

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 4th February 2014 at Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

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The meeting started at 7:30pm.

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1 **PRESENT:**

Tony Konieczny (Chairman), Angus Idle (vice-Chairman), Al Bowyer (Treasurer), James Perkins (Secretary), Clare Atkinson, Christine Bowyer, Heather Dempsey, Daphne Hicks, Janet Idle, John Miller, Jerry Morley, David Sharp, Jill Thompson

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Anna Burniston, Karen Dynes, Rosemary Hewitt, Joanne Holt, Andrea Hulley, David Johnson, Dory Morgan

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

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

4 **MATTERS ARISING:**

None.

5 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Available funds are currently £5,400. This time last year only £3,900 was available. Subscription intake is better than this time last year at £2,415. Advertising revenue received for 2013 was £3,622. So far this year revenue is £141.

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6 **FUTURE HUGHENDEN NEWS PRODUCTION TEAM.**

No one had so far shown interest in taking over. Al Bowyer offered to produce a flyer to be inserted in the March issue of the Hughenden News. Janet Idle agreed to email a job description to all members of the committee.

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7 **WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN**

James Perkins agreed to email everybody a list of the WDC consultation meetings being held throughout the Wycombe District. The dates specifically for the North Chilterns Area which includes Hughenden Valley, Cryers Hill and Bryants Bottom are a staffed exhibition on 27 February at Naphill Village Hall from 9.30am to 4:45pm and an evening workshop on 5 March at Hughenden Primary School from 7pm to 9pm.

JP

It is hoped that Rosemary Hewitt will be able to give us a report for the next HVRA meeting on 4 March.

RH

8 **EVENTS**

8a **AGM Arrangements**

The preferred date for the Annual General Meeting is Tuesday 20 May in the small village hall. As Christine Powell is away at the moment, James Perkins to check. (Small Hall was available so has now been booked for the AGM from 7.30 to 9.30pm)

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8b **Senior Citizens 21st June**

Nothing new to report. The Lamp Light Singers will be performing.

8c **Village Day**

Lots going on. Consideration given to HVRA running a Bucks Fizz and soft drink stand. Heather Dempsey offered to speak to Sara Hamilton to see if she could help to organise it.

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8d **Potter Quiz 18th October**

Nothing to report.

- 8e **Chistmas Dance 20th December**
Nothing to report
- 9 **COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 9a **Hughenden News**
Spring edition should be published by the end of March. Reminders will be added to each group's page about additional help that might be needed for Village Day. An article will be included about the Lantern project. AI/DA
- 9b **Website**
James Perkins to follow up with Derek Armshaw to see if any progress had been made with the person who showed interest in helping out with the web site. JP
- 9c **Correspondence**
Nothing to report
- 10 **REPORTS**
- 10a **Road Safety**
Still no takers for the second lollipop position in the afternoon. The Parish Council donated an additional £1,000 to cover the costs of running the activity.
- Community Speed Watch** - Rosemary Hewitt is looking for volunteers to help PC Lee Turnham carry out two Speed Watch sessions in Hughenden Valley on Monday 17th February between 0930-1030 and 1100-1200.
- 10b **Road Representatives** RH
- Cryers Hill** - Angus Idle to write to Bucks CC about potholes and missing cats-eyes. Daphne Hicks to write about the parent's car parking issue blocking visibility when exiting driveways. Angus Idle to write to Headteacher of GK school expressing concern about the danger of parking on the grass verge.
- Valley Road** - Deep pothole outside the Vicarage was filled the following day. RH
The light out by the bus stop has been reported and the contractor now has 30 days to fix it. Still waiting for Bucks CC to clear the large muddy puddles on the pavement outside Wrights, The Surgery and Deeters. Rosemary Hewitt to chase.
James Tunnard, the Local Area Technician, has indicated that an inspection of the blocked concrete drains across Trees Road and Trees Avenue found them "Not Fit for Purpose" and both will be replaced in the next budget round with something more appropriate.
- 10c **Planning Sub-Committee**
- Ref: 13/08157/FUL - Hemley Hill Travellers' site**
On 16 July 2013, the Court of Appeal in London rejected the applicant's legal challenge against refusal of planning permission for 9 caravans etc on the unauthorised site and gave the travellers 18 months to leave. But WDC has now received a retrospective planning application for Change of Use of land for a private gypsy/traveller site for 4 families including the stationing of 4 x mobile homes, 4 x touring caravans and 4 x utility buildings. The decision is pending.
- Ref: 12/07953/FUL – Change of Use of land and buildings at the Shane Riding School to storage and distribution of landscaping & fencing materials, increase in height of rear boundary wall to 2.4m and landscaping**
On 22 January 2014 WDC was minded to grant permission subject to a Planning Obligation as well as complying to 9 Conditions including the following from the Highways Authority:-
- A relocated access with unobstructed visibility splays of 4.5m x 43 m in both directions.
 - The access constructed to 'BCC Industrial Access Within the Highway' guide note specifications.
 - Section 106 funding (2 x £4,000) to allow the Highway Authority to implement weight limits on Clappins Lane and Stocking Lane.

- Swept path analysis of the above access and the Bradenham Wood Lane/New Road/Main Road junction, demonstrating achievable 4.5m x 43 m visibility splay on exit from Bradenham Wood Lane.

10d **Hughenden Parish Council**

The Parish Plan questionnaire has been finalised with the help of many groups within the Parish and will be distributed to all households shortly. It is hoped to be able to publish the results for the AGM in May.
 An explanation is being sought from Bucks CC about the proposed reduction in expenditure on public rights of way.
 Investigation taking place into what has happened to S106 monies that were previously promised by WDC.
 The working group responsible for discussing the future of the Allotments for the Working Poor will be meeting shortly to progress with the new trustees of the charity.
 The council resolved to appoint a temporary clerical assistant to help out with the increasing workload in the office.
 New email addresses have been given to all councillors in the format
 firstname.lastname@hughendenpc.org.uk .

10e **HS2**

Last week the Supreme Court dismissed an Appeal brought by HS2 campaigners finding in favour of the Government, stating that they had not contravened any law by failing to carry out a strategic Environmental Assessment of the project. HS2 Action Alliance is now looking to take the fight to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee and the European Commission.

10f **Village Hall Committee**

The access pathway to the shop from Valley Road is to be repaired as it is in a dangerous condition. JP to find out whether the Parish Council owns the land that it crosses.

JP

10g **Community Shop**

Several new volunteers have been recruited and are undergoing training. The shop has been quite busy recently.

10h **Neighbourhood Action Group**

The MVAS unit which recently broke has now been repaired and is back in action. The MVAS unit currently used in Valley Road alternates every two weeks with Naphill. A new MVAS unit will be purchased shortly to replace the stolen one which will allow us to have one permanently located in Valley Road. New suitable locations in Valley Road are being identified.

11 **Any Other Business**

James Perkins pointed out that there are two national websites where you can report potholes. Both seem to have a fairly high success rate in getting them fixed. They are:

www.fillthathole.org.uk and www.potholes.co.uk . fillthathole which is government sponsored is also available as an app for iPhone and Android devices.

Meeting finished at 9.15pm.

12 **Date of Next Meeting:** Next meeting Tuesday, 4th March 2014 at 7:30pm

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....