

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 6th May 2014 at Hughenden Valley Village Hall
UNCONFIRMED

The meeting started at 7:30pm.

Action

1 **PRESENT**

Angus Idle (Vice Chairman), Al Bowyer (Treasurer), James Perkins (Secretary), Anna Burniston, Heather Dempsey, Rosemary Hewitt, Daphne Hicks, Janet Idle, Jerry Morley, Edna Parker, David Sharp, Jill Thompson, Geoff Wright.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Tony Konieczny (Chairman), Clare Atkinson, Christine Bowyer, Karen Dynes, Sara Hamilton, Andrea Hulley, Helen Lodge, Dory Morgan

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

In the absence of Tony Konieczny Angus Idle took over as chairman for this meeting.

The minutes were adopted as a correct and true record of the April meeting.

4 **MATTERS ARISING:**

The dog bin that was not being emptied was the subject of a request to be moved to a more accessible position by the company that empties them. This was refused by the Parish Council as it was felt to be in the right position. HV residents are asked to keep an eye on it to make sure it is being emptied in future.

Rosemary Hewitt has obtained a quote for Dog Poo signs but as it was considered too expensive Geoff Wright passed on the name of a company who may be able to give an alternative quote. Rosemary to follow up.

RH

A dead bird was found by Janet Idle confirming that shooting had taken place. Nothing had been heard recently so it was hoped it had ceased.

5 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

AB

The end of year accounts are with the auditor and will be ready for the AGM. There were a lot of outgoings this month. The lollipop contribution, insurance and £1,660 for the latest issue of the magazine. Available funds are £3,865 which is comparable to previous end of year figures.

6 **SEWER UPDATE**

A meeting took place on 25th April between David Lidington, David Carroll, Lesley Clarke of WDC and representatives from Thames Water to discuss the sewer problems. Neither HVRA nor Roger Hewitt had initially been invited but when eventually asked they could not make the date, 25 April as it was at short notice. As yet no Minutes of the meeting have been issued.

RH

It had been suggested that no more pumping was taking place from the aquifers in the area and specifically from the pumping station in Hughenden Valley. This was considered one reason why the water table had risen. Rosemary Hewitt agreed to investigate and advise.

- 7 **STATUS OF OFFICERS AND HUGHENDEN NEWS VOLUNTEERS**
 No one has indicated they would be willing to stand as chairman or secretary at the AGM. As Tony Konieczny and James Perkins will definitely be standing down it is essential that we find replacements otherwise the HVRA future is in doubt. Heather Dempsey had someone in mind and said she would speak to them. Angus and Janet Idle offered to stand as joint chairmen if nobody else was willing to put themselves forward. Al Bowyer offered to stand in temporarily if all else failed. All road reps were asked to canvas their residents to look for people to attend the AGM who may be willing to become officers. HD
 AB
- Four volunteers have offered to get involved with the production of the Hughenden News. They are Jill Graham, Gemma Kirkpatrick, John Docket and Chloe King. A meeting will be held shortly with Angus and Janet Idle to discuss roles and handover. AI/JI
- 8 **EVENTS**
- 8a **AGM Arrangements – Tuesday 20th May**
 Rosemary reminded that someone needs to take responsibility for the cheese and wine as she will not be able to attend. Al Bowyer will liaise with Christine to organise. Everyone was asked to remind all road reps to attend and to encourage others. AB
- 8b **Senior Citizens Saturday 21st June**
 Rosemary distributed a form for members to complete detailing the tasks she needed help with on the day. Additional help is particularly required for food preparation in the afternoon. A new defibrillator is available and a first aider trained in its use will be attending the event. RH
- 8c **Village Day 19th July**
 Al Bowyer reported that all was going well. The next meeting would be held at his house on the following day. Order forms for the tee shirts and mugs are in the shop. The bunting extravaganza is organised and barn dance tickets will be available shortly. Al reminded everyone that each road has the opportunity to have a float in the parade. AB
- 8d **Potter Quiz 18th October**
 Nothing to report.
- 8e **Christmas Dance 20th December**
 Comments were made about the difficulty of obtaining tickets. It seemed that tickets were only available by word of mouth. Diana Gibbons is the person to contact.
- 9 **COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 9a **Hughenden News**
 This will be the last issue produced by Angus and Janet Idle. The 4 people who have shown interest in taking over production will be introduced to the procedures shortly. Deadline for the next copy is July 15th.
 It was recommended that the description of “Village Hall Users” in the magazine be changed.
- 9b **Website**
 Nothing to report.
- 9c **Correspondence**
 Card received from Dory Morgan thanking HVRA for the best wishes and flowers on her 60th birthday.
- 10 **REPORTS**
- 10a **Road Safety**
 Coombe Lane/Valley Road mini roundabout junction safety issue was reviewed by the Parish Council (HPC). It was agreed to approach the resident on the corner regarding the reduction of their hedge to improve visibility. HPC would also contact TFB regarding improving the lines already in place and investigate whether a single line and / or a stop sign can be used to improve the safety of this junction. JP

	Valley Road from Coombe Lane Roundabout to Cryers Hill Roundabout – HPC to approach TfB regarding repeater signage and whether they can be larger to be more visible.	JP
	The narrowing of the footpaths in Valley Road, opposite Friars Gardens and Deeters is the responsibility of Bucks CC. HPC was reluctant to undertake the work as it may set a precedent. Rosemary Hewitt agreed to contact them one more time to try to persuade them to take people off grass cutting to handle the job.	RH
	It was reported that the direction sign to Lacey Green, Walters Ash and Naphill on the roundabout was hanging dangerously. Rosemary to contact TfB.	RH
	There have been no applications for the lollipop positions. The current morning person will be leaving in the summer. An advertisement should be placed immediately.	JM
	A cone has been placed over a sunken manhole cover in Valley Road where the 50mph speed limit into Wycombe starts. Rosemary to investigate.	RH
10b	Road Representatives There had been a complaint from Church Farm about the amount of litter in the area. Rosemary Hewitt spoke to Wycombe District Council and they confirmed that they would normally pick litter every two weeks. If residents feel this is not being done they should call WDC on 01494 421415.	RH
10c	Planning Sub-Committee Ref: 14/05962/FUL Magnolia Sports & Social club have submitted a retrospective planning application for a side and rear single storey development, requesting a change of use from changing rooms to incorporate a gym. Also the external facade looks awful at the moment and they will seek to improve its appearance with wood cladding. The run-down state of the bowling green and tennis courts which are no longer in use is causing concern because the people who have used them for years were asked to leave.	
10d	Hughenden Parish Council The following have been proposed for resolution by HPC at the full council meeting on 13 th May. For Bryants Bottom Community Trust to receive a donation of £2000 towards the cost of legal representation to enable the field in Bryants Bottom to become a Village Green. To utilise the services of Bucks UTC students which are participating in the Construction and IT course to undertake a number of suitable projects with the parish. To not make a HS2 petition submission from Hughenden Parish Council as WDC is submitting one on behalf of the district. HPC's objections to HS2 will be encompassed within WDC's petition and therefore there is no need to do one separately. To not move the dog bin at HV Playing Fields as requested by the contractor to a new location. That the allotment rents with effect from October 2015 will be raised to £13.00 for half a plot and £25.00 for a full plot. There will be no separate charge for water, the new rents recognises the increased cost of providing water. To accept the funding provided by BCC to maintain nominated right of way footpaths within the Parish.	
10f	Village Hall Committee Nothing to report	
10g	Village Shop It is the 5 th anniversary on 16 th May. Decorations, free scones and sweets will be available to celebrate.	

- 10h **Neighbourhood Action Group**
Rosemary gave details of a number of effective and inexpensive shed alarms that were available from NAG. NAG has recommended that HPC purchase a Speed Indicating Device (SID) so that the Community Speedwatch can take place without the need of police involvement. This item is on the agenda for the next HPC meeting.

- 11 **Any Other Business**
None
Meeting finished at 9.27pm.

- 12 **Date of Next Meeting:** Next meeting Tuesday, 3rd June 2014 at 7:30pm

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....

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