

# Hughenden Valley Residents Association

## Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 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), Derek Armshaw, Christine Bowyer, Sara Hamilton, Rosemary Hewitt, Janet Idle, John Miller, Jerry Morley, David Sharp, Geoff Wright.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Clare Atkinson, Anna Burniston, Heather Dempsey, Karen Dynes, Daphne Hicks, Jo Holt, Helen Lodge, Dory Morgan, Edna Parker, Jill Thompson,

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

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

4 **MATTERS ARISING:**

It was pointed out that the sewer maps provided by Jerry Morley at the March meeting were for the Village Hall area only. Tony Konieczny had provided maps which covered all of Valley Road.

A reminder that the Xmas dance is on 20<sup>th</sup> December and not 21<sup>st</sup>.

It was confirmed that James Perkins had already booked the small village hall for the AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

With regard to the Coombe Lane/Valley Road/Boss Lane road junction Tony Konieczny agreed to write to Bucks CC about the danger. Rosemary Hewitt also agreed to bring it up at the next NAG meeting.

Rosemary Hewitt complimented WDC for their prompt response to her request for litter clearance in Valley Road.

The second dog bin by the football pitch is not being emptied. Rosemary Hewitt to email James Perkins with details for the Parish Council to take action. Please contact the Dog Warden, Ann Bolton, on 01753 538941 if you observe someone you know who is allowing their dogs to foul and not picking up afterwards as it is an offence.

It was agreed for Rosemary Hewitt to acquire a "Pick up your dog poo" sign and have it placed at the entrance to the recreation ground.

The Parish Council was reminded not to use the word "flooding" in its description of the sewage problem in Valley Road.

5 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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As usual the statement for the previous month had not arrived. Total funds are £5,860 compared to £4,200 the previous year. There is about £300 to pay in and £200 to pay out to the lollipop group. Subs this year are £700 up on last year. The Parish Council is paying for dog bin emptying this year, so all in all the funds are in a healthy state. It was unanimously agreed to keep the subscription rate at £5 per household.

- 6 **SEWER UPDATE**  
 The application of the two 6inch pumps seems to be keeping the sewage at a satisfactory level in Valley Road and Boss Lane. There are some issues in Warrendene Road where smelly water is appearing in the gutters. Some local residents have hired a pump to deal with the excess. TK  
 There was a rumour that the Environment Agency were going to order Thames Water to stop pumping filtered sewage into the stream however this did not seem to materialise. The bacteria level is quite high so residents need to ensure they do not allow children to play in the area.  
 The main goal now is to get a long term solution over the summer months. Dave Carroll has identified the responsible person at Bucks CC and he will set up a liaison committee including David Lidington and the representatives of those affected to work with Thames Water.
- 7 **STATUS OF HUGHENDEN NEWS VOLUNTEERS**  
 No volunteers have come forward. Janet Idle is writing articles in the next issue to highlight the requirements. JI
- 8 **BRYANTS BOTTOM VILLAGE GREEN PUBLIC ENQUIRY**  
 Derek Armshaw reviewed the status of the application to convert the field in Bryants Bottom to a Village Green. Bucks CC have decided to hold a public enquiry which may be in August this year. Bryants Bottom residents are holding a meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> April to discuss if they will be seeking some legal advice prior to engaging in the enquiry. If they do, they will probably be seeking some funding from HVRA to support their own contributions. DA
- 9 **EVENTS**  
 a **AGM Arrangements – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**  
 The small hall has been booked by James Perkins from 7.00 to 9.30pm. JP to revise and issue the leaflet promoting the event to all road reps. TK
- 9b **Senior Citizens Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June**  
 Rosemary reported all was in hand. Invitations will be printed shortly. It was confirmed that participation was restricted to the over 60s, however it was noted that very few people in their early 60s participated. Road reps were requested to identify if there were any new residents who met the criteria.
- 9c **Village Day 19<sup>th</sup> July**  
 Al enthusiastically reported that all was going well. Tee shirts and mugs had been produced to promote the event. A new logo had been designed and was now appearing on the HVRA web site along with details of the event. A banner will be erected next month with a daily countdown to the event. HVRA will be organising a Bucks Fizz. Sara Hamilton agreed to take responsibility but needed to know how many bottles would be required. Al Bowyer agreed to provide an average figure from past years. A gazebo will be needed. This will be discussed as a separate item at next month's meeting. AB
- 9d **Potter Quiz 18<sup>th</sup> October**  
 Nothing to report.
- 9e **Christmas Dance 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
 Date corrected to 20<sup>th</sup> December.
- 10 **COMMUNICATIONS:**  
 10a **Hughenden News**  
 There will be lots of photos in this issue, application forms for officers at the AGM and articles from Janet about future production of the magazine.
- 10b **Website**  
 Village Day now has its own area of the site with new logo. Al Bowyer to send updates to Derek Armshaw. DA

- 10c **Correspondence**  
Dory Morgan advised that she would be stepping down after more than 10 years of involvement with HVRA. Whilst everyone felt it was very regrettable it was fully understood. It was agreed to send her flowers the next day as a token of appreciation on her birthday.
- 11 **REPORTS**
- 11a **Road Safety**  
Rosemary Hewitt will bring up the subject of the danger at the Coombe Lane/Valley Road/Boss Lane junction at the NAG where Lee Turnham is present.
- 11b **Road Representatives**  
Bryants Bottom is experiencing planned power cuts during the replacement of power line poles in the village. The next will be on 10<sup>th</sup> April. Most Bryants Bottom residents use Perks Lane to go to Prestwood, Gt Missenden and Amersham and it was felt that the condition of the road was unacceptable. Also a hedge at the top of the lane had encroached and reduced it to only one car's width. Rosemary Hewitt agreed to contact James Tunnard from TfB. RH
- There is a leak at the junction of Burnham Rd/Whitfield Rd from a stopcock. Affinity Water have been advised and it was thought to have been fixed but Jerry Morley reported it was still leaking. Angus Idle to check. AI
- Someone seems to be shooting birds in the recreation ground. Rosemary Hewitt to discuss with Lee Turnham at the NAG meeting. RH
- 11c **Planning Sub-Committee**  
Residents' responses to **WDC Local Plan consultation** document (all 140 pages) have to be in by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April.
- Ref: 13/08157/FUL - Hemley Hill Travellers' site**
- The 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 was recently submitted to WDC. It was refused on 14 March and the applicant has the right to appeal the decision.
- 11d **Hughenden Parish Council**  
Distribution of the Parish questionnaire appeared to be haphazard. Rosemary Hewitt had identified significant areas within Hughenden Valley that had not received copies. The Parish Council is waiting to see how many responses it gets before deciding whether or not to repeat the process. The distribution company (the owners of the Bucks Free Press) have reimbursed the parish Council for the entire distribution cost.  
HPC has written to Mrs Turner outlining that it will be taking legal action to seek the return of the money she stole. No response has been received so a formal application will now be made through the courts.  
It was pointed out that the significant involvement of HVRA and achieving a temporary solution to the sewage problem had not been recognised amongst the many thanks that were given at the previous HPC meeting. This issue will be brought up under matters arising at the next HPC meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> April.  
The Wycombe District Council Tree Officer's report is nearly finished. It was agreed to wait to carry out any work until the report had been finished. There were no emergency issues in the report so far.  
Water conservation is to be encouraged in the allotments by installing either pressure taps or troughs. One of each method will be trialled for a year before deciding which to use.  
An allotment holder's representation committee is to be set up to further communications between HPC and the allotment holders.  
The "Cushionfall" surfacing in the HV playground is to be topped up and the chain link fencing is to be replaced by post, rail and pickets to match the existing.
- 11e **HS2**  
It was agreed to drop this item from the agenda in future.

- 11f **Village Hall Committee**  
A defibrillator has now been purchased for the hall. Training is planned. We need to make sure that relevant HVRA members are involved. JP  
The Village Hall conservation sub-committee reminded us that the annual walk round the field led by John Moorby will take place at 7.30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June.
- 11g **Community Shop**  
It was agreed to change the name to "Village Shop" in future reports.
- 11h **Neighbourhood Action Group**  
Next meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Rosemary Hewitt and James Perkins will be attending.
- 10 **Any Other Business**  
Meeting finished at 9.35pm.
- 11 **Date of Next Meeting:** Next meeting Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7:30pm

**Chairman**.....

**Secretary**.....

**Date**.....