

**The Hughenden Valley Residents Association (HVRAJ)**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2015**

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**Venue:** Hughenden Valley Village Hall

**Time:** 19:30 hours

**Present:** Joint Chairpersons — Angus & Janet Idle  
 Vice — Chairperson — Jerry  
 Morley Treasurer — Al Bowyer  
 Plus a total of 27 other members of the HVRA

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1.0	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies for absence:</b></p> <p>1.1 All present were welcomed to the meeting and were encouraged to take part fully in the discussions</p> <p>1.2 Apologies were received in advance from a number of members including Anna Burniston; James Perkins; John Miller; Clare Atkinson; Andrew Capey; Geoff Wright.</p> <p>Note: In the absence of the Secretary Christine &amp; Al Bowyer agreed to take notes of the meeting</p>	
2.0	<p><b>Minutes of previous AGM held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014</b></p> <p>2.1 The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as a true record of that meeting.</p>	
3.0	<p><b>Matters arising:</b></p> <p>3.1 There were no matters arising from the previous AGM which would not come up for discussion in the meeting.</p>	
4.0	<p><b>Co-Chairmen's report:</b></p> <p>4.1 The co-chairmen Angus and Janet Idle gave a full report of the many items that the HVRA had been involved with and continued to be involved with during the last year.</p> <p>4.2 They also gave their personal thanks and the thanks on behalf of all members of the HVRA to the road representatives, secretary, treasurer and vice-chairman, for their work in the year.</p> <p>4.3 A full copy of the report is available and attached to these notes.</p> <p>4.4 Thanks were given from the floor to Angus and Janet Idle for their hard work in the year and their very comprehensive report.</p>	
5.0	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b></p> <p>5.1 The treasurer Al Bowyer handed out a copy of the audited accounts to the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 and gave a presentation on the details of the accounts. He also showed the co-chairmen the original signed copy of the audited accounts. A copy of these accounts is available and attached to these notes.</p>	

	<p>5.2</p> <p>5.3</p> <p>5.4</p>	<p>Overall the accounts indicated funds available of £4,334.95, which was £1,715.89 less than the equivalent figure for last year. The treasurer explained this shortfall was purely related to timing of 2 major payments, namely the latest bill paid to Turville Printing Services and the non-payment of the annual insurance invoice.</p> <p>The treasurer thanked Nigel Launchbury for his previous support in auditing the HVRA accounts. However Nigel had now moved on and Bob Hawkins stepped in at short notice this year to audit the accounts. The treasurer also thanked Bob Hawkins for carrying out the audit.</p> <p>There were no major issues arising from the audit but there were two recommendations namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the treasurer be given sole authority to sign cheques up to a small amount of say £200 so as to alleviate unnecessary delays in some payments. It was agreed that this would be discussed at a future HVRA committee meeting.</li> <li>• That the insurance policy and payment should be reviewed both in terms of its need and cost. It was agreed that the secretary would review this.</li> </ul>	<p>AB</p> <p>AC</p>
6.0	6.1	<p><b>Election of Officers for 2015 to 2016:</b></p> <p>As there were no further nominations for the various officer positions and all the current incumbents were all prepared to stand for re-election the officers elected for 2015 to 2016 were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-chairmen — Angus &amp; Janet Idle</li> <li>• Vice-chairman — Jerry Morley</li> <li>• Secretary — Andrew Capey</li> <li>• Treasurer — Al Bowyer</li> </ul>	
7.0	7.1	<p><b>Open Forum Question and Answer:</b></p>	
8.0	8.1	<p><b>Closure of Formal Meeting:</b></p> <p>The co-chairmen closed the meeting at 20.10 hours.</p>	
9.0	<p>9.1</p> <p>9.2</p>	<p><b>Guest Speakers:</b></p> <p>The HVRA were very pleased and honoured to introduce two newly appointed senior members of the management team of the Chiltern Society, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victoria Blane — Head of Marketing &amp; Management</li> <li>• Gavin Johnson — Head of Conservation &amp; Development</li> </ul> <p>Victoria and Gavin gave an excellent presentation about the Chiltern Society and their current roles and responsibilities together with an overview of the 50 years that the Chiltern Society has now been in existence.</p>	

# Hughenden Valley Residents Association

## Co-Chairmans' Report 2014-2015

Welcome everybody. It's lovely to see you here. Thank you everyone for coming.

As you are aware the Residents Association's remit is to try to satisfy all the needs of an AONB village in the Chilterns and keep up our Green Belt village status, which is a rare one. In the past, some of the land surrounding us is land-banked and because the Government decrees more land has to be given over to housing. Wycombe District Council has had a formidable task to conform to these Government directives and we can help by being observant.

We are so fortunate that we have our surroundings well farmed and under control.

We have been in Office for just one year, but that actually means only ten Committee Meetings, not twelve and we have found much to fit in, as have the HVRA Committee members, who are very loyal and village orientated people. Whether they are able to attend meetings regularly or not, they and the other Road Reps work hard to support everyone. We say a big Thank You.

It took six months before we found a Secretary. In those six months we and Rosemary Hewitt in particular kept the business of the HVRA going. Rosemary was indispensable. More people should learn shorthand! Thank you Rosemary for your input

I don't think any of us left our computers during that time as several things raised their heads.

We are fortunate since the New Year to have the services of Andrew Capey as secretary. It has made a great difference now that his learning curve of the ins and outs of Hughenden Valley is complete. He is very keen and able and we are fortunate to have his experience.

Jerry Morley was pressed ganged into being our Vice Chairman, but actually he is now enjoying the role. Although he often has night time duties and cannot always attend meetings, he is an active and aware committee member who was amongst those first on the scene to help elderly folk with their raw sewerage problems. So with our first term as Co-Chairman we are all new to our particular roles however long our connections with HVRA.

We were still editing and producing the Hughenden News until August last year.

Fortunately, John Dockett and his team, Gill Graham and Jenna Kirkpatrick took over and have been successful. They also had a learning curve, so we've all been in new territory.

Al Bowyer is an old hand at being treasurer. Thank you all for your help and team work.

Now for our new initiatives!

We were not expecting to be the new Co-Chairman, but several village issues were top of the agenda as initiatives -

### **Initiative 1.**

A meeting place was needed, apart from the fully booked Village Halls. After the Shop's popular outdoor seating and eating area we wanted to find somewhere to meet during inclement weather and all year round. Unknown to us the shop folk, particularly Louise Jones and her mother Jill Thompson were thinking along similar lines. So Louise and Jill, Janet and Rosemary from HVRA, got together and the rest is history. We have the Cabin, thanks to the generosity of Hughenden Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee, the HVRA, Councillor David Carroll and the Shop. It is fulfilling its promise. Working together works well. The Parish Council got used to our visits as they duly quizzed the finance plans and planning consents before a donation of £2,500

### **Initiative 2**

Sports. We met with Magnolia Park's Mr John Walters hoping that we could arrange to get Tennis and Bowling there. John bought a Sports Ground, and he has to make a successful business from it and so far we cannot supply enough people for him to support Bowls there. We found 50 to play, but he needed 100 to cover his costs). The same applied to Tennis there.

John Walters does however know that we are passionate about getting more sports facilities for the young and anyone who loves to play tennis or other sports.

So we decided to forge ahead with getting sports facilities in the village instead. In our sports questionnaire the elderly showed they wanted younger people and children to get the facilities they never had here - tennis, netball, and basketball in the village. So we are arranging to get a MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) at the far end of the football pitch on the King George V field, subject to planning permission and fund raising (hopefully it will not be as difficult as you might think). The HVRA is spear heading the way and the Village Hall, the Football Club, together with Councillor Simon Kearey John Dockett and Rosemary Hewitt are all regular attendees at Sports Meeting sessions.

If anyone else has a wish to be involved please join us. There is room for two tennis / netball/Basketball courts and some football. Wow.

### Initiative 3

A Cycle Path. This is planned to link Hughenden Valley to High Wycombe for Cyclists.

Some outline plans are developing which will take the Path from the Village Hall, through the Hughenden Manor land to meet up with Wycombe District Council's plan for a Green Road from the town centre to Coates Lane side of Hughenden Park.

The National Trust **has not said NO to the idea**. Wycombe District Council has said **Go for it!** John Walters would love to see it go through Magnolia Park! For further talks we await the return of Jim Foy of the National Trust who is away on secondment helping with the aftermath of the terrible Clandon House Fire. The Cycle Path will provide a chance for hedge laying, be off road and have a speed limit.

As well as HVRA other people will obviously be involved.

Janet joined Rosemary on the HVRA Planning Committee as the replacement to some extent for Dory Morgan. Dory stayed on Wycombe District Council, but her expert advice was still available to us. Dory is sorely missed on the committee, as her input has been, apart from planning, and quite wide ranging. Dory has fallen in love with the sea and is having a well-deserved time to herself and her family. She merits special mention.

Another stalwart who has fallen in love with the sea and may move permanently is Sara Hamilton. We still hope she will stay but if not we will need another Road Rep in Bryants Bottom and someone to organise the Christmas Bazaar tombola on our behalf, and help with other HVRA events Like "Bucks Fizz".

Now is the time to offer our congratulations.

David Mynors on his engagement and marriage this month to Frances.

Helen Lodge who married in France and is now Mrs Keats. As she has stopped being a Road Rep we now need a new one for the Surgery end of Valley Road.

Meanwhile other plans or problems:

1. **Watching Uplands.** Its Grade 11 listing in May was gained by the efforts of Janet, Marian Miller and Rosemary. Marian Miller gave us an all-encompassing talk on the subject.

Uplands has not been sold to developers (**yet**). It still has floodlighting and resident wardens. Who will make use of it? There have been lots of ideas, such as a nursing home, a Star and Garter centre, or back to its original use as a hotel and conference centre?

2. **Magnolia Park** is going through a transition from sports ground to the social club side catering for huge wedding receptions and sports events for schools and clubs from time to time. There is now a Gym there, but parking is a problem. We had discussions with them.

### 3. Buildbase

Unfortunately, after all their helpfulness and popularity in the Village they made a dreadful mistake in re-roofing their premises with such a highly reflective new roof without first getting planning permission for the change of roof line.

Their retrospective application for permission was refused because the roof does not fit in the AONB P1 scheme and will have to be replaced.

No one wants to argue with a local firm but sometimes it falls to the Residents Association to protect the AONB status and preserve people's love of the environmental landscape. Wycombe District Planners agreed unanimously

**Bryants Bottom Village Green.** The residents put their case and now possess a registered village green.

Some stables in Bryants Bottom are being inspected, because there have been complaints on a regular basis. HVRA has discussed this and is kept informed.

On Coombe Lane Trees fell on footpaths and the road, and on Cryers Hill verges were blocked. In most cases several volunteers helped to clear them, with Police permission with due regard for safety but it was necessary to avoid accidents or cars being damaged. Phone lines to Transport for Buckinghamshire must have been clogged-up this year as Angus, Rosemary, Jerry and more have had to ring or write so often about road surfaces

#### **Hughenden Valley Drainage Improvement Group (HVDIG)**

This was formed by those residents who suffered last year from flooding and sewage polluted storm water. This has been a decades-long problem. Roger Hewitt helped.

They mustered all the National water and drainage utilities together and have got a long way to avoiding repetitions of flooding. They are progressing well and are aware that we will always back them. David White is their Chairman and James and Angus attended meetings on the residents' behalf. Angus also represent us on the Village Hall Committee meetings together with Al Bowyer.

HVRA contributes to many things in the Village: Senior Citizens events are paid for by the Potter Quiz. Organising the quiz and providing a buffet supper, very popular with everyone, is done by the HVRA. There are so many of you people to thank, as always it is successful with good teamwork led by a well-organised leader. Thank you all, particularly Al and Christine and Rosemary. The last Quiz was on Congratulations and Commemorations. The next Senior Citizens entertainment will be on Saturday June 20. Invitations have already been delivered and the Lamphouse Singers will be entertaining again.

**Hughenden News:** It has been a good link for, and to all the Village Social Groups

Always networking together. Team working pays dividends here as well

And it nice to have a stronger link with the National Trust at Hughenden Manor giving us a cover scoop. The Hughenden News serves the whole of the three village areas but it is paid for by the Residents Association and therefore carries their items as well as updates, reports and calendars from all our lively societies and Hugh 'n' Den who can moan or pass comment anonymously. They précis lots of otherwise really long reports too. Thank you John and his team. Keep up the variety

**Village Day:** It had an Extraordinary organisation and very popular.

HVRA input involves: Bucks Fizz and other drinks.

Children's Photographic competition,

Helping with John Veysey's 50 year Village Hall Exhibition.

AL Bowyer, Daphne Hicks and most of the village teams did so well for us, so we could all have a lovely day. Again thanks

Dear old Hugh 'n' Den They still report important bits and pieces in the Hughenden News.

Any help with Road Reps duties gratefully received e.g. to cover holidays, illnesses etc.

Carole Palmer is always the first to offer extra help and is always ready to help. Thank you Carole.

Allotments for the Labouring Poor (of Hughenden Parish)

AfLP: This took a long time and a lot of effort to research. It was interesting and challenging. We are grateful to David Sharp & Rosemary Hewitt for putting their heads together with us, and James Perkins who advised the Committee to do something about the Charity Commission.

AI & JI took on challenge to try to understand the Charity Commission and AfLP demands even though it was more relevant to the other parish wards. We have since found out more but for now everything is in obedience and hopefully the Parish Council will not have to pay out huge sums.

Our allotments are not directly affected but an allotment Rep. Paul Cawtewill go to what is a separate issue to do with allotments on Hughenden Valley's behalf at the end of May, just their upkeep.

We support strategies from NAG. Several Committee members are involved in the speed checks, which take place locally with Rosemary, James, David Mynors and PC Turnham. The latest lower speed results will be in the next Hughenden News. They give a lot of their spare time for which we should all be grateful as it helps to keep the roads safer.

Some of us want to get 30mph speed limit on Coombe Lane down from 40mph and improve the exit from the Burnham Road and Wedgwood Drive junction.

There will be a Petition delivered to you about parking and traffic movement at the top of Cryers Hill, which is worsening. The petition is being put forward by a several groups of people and your Road Reps have the details.

Between the Parish Council, NAG, HVRA, farmers, conservationist et al we hear masses about dog fouling but they are trying to put more suitable well placed bins around the villages with apt notices.

On that note we say thank you for your attention. We have time for just a few questions and then we will sit back and enjoy our visitors' illustrated talks.

*Janet and Angus Idle Co-Chairs 2015*

# Hughenden Valley Residents Association

## ACCOUNTS

As at 5th April 2015

Income	2014/2015	2013/2014
Subscriptions - Previous Year		£ 225.00
Subscriptions - Current Year	£ 1,990.00	£ 2,570.00
Newsletter Adverts - Current Year	£ 2,863.00	£ 3,286.00
Newsletter Adverts - Following Year	£ 1,538.00	£ 508.00
Parish council grant for newsletter	£ 520.00	£ 400.00
Potter Cup	£ 1,020.00	£ 1,024.00
Donations	£ 4.00	£ 150.00
Interest on deposit account	£ 1.43	£ 1.46
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£ 7,936.43</b>	<b>£ 8,164.46</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
AGM expenses	£ 81.36	£ 76.16
Insurance	£ 299.06	£ -
Newsletter production/distribution costs	£ 6,896.60	£ 4,642.00
Sundry Expenses	£ 60.88	£ 22.55
Hire of Hall - HVRA Meetings	£ 190.00	£ 190.00
Hire of Hall - Good Companions	£ 190.00	£ 190.00
Administration costs	£ -	£ 25.00
Chiltern Society membership	£ 35.00	£ 25.00
High Wycombe Society	£ -	£ 25.00
Senior Citizens events	£ 562.95	£ 487.85
Potter Cup Quiz Costs	£ 530.20	£ 502.81
Village Day	£ 38.50	£ -
Flowers and Donations	£ 27.00	£ -
Christmas Tombola	£ 35.78	£ 26.25
Leaflet Printing	£ -	£ 38.00
Web-Site Costs	£ -	£ 93.14
Community Shop - Coffee House	£ 500.00	
Hughenden Valley Lollipop Group	£ 200.00	£ -
Salt Supplies to Residents	£ 4.99	£ 100.92
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£ 9,652.32</b>	<b>£ 6,444.68</b>
<b>Excess of income over expenditure</b>	<b>-£ 1,715.89</b>	<b>£ 1,719.78</b>

I have examined all bank statements, receipts and other supporting papers and have found these accounts to be correct.

Original Signed by:  
R Hawkins FCMA; GCMA

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**ACCOUNTS**

**As at 5th April 2015**

**Balance Sheet**

Balance brought forward

£ 6,050.84

**Bank at 5th April, 2015**

**ADJUSTED Previous Year**

£ 6,050.84

**INCOME 2014/2015**

Income 2014/2015

£ 7,935.00

Interest Received 2014/2015

£ 1.43    £ 7,936.43

Balance on current account

£ 1,983.47

Balance on deposit account

£ 2,059.14

**EXPENDITURE 2014/2015**

Outgoings 2014/2015

£ 8,888.01

Cash Payments 2014/2015

£ 764.31    £ 9,652.32

Cash & Cheques in Hand

£ 292.34

Surplus/ Deficit for year ending 5th April 2015

-£ 1,715.89

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