety – No update available although it was observed that the police have conducted numerous speed checks along Hughenden Valley Road during July and August but haven't monitored Bryants Bottom.

15 Neighbourhood Action Group – Andrea advised that the neighbourhood watch signage is out of date. The scheme is more effective if signage and posters are current as it shows the neighbours are an active group. It was suggested the Neighbourhood Watch are invited to the next meeting to discuss HVRA involvement.

16 Village Hall - The accident in which Carole Palmer fell in the village

hall car park is being investigated. The car park surface doesn't need totally resurfacing but patches do need to be filled. New chairs have been purchased, they are looking at a new sound system and footpath at the side of the shop will be done up.

17 AOB:

Angus Idle raised concerns regarding the overgrown bus stop just outside Magnolia Park. Bucks CC have been reminded about this since 2007 but no one has ever come to cut the hedgerow or trees. Janet Idle was asked to produce a map showing other overgrown footpaths

Jl

One of the gardens which has overgrown the pavement at the junction of Coombe Lane and Wedgewood Drive is owned by an elderly person who is unfortunately not able to do the work but would appreciate any assistance. Volunteers should email the Chairman.

ALL

New telephone directories have been distributed. It was observed that areas codes are not included.

BT are advertising faster broadband, although they have no plans to upgrade the Naphill exchange as yet. However, if enough residents write to Bucks CC they may find a 'grant' to fund the project.

Angus and Janet would like to handover the running of the Hughenden News early next year.

It was suggested that we enter the Best Kept Village 2014 competition. More information should be shared at the next meeting to see what is involved. This will be added to the agenda

JP/Jl

Tony Konieczny agreed to discuss arrangement of a new litter pick with Lin Smith.

TK

Next Meeting: Tuesday 1st October 2013 in the Small Hall at 7.30pm

Approved

Chairman

Secretary