

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 20th May 2014 at Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

The meeting started at 7.30pm

- 1 **PRESENT:**
Tony Konieczny (Chairman), Angus Idle (Vice Chairman), Al Bowyer (Treasurer), James Perkins (Secretary)
Total number of additional attendees 33.
- 2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**
Clare Atkinson, Jerry Morley, Anna Burniston, Rosemary Hewitt
- 3 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**
The minutes of the 2013 AGM were circulated. Approval was proposed by Angus Idle and seconded by James Perkins and passed unanimously.
- 4 **MATTERS ARISING:**
None
- 5 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
The chairman, Tony Konieczny, read his report in which he thanked those in particular who have devoted a significant amount of their time to the work of the HVRA. He also announced that he would be retiring from community service after seven years and standing down as chairman of HVRA. A full copy of his report is attached to the minutes.
- 6 **TREASURER'S REPORT:**
Al Bowyer indicated that the subscriptions this year had been significantly improved from last year and our total income from all activities increased from £7,231 to £8,164. Our expenditure reduced considerably this year from £8,609 to £6,444 as the special events of 2012/13 such as the junior citizens event, village day, Xmas tree lights and lollipop contribution were not repeated this year. Overall this year our income exceeded expenditure by £1,719 compared to a reduction last year of £1,378 resulting in a balance sheet surplus of £6,050 held in two bank accounts.
John Dockett suggested that we should be able to achieve a higher interest rate if we changed bank accounts. AB agreed to investigate. Heather Dempsey suggested that there would be benefits if HVRA become a charity. She would send details to AB.
- 7 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
Officers for 2014/2015 were unanimously approved as follows:
- | Office | Nominee | Proposer | Seconder |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Chairman | Angus/Janet Idle | Rosemary Hewitt | Carole Palmer |
| Vice Chairman | No nomination | | |
| Treasurer | Al Bowyer | James Perkins | Rosemary Hewitt |
| Secretary | No nomination | | |
- 10 **GUEST SPEAKER**
Carol Jones from the "Medical Detection Dogs" charity gave a fascinating talk about the remarkable ability of dogs to sniff out diseases such as cancer and diabetes. Those interested in finding out more about the charity should contact them at:
3 Millfield, Greenway Business Park
Winslow Road, Great Horwood
Milton Keynes MK17 0NP
Tel: 01296 655888
www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk

The meeting was brought to a close at 9.15pm and followed by cheese and wine.

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....

HVRA Chairman's Report May 2014

Good Evening All,

It was a year ago that I stepped into the role of Chairman of this respected association. This was shortly after I had resigned from Hughenden Parish Council, where I had been Chairman for a couple of years. With hindsight, perhaps I should have retired then, but it would have denied me an interesting year. As Dave Carroll has just given the latest news on this topic, I will not dwell on the details, save to say that, without this Association, and especially Roger Hewitt, the affected residents and businesses would have been left to their own devices. It was through Roger that we got the pumps. It was through residents and this association that we got the attention at district, county and parliamentary levels. It will be through Roger Hewitt and this association that we obtain a satisfactory solution for the long term.

What else did we achieve this year?

The Magazine, Hughenden News. This is probably the most conspicuous part of the association, reaching a very high proportion of residents, who pay annually to support this organisation. These magazines are delivered three times a year by our wonderful road reps. Of more note is the fact that Janet and Angus have been producing this magazine since what seems like the Devonian Era, but which is actually some 25 issues. I would like to give them hearty thanks for all the tremendous work they have done producing all of those high quality magazines. And let us not forget that they came highly placed in a national review of magazines, which is some achievement for a small village.

We are fortunate in that we have some volunteers who will run with the baton so that Angus and Janet can retire after the next edition, which will report on Village Day.

For news of Village Day preparations, please see our website, for which we thank Derek Armshaw.

Village Day is a big event that happens every other year, and this is one of those years. This year, the lead has fallen to Al Bowyer, who has organised a large team of volunteers to take on this mammoth task so that we can all mingle and have fun on the day. This is a whole village event and our association will be providing a Bucks Fizz and soft drink stall to continue the tradition.

Al achieved another Potter Cup Quiz, which this association runs to provide a good night out, but as important, to raise money to provide our Senior Citizens with a party. This year's party was held on May 18th 2013, when 80 residents were treated to a buffet supper and the delightful singing of Alka Stevenson. This party is organised by Rosemary Hewitt, who has been doing this for what I hear is 25 years. She deserves massive thanks for this.

She also deserves our thanks for organising Speed Watch events. If you want to get your own back on motorists who speed through our villages, then volunteer. This is an initiative organised by the NAG, but would not happen without the support of our members.

Rosemary is our main voice concerning Planning and, with Janet, has been objecting to the proposed demolition of the delightful Uplands so that the owners can get a cash injection at the expense of our environment. We await to see what happens, but Rosemary's research was outstanding. In the meantime, Rosemary attends the Planning Forums and Quality Counts tours organised by WDC.

She also did the research to let the parish council know which roads had not received their questionnaire - something for which the parish council was grateful, but could perhaps have done for themselves.

Our residents bring issues to the attention of the Executive, which then attempts to resolve them, usually by involving the District and County councils. As a result of her frequent conversations, Rosemary has a good rapport with Transport for Bucks. As well as the inevitable reporting of potholes, we have raised other issues such as litter.

Although we have not organised a litter pick this year, several of our members are known to have taken independent action and gone retrieving the material that passers-by throw from their car windows. Thanks to those of you who have performed this unsung task.

Although not an achievement, we do hold monthly meetings to discuss matters of concern. I will make a suggestion, which is for members to ask themselves whether a monthly meeting is necessary. There is some evidence to say that monthly meetings deter people from wanting to become road reps. These meetings have to be minuted, which may make the task of finding a new Secretary more difficult.

It is on this note that we have to thank James Perkins for performing this role for several years and who is now stepping down. Not only does he record proceedings, but he also manages all the paperwork that bedevils all associations.

I am also standing down as Chairman. I stepped into the breach last year when the post looked as though it would remain vacant, but, although I have enjoyed being part of this association, I feel that it is time I retired. I have spent seven years working for this community. Four of those years were particularly unpleasant as a result of challenging the dishonest Lynne Turner, former Clerk of Hughenden Parish Council, and those malevolent people who supported her. It brought me into contact with the worst people I have ever encountered, but, as a balance, my community work has also brought me into contact with some of the nicest people I have ever met. It is now time for others to step up to the plate and lead this respected association into a bright future.

I would just like to say that I hope to stay for the rest of the evening, but you need to be aware that I am only here tonight thanks to pain killers for a strained muscle in my back. Should these let me down, then I might need to quietly make an exit. If that happens, I trust you will understand.

Tony Konieczny

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

ACCOUNTS

As at 5th April 2014

Balance Sheet

Balance brought forward

£ 4,331.06

Bank at 5th April, 2014

ADJUSTED Previous Year

£ 4,331.06

INCOME 2013/2014

Income 2012/2013

£ 8,163.00

Interest Received 2013/2014

£ 1.46 £ 8,164.46

Balance on current account

£ 3,950.48

Balance on deposit account

£ 2,057.71

EXPENDITURE 2013/2014

Outgoings 2013/2014

£ 5,685.15

Cash Payments 2013/2014

£ 759.53 £ 6,444.68

Cash & Cheques in Hand

£ 42.65

Surplus/ Deficit for year ending 5th April 2014

£ 1,719.78

£ 6,050.84

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ACCOUNTS

As at 5th April 2014

Income	2013/2014		2012/2013	
Subscriptions - Previous Year	£	225.00	£	23.00
Subscriptions - Current Year	£	2,570.00	£	1,808.00
Newsletter Adverts - Current Year	£	3,286.00	£	3,213.00
Newsletter Adverts - Following Year	£	508.00	£	560.00
Parish council grant for newsletter	£	400.00	£	385.00
Parish council donation for speed signs	£	-	£	-
Potter Cup	£	1,024.00	£	1,101.40
Village Day	£	-	£	118.95
Donations	£	150.00	£	-
Senior Citizens Function	£	-	£	20.00
Interest on deposit account	£	1.46	£	2.14
Total income	£	8,164.46	£	7,231.49
Expenditure				
AGM expenses	£	76.16	£	97.85
Insurance	£	-	£	597.26
Newsletter production/distribution costs	£	4,642.00	£	4,863.76
Sundry Expenses	£	22.55	£	82.05
Hire of Hall - HVRA Meetings	£	190.00	£	182.00
Hire of Hall - Good Companions	£	190.00	£	182.00
Administration costs	£	25.00	£	120.00
Chiltern Society membership	£	25.00	£	35.00
High Wycombe Society	£	25.00	£	-
Senior Citizens events	£	487.85	£	602.97
Junior Citizens events	£	-	£	465.00
Village Shop	£	-	£	-
Dog bin empty	£	-	£	50.43
Potter Cup Quiz Costs	£	502.81	£	547.51
Village Day	£	-	£	172.73
Flowers and Donations	£	-	£	25.00
Christmas Tombola	£	26.25	£	47.77
Leaflet Printing	£	38.00	£	-
Village Signboard	£	-	£	-
HS2 Actions	£	-	£	-
Web-Site Costs	£	93.14	£	107.79
Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights	£	-	£	209.20
Hughenden Valley Lollipop Group	£	-	£	200.00
30 mph Speed Signs	£	-	£	-
Salt Supplies to Residents	£	100.92	£	21.60
Total Expenditure	£	6,444.68	£	8,609.92
Excess of income over expenditure	£	1,719.78	-£	1,378.43