

HUGHENDEN VALLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING

Held on Tuesday, 2nd September 2014 at Hughenden Small Hall

CONFIRMED MINUTES

ACTION

Angus welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **PRESENT** Angus & Janet Idle (Co-chairman), Jerry Morley (Vice Chairman), Al Bowyer (Treasurer), Clare Atkinson, Heather Dempsey, John Dockett, Rosemary Hewitt, Daphne Hicks, Edna Parker, James Perkins and David Sharp.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Anna Burniston, Christine Bowyer, and Carole Palmer.

3. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 1ST JULY 2014** were read and signed as a true record of the meeting. It was agreed that the Confirmed Minutes would be put on the HVRA website.

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4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

8d) Rosemary contacted James Tunnard who said the work to cut back trees would be carried out in the Autumn. The grass verge and hedge have now been cut back (but the pavement is still very narrow.)

9d) **Unauthorised construction of stables in Bryants Bottom.**

Rosemary contacted WDC Compliance Officer, Will Holloway who was prepared to meet local residents about their concerns. To date no meeting has taken place due to people being on holiday. James is now the local co-ordinator. Meanwhile, the site remains in an awful state.

JP

10 para 2 **Overgrown hedges etc on Cryers Hill.**

Rosemary did raise the matter with Highways on Call who said that there was no problem. However, she asked Daphne to get all her residents to write a letter of complaint, and shortly afterwards their hedges were cut back. Janet to write on behalf of HVRA about lime and chestnut trees at the bottom of Cryers Hill Road which cause the footpath to be obscured from the road; children or elderly folk could be in unseen difficulty if they trip on tree roots in the pathway.

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It would appear that the boundary hedge of Midway, on the corner by the Coombe Lane roundabout, has now been cut back to improve the vision for drivers.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer reported that overall funds are now £6,371.25, adding that this time last year the HVRA funds stood at £3,500 whereas available funds are now £4,593.25. Advertising revenue received so far amounted to £2,731.00. He reminded us that we paid £380 for the hire of the Hall for the Good Companions and that he looked forward to receiving more subs from Road Reps. Some Hire of the Hall cheques are outstanding.

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OF US

6. **VACANCIES**

6a) **Secretary**

Despite advertising for a Secretary in the last edition of Hughenden News, to date no one had come forward.

6b) **Road Rep for Cryers Hill (South)**

Daphne was delighted to announce that we now have two new Road Reps who will share the job. They are Virginia Foster and Alison.Gieler.

7. **EVENTS**

7a) **Village Day 19th July 2014**

First of all, Al Bowyer said that the objectives of Village Day were to give enjoyment and that fundraising was a bonus. He believed both were achieved. He praised the efforts of everyone who was part of the organising team because the organisation and arrangements had come together to make it a very

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successful event indeed, with a profit of around £4,000. Despite some rain when setting up in the morning, the sun did come out later, which encouraged a very good turnout and everyone seemed to be having a great time. Between 200 and 300 people attended the Barn Dance that was held in the large marquee in the evening, which brought all ages together and was a fantastic event. He did not know how much profit was made on the HVRA Bucks Fizz stall. They did steady trade but had quite a lot left over. Al has prepared a USB memory stick to hand over to the 2016 organisers

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7b) Potter Quiz, 18th October 2014

Al Bowyer was very pleased that Dory Morgan will help with the Team organising the Quiz prior to the event. The theme is "*Commemorations and Celebrations*". He hoped Rosemary would be able to organise the food for the evening because Christine will not be available, having booked her place on a Charity Trek in Peru. We wish her good luck with this venture. Rosemary will need help. Please sign the list at the next meeting. The Quiz team will meet at 7pm next Thursday.

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RH

8. INITIATIVES & UPDATES

8a) Village meeting place/cafe

Planning Permission is required despite the cabin being a temporary structure. The Village Hall Committee are happy for Louise Jones to go ahead with the proposal and submit a planning application etc but had not given their approval for the whole project which includes refurbishment/rebuild of the existing football pavilion. More details about costs are needed and further risk assessments made.

Rosemary, Janet, Jill and Louise attended the last HPC F & A meeting when Jill put forward estimated costs; ideas were listened to but more tenders were required, especially for the temporary structural cost.

LJ JT
RH JI

Some discussion followed about fund-raising for the project and Janet suggested an Auction of Promises but it was felt that this would entail considerable organisation. It was decided to wait until the costs involved for the temporary cabin were known before embarking upon any fundraising, but a proposal to help with fund raising was agreed at the July meeting.

8b) Tennis/bowling Green

Daphne gave Janet a useful contact address so that she could find out more.

JJ

8c) Small Village Hall Acoustics

The Village Hall Committee has not yet been approached.

AI

8d) Cycle Path

Janet reported that a local National Trust Volunteer thought there might be a small possibility that the NT might be interested if contact can be made with Head Office.

JJ

9. PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

9a) Uplands

It would appear that Uplands are advertising their facilities for the Christmas season with a large banner at their entrance. Apparently, anyone who now stays there receives email updates.

9b) Magnolia Park Sports & Social Club

Following complaints from local residents Rosemary made an on-line complaint on behalf of the HVRA to WDC that the two large advertising boards that were situated on the grass verge outside the site were inappropriate because they were contrary to AONB policy. David Lomas, the Compliance Officer has visited the site several times and the signs have now been removed. Concern had also been raised by residents that a considerable amount of earth moving had taken place detrimentally altering the natural contours. Apparently, the works being carried out were to prevent travellers getting on the site as the owner has had problems with fly tipping. The owner was advised of alternative methods which would be more appropriate and within Permitted Development.

RH

9c) Local Land Sales

It had been noted that there are several woods up for sale locally. James and Heather were aware of this and it is possible that the buying and selling of woods is an Inheritance Tax dodge. John Dockett said that selling timber can be viable. Fleet's old farm of 47 acres was up for sale for £1.3million.

- 9d) **Wright's Build Base, Hopkins Yard**
Rosemary was asked to make enquiries about the 3 large roofs that Build Base have recently installed on their premises because they appear bright white when viewed from a distance and are very long. RH
10. **UPDATE – HVDIG**
Angus reported that David White and Matt Hopkins are permanent members and James Perkins represents HPC. Apparently Laings were pumping one night, which coincided with the engine noise heard, and the pervasive smell. AI
11. **COMMUNICATIONS**
- 11a) **Hughenden News & Distribution Centre**
Everyone agreed that the magazine was very good indeed and Janet and Angus were praised for all their hard work in putting together such a good edition. The new editorial team of John Dockett, Gill Graham, and Jenna Kirkpatrick had met the previous evening and jobs were apportioned. Angus will pass on useful contact emails, and John and Angus agreed that embedded icons and pictures could be avoided. John put forward the suggestion that Angus and Janet should be on the next front cover! The next edition is due at the end of November. John asked for the telephone numbers and email addresses of all those who contribute to the magazine. To contact John, please email him on hughendennews@outlook.com JD & TEAM
- 11b) **Website** – No report.
- 11c) **Correspondence**
The following information has been received from the Police.
1) The Police have recovered one stolen motorbike with two men pushing it in Bryants Bottom.
2) Two men were arrested in High Wycombe with stolen motorbikes.
3) An outboard motor was stolen in Bryants Bottom on August 25th.
4) Hazlemere Co-op was ram-raided.
5) One charge of theft from the Walter's Ash Co-op.
6) *Meet the Police* events to be held on 10th September at the Co-op, Walter's Ash from 10 – 11 am and The Spar Shop, Great Kingshill from 11am to 12noon. All welcome.
12. **ROAD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**
- a) Several residents have expressed concern that an RAC vehicle which is parked with two wheels in the road and two wheels on the pavement in Valley Road (frequently facing the wrong direction) is causing an obstruction when exiting their drives. RH
- b) Daphne queried who had placed so many logs on the grass verge opposite the hard standing parking at the top of Cryers Hill. Rosemary to make enquiries. RH
- c) James expressed concern that the large Country Supplies' lorries were going up and down Bryants Bottom Road, which is inappropriate on such narrow winding roads. Rosemary to make enquiries because the Shana Planning Permission had Conditions imposed restricting the use of Clappins Lane and believed Country Supplies were using Bryants Bottom as an alternative route. RH
- d) Jerry had noticed that the field known as the Property Spy field is now covered in maize and queried whether it still contained plots for sale. RH JM
- e) Janet said Anna Burniston will report at the next meeting on a blue Vauxhall Corsa car parked on a corner in South Maundin for two or three weeks. Anna will contact the Police if it stays any longer. A Bur
- f) A complaint about overgrown trees between South Maundin and Valley Road was received. Anna Burniston is in a position to report further on her findings, as some South Maundin residents and Bovis pay for tree cutting in a three-year cycle. Another overgrown tree is in a garden in Valley Road. A Bur
13. **OTHER REPORTS**
- 13a) **Road Safety** - None

13b) Parish Council

James said the latest update regarding the Allotments for the Labouring Poor is now on the HPC website.

13c) Wycombe District Council

James informed us that a proposal to build 1000 houses in Kimble will not go ahead; instead WDC has decided that the land at Terriers Farm. They have to increase their supply of houses to meet the Government's target they have decided to use this land, which was been set aside for development for the past 20 years or so. Janet reported that on a fact-finding tour of High Wycombe and Marlow, she was amazed at the amount of house building WDC had managed to achieve since Government Directives came out in 2014. Building in the east of Wycombe and the Hughenden Quarter is still in progress. Unfortunately, they still have to do more and we must be vigilant.

All of us

13d) Village Hall Committee

The Committee have agreed to remove the "sleeping policemen" that straddle the Village Hall car park. John Beveridge is away for a month and a deputy may be required to cover for him. The Village Bazaar will be on November 22nd. Diana Gibbons will be in charge; HVRA to run the tombola. Hay raking on the hillside will be on 21st September after the National Trust does the cut on Friday 19th.

13e) Village Shop – None as Jill Thompson is on holiday. Improper use of the shop rubbish bins has cost them two extra collection fees, reducing profits.

13f) Neighbourhood Watch – None

13g) Neighbourhood Action Group

Rosemary reminded everyone that the waste bin that is situated in the car park opposite The Harrow can be used for dog poo provided the bin has a plastic liner because; there is no designated dog bin nearby for dog owners who walk the footpaths. This rule applies to all waste bins.

13h) Allotments

Whitfield Road gate should be closed after any entry or exit, as children are at risk as they run up and down the footpath.

14. AOB

- a) Jerry found a diversion from the A40 through Hughenden Valley and Bradenham Woods Road (one of several occurrences) a nightmare. Coombe Lane is a classified C road inappropriate for heavy Vehicles. It is a winding road with a 16% gradient close to roadside properties. He has put this to Bucks CC and is awaiting a reply as people there are on holidays.
- b) David Sharp believed he was not receiving information from Al Bowyer and gave his email address as sharpdavid3@gmail.com . Angus asked all of us to forward him "dummy" emails so that he can update his list.
- a) **Bryants Bottom Village Green.** The Public Inquiry was held on 4 August in Hughenden Village Hall, regarding the probable village area. The Inquiry finished after 1½ days, not the anticipated 3. It should go through if the Inspector recommends so to Bucks County Council. A disgruntled "plot owner" was cross-examined at length because he ignored the Article 4 Notices on the land and paid £14,000 for a plot!

Polite Note. It would be appreciated if as many Road Reps as possible could attend the next meeting

15. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING is Tuesday 7th October 2014 at 7.30pm in the Small Village Hall.

Chairman.....

Date.....