

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 3rd February 2015 at Hughenden Valley Village Small Hall

CONFIRMED

The meeting started at 7:30pm.

Action

1 PRESENT

Angus Idle (Joint Chairman)	Janet Idle (Joint Chairman)	Rosemary Hewitt
Al Bowyer (Treasurer)	Daphne Hicks	David Sharp
Andrew Capey (Secretary)	Heather Dempsey	Andrea Hulley
Geoff Wright	John Dockett	

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

James Perkins	Christine Bowyer	Jill Thompson
Anna Burniston	Jerry Morley	Clare Atkinson
Sara Hamilton		
Karen Dynes	Edna Parker	
Alison Gieler	Virginia Foster	Dave Mynors
Carole Palmer	Rachel Fountain	Helen Keats

Reports, written or verbal, are welcome from all members.

3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 2ND DECEMBER 2014:

The minutes were read & signed as correct record with the following amendments: **10a Wright's Roof**, line 1, "We object to" to read "Concern was expressed that ...". **Item 13e. Neighbourhood Watch**, line 2, "that there are only 6 houses involved" to read "that there are only 6 active roads with schemes."

AI signed off the confirmed minutes for 7th October and 4th November 2014.

4 MATTERS ARISING:

Covered within relevant agenda items

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

The report was tabled.

HVRA is in credit by £4,400 (£5,400 in January 2014).

HVRA is due outstanding advertising revenue.

Anyone knowing of additional sources of advertising please inform AB.

All

We have fewer than 340 membership subscriptions collected, & would expect around 500 at this time of year. We have approx 700 members.

**All
Road
Reps**

6 VACANCIES

6.a Secretary

Andrew Capey has joined the Executive Committee as Secretary.

6.b Road representative for Valley Road (Boss Lane – Surgery, both sides).

- No specific action defined.
- 6.c Reference to HPC** – two more councillors.
There are vacancies to represent HV. If these are not filled then other localities may dominate proceedings at the PC.
No specific action defined.
- 7 Omitted from Agenda
- 8 EVENTS & DATES 2015**
- 8.a Christmas Tree lighting & carols** - Sunday December 6th at 4pm.
It was suggested by JI & agreed that a letter of thanks for work on the lights be sent to John Beveridge ~~Bev Beverly~~ & Philip Morgan. **JI**
- 8.b Village Christmas Bazaar** - Saturday November 21st.
N.B. Due to a cancellation the Hall is now available on 28th Nov 2015 so that is the new date. **DA & JD**
Update web page & entry in the magazine.
- 8.c Senior Citizens Entertainment** - Saturday June 20th.
The Secretary of the Lamp House Singers has confirmed the entertainers are booked. **RH**
- 8.d HVRA AGM - Tuesday May 19th.**
AB is in discussion with the Chiltern Society as 2015 is their 50th anniversary.
If this is not possible, alternatives would be a) Charity Commissioners to present on 'Allotments for Labouring Poor', or b) HD has contact with the Air Ambulance service.
Await Al Bowyer's contact information and we need to confirm which hall will be used. **AB**
- 9 INITIATIVES & UPDATES**
- 9.a Cabin.**
JI reported steady use of the cabin, e.g. as a meeting room as well as coffee shop. Our local MP David Liddington & county councillor David Carroll visited with the Shop Manager & HVRA chair. Wi-fi now in use.
AB reported a 300% increase in coffee etc. sales, year-on-year.
HPC have visited the cabin & similar initiatives are being considered for the other villages, particularly for the younger generation.
- 9.b Sports facilities and cycle path.**
No comment on sports facilities.
N.B. The previous minutes suggested that discussion about the cycle path be delayed.
A sub-committee to consider the path, at present, consists of the chairs & the secretary.
- 9.c Winter salt**
No change from previous minutes. Close this item.
- 10 PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**
- P/1 Wright's roof**
Retrospective planning permission is being sought for the roofing material, ref. 15/05100/4. **RH**
Decision will be on 13th March 2015, so objections must be lodged by then. Letters of objection to be sent to Wycombe District Council from Rosemary (for HVRA) and Angus & Janet (for Whitfield Road residents). **JI AI**
- P/2 Uplands**
JI & others reported that Uplands is now closed, with little overnight security. WDC, High Wycombe Society & others are concerned. Any incidents (e.g. vandalism) should be reported to WDC. **All All**

Other views & comments to RH & JI.

P/3 Footpaths and pavements

RH reports that several footpaths have been cleared of overgrowth by TfB (Orchard Close to the school, and from Cryers Hill roundabout to the entrance to Hughenden Park).

Fallen trees:

- DH reported that 2 trees on the N side of Cryers Hill Road had fallen across the footpath & carriageway. DH reported to TfB who dealt with the problem.

An additional tree appears to be at risk & a survey would be a sensible precaution. To request from TfB.

RH/DH

- AI reported that a tree had fallen across the downhill & part of uphill carriageways of Coombe Lane at night. JI & AI cleared the road, with police approval. The pavement has yet to be cleared.

P/4 Jeancote, Warrendene Road

A modified application has been made for an enlarged ground floor footprint.

P/5 Notice posted on the Millenium Tree opposite the Harrow for Lord Ian Hampden Hollenden, Hampden Estate to 'safeguard' the land he owns from claims relating to rights of way & village greens.

Upon investigation by RH & AC after the meeting, this is a measure under Growth and Infrastructure Act 2013. It does not intend or permit any development. It is a depositon. Others at Walter's Ash.

(see <http://www.oss.org.uk/what-we-do/village-greens/new-threat-to-village-greens-landowner-statements/>)

P/6 Unauthorised Stables at Bryants Bottom.

HD reported that objections to be lodged by 4th February.

P/7 WDC have circulated their list of Reserve Sites & are holding public meetings.

Information sheet to be circulated. JI will attend.

RH JI

11 COMMUNICATIONS

11.a Hughenden News

JD reported that the deadline for material is now 27th February (this is due to a relatively early Easter). JD has sent out approx. 50 requests for material.

Action - update web page.

DA

11.b Website – no report

11.c Correspondence

- AfLP. AI has circulated the correspondence.

Action: Carry forward.

AC

- JI sent letters of thanks to HPC, VH Committee & David Carroll for donating funds for the cabin.

JI

All

- AI expressed concern over the clarity of official communications. All to avoid text speak.

12 ROAD REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

DH – fallen trees as reported under 10.c above.

GW – There has been no progress with the blocked gullies on Trees Road.

DS – reported that the footpath on the E side of Valley Road outside Deeters is very muddy. RH to follow up.

RH

13 OTHER REPORTS

13.a Road safety.

- JI reported that the Road Reps for Whitfield & Burnham Roads are contacting residents about having a 30mph speed limit on the whole of Coombe. PC Lee Turnham supports the idea. **JI AI**
- RH to write to James Perkins on HPC. **RH**
- For information: The LAF is seeking 30mph on Pipers Lane & Cryers Hill Lane.
There is now a Lollipop Lady at the Primary school crossing in the afternoon.
- 13.b Parish Council** - The questionnaire had a good response.
- 13.c Village Hall.**
AB reported that the committee has a list of ideas for improvements. Any further suggestions please forward to AB. **All**
- 13.d Village Shop** - As already reported above.
- 13.e Neighbourhood Watch**
AH reported that there are 6 active groups. Up-to-date signs are available. Having old signs tells miscreants that a scheme is moribund.
- 13.f Neighbourhood Action Group**
RH reported:
f(i) Dog fouling signs - James Perkins and Paul Nichols (Parish Councillors) have put up quite a few signs in HV and the "Eyes are watching you" sign by the steps to the Village Hall car park will be moved to the footpath opposite The Harrow Pub. AH queried dog fouling on agricultural land. JI referred to items in two previous magazines about sheep aborting etc. **AI JI**
- f(ii) Police camera signs
Police camera sign is in place on Warrendene Road, the broken one on the village gate by the surgery will be replaced, & a new one placed at the top of Coombe Lane.
- f(iii) Community Speed Watch (CSW)
In 2014 2380 letters were sent out to speeding drivers by Thames Valley Police.
The 57 volunteers of the Community Speed Watch group are the most active in Bucks.
RH asked for volunteers for Speed Watch for an hour on 4th February but no one was available.
- f(iv) Mobile Vehicle Activated Speed Device (MVAS)
This should now be on a post outside Deeters.
- f(v) Hughenden Parish Council (HPC) has put in a bid to the Local Area Forum (LAF) for funding to change the speed limits on Cryers Hill Lane & Pipers Lane to 30 mph for the complete length of the roads. RH asked NAG if Coombe Lane could be added to the bid list because PC Lee Turnham agrees that the 40 mph should be reduced to 30, & would support us with the request. After some discussion the Committee agreed to ask James Perkins to take the request forward to HPC & the LAF.
- 13.g HVDIG**
~~Environment Agency~~ Contractors have been surveying & working on the drains for the past month. **AI**
Update to be circulated.
- 14 A.O.B**
- 14.a** JI reported that there are several vacant allotments. If there is not sufficient take-up then the allotment scheme is at risk.

- 14.b JI reported that 2 residents (J & C Arckless) will be leaving Fleet Close to emigrate to Australia.
- 14.c JI reported the sudden death of a resident in Burnham Road.
- 14.d JI reported that Hughenden Primary School had received letters of congratulation from 2 MPs, David Laws & David Liddington, relating to recent league table results, plus in the top 100 in the country.
- 14.e DH – received a flyer relating to the web page 'StreetLife', www.streetlife.com.
- 14.f JI raised the issue of Thames Valley Alerts about e-mail & similar electronic scams.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Next meeting Tuesday, 3rd March 2015 at 7:30pm

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....

**Hughenden Valley Residents Association
Treasurers Report
03/02/2015**

Deposit Account		
Statement 31st December 2014	£	2,058.79
Transfer to/from Current Account		
Total At	03/02/2015	£ 2,058.79
Current Account		
Statement 31st December 2014	£	2,181.47
Transfer to/from Deposit Account		
Total At	03/02/2015	£ 2,181.47
Cash & Cheques in hand		
Cash Held	£	21.33
Cheques Unbanked	£	-
Total At	03/02/2015	£ 21.33
Total Overall Funds		£ 4,261.59
Uncleared Cheques		
		£ -
Uncleared Payments in	£	141.00
		£ 141.00
Other current known unpaid liabilities		
Available Funds		£ 4,402.59

Notes & Highlights:

Advertising Revenue received for 2014 so far	£	3,465.00
Subs received so far for 2014-2015	£	1,655.00