

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd
December 2013 at Hughenden Valley Village Hall

CONFIRMED

- 1 The meeting started at 7.30 pm Action
PRESENT:
Tony Konieczny (Chairman), Angus Idle (vice-Chairman), Al Bowyer (Treasurer), Clare Atkinson, Heather Dempsey, Sara Hamilton, Joanne Holt, Rosemary Hewitt, Andrea Hulley, Janet Idle, Dory Morgan, Jerry Morley, David Sharp, Jill Thompson, Geoff Wright.
- 2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**
James Perkins (Secretary), Christine Bowyer, Daphne Hicks, Edna Parker
- 3 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**
There were a couple of amendments to the previous minutes:

Item 4 Matters Arising: Janet Idle didn't agree to email a map; and

Item 12 Hughenden Parish Council: Para 5, last sentence is incomplete.
- 4 **MATTERS ARISING:**
Item 11: Wrightway Steel on Huntshill Lane have now moved out.

Item 16 : The Japanese Knotweed is not notifiable. More information is available on the DEFRA website (<https://www.gov.uk/japanese-knotweed-giant-hogweed-and-other-invasive-plants>).

Information regarding BT faster Broadband was emailed to all road reps and subsequently distributed to residents in order for them to express an interest in the hi-speed broadband. At present BT have no plans or obligation to upgrade the Naphill exchange ie telephone numbers beginning with '56'. If BT receive enough expressions of interest they will consider implementing an upgrade. (Since the meeting BT has indicated that superfast broadband will be available for most postcodes serviced by the Naphill exchange towards the end of 2014)
- 5 **TREASURERS REPORT:**
The bank balance shows just under £4,400 in the account. This includes the payment of £200 towards the Christmas tree lights from the Parish Council and £1,780 subs that have been received. It was acknowledged that there is difficulty collecting subs and residents are not all willing to pay.
- 6 **EVENTS**
Senior Citizens Evening
21st June 2014 has now been confirmed by the Lamp House Singers.

Christmas Bazaar
Made £1,078.08 with the HVRA Tombola raising £270.

Christmas Dance
120 tickets have been sold for the dance on 21st December.

The Potter Quiz
Will be held on October 18th.

7 **THE LANTERNS PROJECT:**

Phil Edwards and Judith Green are conducting research into use of street lighting and asked the committee about the impact of on the village following the removal of street lighting along Valley road. Residents wishing to contribute to the research or anyone wanting more information should contact Judith on 020 7927 2024.

8 **Fundraising for 2014**

Nothing to report

9 **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Hughenden News

We still need a volunteer to take on the magazine. It is informative and an asset for the village residents. Angus will prepare a description of the responsibilities so potential volunteers will have an idea of what is involved.

Website

There is a possible volunteer to take on the HVRA Website.

10 **ROAD REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

Residents are reminded to lock sheds, garages etc following a theft on Warrendene Road.

11 **PLANNING**

Application 12/ 07953/FUL Country Supplies – Shana and Warrendene Road sites is still on-going and no decisions have yet been made.

Redrow Homes will probably appeal WDC's decision to refuse the application 13/06423/FUL - Proposed Demolition of the Uplands Hotel & Conference Centre, Four Ashes and build 16 houses.

12 **PARISH COUNCIL**

No report available

13 **VILLAGE SHOP**

The shop had a table at the Christmas Bazaar selling mulled wine and mince pies. £180 was raised

14 **HS2**

Nothing to report

15 **NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP**

JP & RH attended the last meeting held on 21st November.

PC Lee Turnham was pleased to report that the Community Speed Watch in the Greater Hughenden Parish is the most active in Bucks with 1,300 letters sent out so far this year and 46% of the activity.

Speed Watch sessions in HV & Bryants Bottom were carried out during Nov & some are arranged for December, including at the weekends. Sad to say, that Valley Road has the highest number of speeding motorists than any of the other villages.

There are 9 locations for the VASs

BMW, Series 5 – In the south of England quite a few have been stolen and it is quite a mystery to the police as to how this is being done.

Unsightly graffiti has become a problem in Widmer End. Action is being taken to apprehend the perpetrators.

Rural policing - Farmers are working in collaboration with the Police now. When white vans

come on to farms farmers take down the registration number and phone 101 and the information goes to the data base in Kidlington. They are fitting tracking units in their tractors, they have grapevines in place and ring 101 to pass on information or if they require help. Lee Turnham thought the Country Watch Alert system is working well.

16 **AOB:**

Hughenden Valley residents have now been issued with new recycling bins and the collections have started. It may look like the waste is all tipped into black bins during collection but these are 'maiden' bins and residents are assured that different waste times remain separate.

Joanne Holt suggested a HVRA Facebook page and offered to create a page for the committee to consider. Facebook allows the community to share information and discuss issues as they arise.

JH

More logs and posts are being installed in and around Gt Kingshill school as parking is an ongoing problem.

Dog Poo Fairy stickers are awaited.

JP

The next meeting will be on February 4th in the small hall.

Approved

Chairman

Secretary