

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on
5th May 2015, 7:30pm, Hughenden Valley Village Small Hall
UNCONFIRMED

The meeting started at 7:30pm.

Action

1 PRESENT

Angus Idle (Chair)	Janet Idle	John Dockett
Rosemary Hewitt	Christine Bowyer	Anna Burniston
James Perkins	Heather Dempsey	Andrea Hulley
David Sharp	Andrew Capey	

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Al Bowyer	Jerry Morley
Claire Atkinson	Edna Parker
<u>Daphne Hicks</u>	<u>Jo Holt</u>

Other Road Representatives

Karen Dynes	Sara Hamilton	David Mynors
Alison Gieler	Virginia Foster	Rachel Fountain
Geoff Wright	<u>Carole Palmer</u>	<u>John Miller</u>

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

3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 7th APRIL 2015

Item 4.2 Replace “HPC members on WDC very supportive” with “Members who sit as WDC representatives on the Chilterns Conservation Board were very supportive of the AONB Policy”

Item 4.4 Replace “Weighman” with “Wainman”

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

No progress on the Concrete gullies at bottom of Trees Road.
All other items to be dealt with under the relevant Agenda item.

5 TREASURER’S REPORT

AI tabled the report send to him by AB, which included notes on the key points, attached at the end of these minutes.

The audit of the annual report has raised no issues.

Query raised to see if bank statement can be obtained on-line. AB to be asked.

AB

6 EVENTS & DATES 2015

6.a HVRA AGM 7:30pm Tuesday 19th May.

Speaker: Chiltern Society to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Need committee volunteers to set-up, seats etc.

All

Formal notice has been posted at the shop, in the cabin, notice board by post box (where the cover is very crazed), on the HVRA web page. Also to be posted in the school (JI).

JI

- Access to the hall – AI to arrange key. AI
 Check the availability of AGM minutes from last year. (Note after meeting – documents provided to Chairs by the Secretary)
 Projector – AI to provide. AI
- 6.b Senior Citizens Entertainment in Large Hall** **Saturday 20th June.**
 AH asked about email notices rather than printed & provided an updated resident list for her road. This will be up to the Road Reps who have a choice of means of contact. AI
 A Help List was circulated to those present (and afterwards to all Road Reps via email) and a letter to each Road Rep explaining the help needed, and the Invitations to Senior Citizens, to be delivered to each road's elderly residents. Thanks to Carole Palmer who has already purchased the wine and is growing the geraniums for each table.
 AI Bowyer has again agreed to be the MC for the evening. AB
- 6.c Introductory Cricket Match** **Sunday 19th July.** SK
 Christine Powell expects the car parking to be full due to an event in the hall. The organisers may need to approach the surgery or arrange use of Matt Hopkin's field. JI has informed SK
- 6.d Village Hall Christmas Bazaar** **Saturday 28th November.**
 Decoration to be discussed later including liaison with the village hall. SH will need replacing.
- 7 INITIATIVES & UPDATES**
- 7.a MUGA**
 JI reported that the representative from Pentagon (supplier of the Multi-Use Games Area MUGA) will visit on 12th May at 0900hr in the cabin. Any committee member can attend. JP asked who is the lead – JI replied JI, AI, Simon Keary, John Dockett, RH and others – Neil Bellamy (HVFC), & Village Hall representative (Dylan Jones). JI emphasised the importance of networking.
- 7.b Cycle path progress**
 JI reported that Jim Foy (General Manager of Hughenden Manor NT) wants to meet AI, JI, and SK together (not separately).
 AC reported that Jim Foy been seconded off-site for some weeks so this may delay discussions.
- 8 PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 8.a BuildBase roofs.**
 JI and AI attended WDC Planning Meeting on Wednesday 29 April when the deferral of the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment was discussed. The Report was critical because the “Goose-wing Grey” roof is very highly reflective and shines very brightly white even when viewed from above at a distance. It does not enhance or blend in with the surrounding countryside. It is therefore contrary to AONB Policy L1, and accordingly Planning Committee Members voted unanimously to refuse the Retrospective Planning application. The applicants have 3 months to put the matter right or face enforcement.
- 8.b Uplands.**
 Nothing to report.
- 8.c Magnolia Park.**
 It has been noticed that the Bowling Green grass has recently been cut and looks good

from a distance

8.d Bryants Bottom Items

Stables at Bryants Bottom – WDC Planning file on this still states Decision Pending. Mike Chadwick of the Chiltern Society recommended the following:

HD RH

- a) we would ask that the building is roofed with tile, or another material more appropriate for this AONB site than corrugated iron;
- b) a condition of any permission must be that no external storage of materials is allowed, and thus the wood and stones etc. currently lying around are removed;
- c) the adequacy of the access in terms of safety is very closely scrutinised;
- d) there will be an especial need for the site to be closely monitored subsequent to any Permission to ensure that the land and stables are being used for the permitted purposes.

8.e Care of local woodlands.

RH concerned over the appearance of some local woodlands where fallen trees have not been cleared, e.g. from pathways. Fly tipping was seen on the track to Moggy Motel at the top of Cryers Hill.

9 COMMUNICATIONS

9.a Hughenden News

No magazine news.

JD observed that our target population estimate of about 2000 (adults & children) was in line with data provided by AC, which was based on local postcodes & the 2011 census.

AC to circulate the list of roads to confirm these data.

AC

JD suggested codes on the membership status of houses on each road: yellow – member but not paid, green paid, red no interest, white – no information.

JD to review and draft a list, which could be cross-referenced with HPC and AB.

JD

9.b Website

There was discussion as to whether it could be made more friendly, or whether use of Facebook would be easier. HPC uses it (www.facebook.com/hughendenpc?fref=ts). HD will discuss with her husband. Sample issue – we don't know how many hits we are getting on the present site.

HD

9.c Correspondence

Received:

Notice of Hughenden Parish Meeting on 14th May.

AC received an enquiry about date of next summer fete.

ALL

Police warning about various scams & incidents around us (particularly Naphill and Widmer End).

10 ROAD REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

JD suggested placing the job description of road representatives in the magazine, which was agreed. It was decided that it would be useful at the AGM to have copies of CB/AB's 'HVRA Introduction for New Residents'.

CB, AB

CB reported Lorries parking and some sort of engine running at 2pm and 4pm in the early morning, reported by a neighbour of Oakleaf Farm. This should have been raised with Michael Bryant (owner) in the first place. Further specific information is required, i.e. dates & times, AB to obtain & send on behalf of HVRA to HPC.

AB

AH reported 2 long-term static cars on the verge of Warrendene Rd, presumably land

AH, RH

owned by Bucks CC. AH to provide the number plate to PC Turnham via RH.

JP reported a sewer overflow in Bryants Bottom.

11 OTHER REPORTS

11.a Road safety.

Coombe Lane 30mph speed limit. Nothing further to report.

11.b Parish Council.

Elections. Four Councillors for will be needed for Hughenden Valley Ward. There are only two so far. Simon Kearey is standing for WDC.

JP reported that a Full Council Meeting will be on 12th May and the Annual Parish Meeting on 14th May at Widmer End School. <http://www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk/council-meetings/>

Allotments and the AfLP: new trustees have been appointed – Stan Jones & Trevor Dean as chair. Leases are under discussion with the HPC.

The committee noted that the HPC survey was well received, especially that the content was very clearly presented. The HPC members will now take it further.

11.c Village Hall.

CB reminded all of the Bingo night on 15th May.

Sports - The Hall committee are checking what changes can be done on the King George V field.

11.d Community shop

No report.

JD asked what take up of coupons?

JT

11.e Neighbourhood Action Group

RH reported that Speedwatch is paying off, with a marked drop in number of letters sent out by Thames Valley Police for the first 4 months of 2015.

	January	February	March	April
2014	221	172	261	203
2015	122	127	227	117

Difference (down) -99 -45 -34 -86 (provisional)

JP observed that this may be an effect of sampling if the surveys were not at the same time of day. The time 'envelope' is set by the local PC, Lee Turnham, to achieve targets

As ever we need more volunteers.

ALL

However there have been incidents in Naphill - 1 theft from a vehicle, 1 theft from outside a property and 1 assault.

11.f HVDIG

AI reported – a meeting was held on 27th April, which was in effect their first AGM. The Chair's report noted that Thames Water was being very cooperative. They have a 5 year programme of monitoring of water flows in our catchment area so that we can anticipate unusual flows in the valley. They also now have means to clean foul water before feeding

it into the streams, which was not previously possible. A contingency plan is being developed for periods of excessive rainfall to deal with all emergencies.

Some sewers have been lined. JP asked if there was any guarantee of no ingress.

AI

Note: The Drainage Improvement Group has become very interested in Chalk Steams like the Hitchen and the Wye, of which there are very few in the world, but several in the UK. There's a suggested link up with other areas where there are Chalk Streams, envisaging a sort of confederation. HVDIG plan to share the information from last year's events in the form of presentations.

AI suggested and David White thought it might be possible for a HVDIG member to become a Road rep for the Spring Rising part of Valley Road, where we do not have one at present.

12 A.O.B

Nominations at the HVRA AGM – Chairs, Treasurer, Deputy Chair, and Secretary are all happy to continue in post unless other nominations are received.

Agreed that AC will circulate separately from the minutes, any dates or useful points of information which are identified at meetings but which would be redundant by the time that the minutes are circulated.

AC

Lollipop crossing needs more staff as Anna is moving on.

Village Hall Committee – after their meeting on 1st June they will inspect the borders of the land owned by the village. All welcome.

David Minors (Trees Avenue Road Representative) is to be married to Frances on Friday 29th May. HVRA offers its congratulations and it was suggested to send a congratulations card.

JI

The seat on the verge by the roundabout at the junction of Valley Road & Coombe Lane is usually maintained by HVRA. Research to find a repairer.

All

The meeting closed at 2130hr.

Date of Next Meeting: Next meeting Tuesday, 2nd June 2015 at 1930hr

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....

**Hughenden Valley Residents Association
Treasurers Report
05/05/2015**

NOTE BANK STATEMENT TO END OF APRIL AWAITED

Deposit Account			
Statement 31st March 2015		£	2,059.14
Transfer to/from Current Account			
Total At	05/05/2015	£	2,059.14
Current Account			
Statement 31st March 2015		£	3,825.47
Transfer to/from Deposit Account			
Total At	05/05/2015	£	3,825.47
Cash & Cheques in hand			
Cash Held		£	151.34
Cheques Unbanked		£	100.00
Total At	05/05/2015	£	251.34
Total Overall Funds			£ 6,135.95
Uncleared Cheques			
Turville Printing - Spring Edition	100303	£	1,842.00
AON Ltd Insurances	100304	£	301.06
			-£ 2,143.06
Uncleared Payments in			
			£ 635.00
Other current known unpaid liabilities			
Available Funds			£ 4,627.89

Notes & Highlights:

Advertising Revenue received for 2014 so far	£	3,465.00
Advertising Revenue received for 2015 so far	£	2,038.00
Subs received so far for 2014-2015	£	1,990.00