

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2012 at Hughenden Village Hall

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The meeting commenced at 7.34pm.

1. **Present:**
Lin Smith, Angus Idle, Dory Morgan, Derek Armshaw, David Sharp, Rosemary Hewitt, Daphne Hicks, Sara Hamilton, Al Bowyer, Andrea Hulley, Geoff Wright
2. **Apologies for Absence:**
James Perkins, Anna Burniston, Janet Idle, Heather Dempsey, Christine Bowyer
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the last Meeting:**
These were adopted as a correct and true record of the December 2011 meeting and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters Arising from Minutes:**
Zebra crossing to be discussed at next meeting. Chairman to request pickers, hi-viz jackets and sacks from WDC for litter picking session on Sat. 31 March 10.30am – 12.30pm, and meet at The Harrow. Helen Lodge is the new road rep. for part of Valley Rd between roundabouts. HVRA funds the Senior Citizen events and also wishes to support the younger generations, so to investigate hiring a climbing wall from Bucks CC as insurance, instruction etc. fully covered: Hard-standing may be required and there may be age restrictions. To book if less than £250, between 20 May and end of June (excluding Jubilee weekend). LS
A5 flyer for this wall and the senior citizen event to be distributed with the next magazine. AB
5. **Treasurer's Report:**
£4773 is available and to aim to maintain this level. Advertising revenue received so far is £3750. £300 has been donated to the anti-HS2 campaign fund. Membership for senior citizens (60 and over) is now a minimum of £3pa.
6. **Events:**
6a **Village Day and Barn Dance**
To be held on 14 July and the theme is The Olympics. HVRA to do the Bucks Fizz Stall but to discuss further when village hall committee has been updated by organiser.
6b **HVRA AGM**
To be held in the small hall at 7.30pm on 22 May. To ask Steve Cohen, editor of the Bucks Free Press, if he could give a presentation. JI
6c **Potter Quiz**
To be held on 13 October. Same team as before to organise this year's quiz and Secretary to be asked to act as Master of Ceremonies AB
6d **Senior Citizens' Event**
To be held on 19 May. Master of Ceremonies role is filled. Senior Citizens' evenings were discussed, perhaps alternating with Village Hall or away events in future.. AB
7. **Communications:**
7a **Hughenden News**
Deadline for next issue is 12 March.

- 7b **HVRA Website**
Working well. Website is able to host websites for other village groups. Those interested in finding out more should email webmaster@hughendenresidents.org.
- 7c **Correspondance**
Letter received from resident in Whitfield Rd complaining about state of Coombe Lane Road surface (see 8g Road Safety).
8. **Reports:**
- 8a **Road Representatives**
Bryants Bottom – Residents will celebrate the Jubilee on 4 June*. The Gate is under new ownership and keen to take part in these activities. The roadside hedge below The Gate still needs trimming. Bucks Highways to be reminded they are responsible for pursuing this with the landowner. DM
- Fleet Close- representations made to road rep. by residents regarding continuance of dangerous parking by visitors to Hughenden school. Emergency vehicles will get through even if they have to damage vehicles and insurance would not cover such damage. The neighbourhood PC, Lee Turnham is preparing warning leaflets for vehicles and progress will be checked at next NAG meeting on 23 Feb. LS
- *To remind members in next magazine that street parties require WDC permission. AI
- 8b **Parish Council**
Bucks CC is focussing on resurfacing roads and a new zebra crossing would be costly, so the Parish Council will not pursue the crossing at present.
- The Parish Council sent a statement to Bucks Free Press and local MPs following meeting on 10 Jan 2012 regarding their opposition to HS2.
- 8c **HS2**
Gerry Marshall stepped down from the fighting campaign AGHAST on 6 Feb. but will remain available to comment. He is replaced by Deanne Dukhan as new Campaign Director. Residents wishing to donate to the fund can find details in the Bucks Free Press and this information will be included in the next HVRA magazine. AI
- 8d **Village Hall Committee**
Front entrance to soon have a swipe access system. In the interim, entry will be dual controlled. The Conservation Group need more members. Vice Chairman to ask Village Hall committee if a summer guided walk of the conservation area is possible. Posts to prevent parking on the grass verges were discussed. This would need Bucks CC approval and requests must be submitted via the Parish Council. Possible future plans may include outdoor toilet/storeroom. A plaque stating 'King George V Playing Fields' is to be erected at the front of the hall.
- The HVRA village hall rep. was ask to pass on to the committee that the sound system was not operating correctly at the last HAGA meeting and a working microphone is required for their monthly meetings. DM
- 8e **Community Shop**
More volunteers are required. A 20 hour shop assistant's job will be advertised. Need more usage of the shop else it won't be sustainable.
- 8f **Neighbourhood Action Group**
Two volunteers from HVRA are now attending NAG meetings. Last month the Community Speedwatch event in Orchard Close garnered over 30 speeders. In 2011 LS, RH

680 letters were sent to speeding motorists from the Hughenden speed checks alone. The new PCSO is Daton Beckford. Community Contingency Planning is the responsibility of Parish Councils and meetings are being held to plan for emergencies where local support is necessary. The set up of HVRA already supplies a very good communication network. There has been a marked rise in burglaries, particularly from sheds and unlocked cars. Some locked car doors if left ajar will automatically unlock.

8g **Road Safety**

Chairman to ask for zebra crossing details to be circulated to all committee members this month so full discussion can take place at March meeting. LS

To ask Secretary to write to Bucks Highways (contact details as per Bucks CC Transport website) to repair the Coombe Lane road surface, which is breaking up. To copy in Cllr. Pushman who has advised depth of holes is not sufficiently deep to warrant action yet. LS

Chairman to try and obtain 40mph stickers for wheelie bins in Warrendene Road. LS

At this point, Cllrs. Dory Morgan and Lin Smith left the meeting and took no part in the next items discussed.

8h **Planning Sub-Committee**

On 10th January 2012 Justine Greening, Minister for Transport, announced the Coalition's decision to go ahead with HS2 much to the dismay of those opposed to the proposal. On 6th February Jerry Marshall of AGAHST stepped down from his lead role but will remain as spokesman and Deanne Dukan is being employed as Campaign Director.

Buildbase are appealing against WDC's refusal of their application for perimeter fencing by way of written representations.

The Leflaive Business Park application has been refused due to excessive hours.

An Informal Hearing took place on 1st February at WDC offices regarding the Travellers' application at Walters Ash. The Appellants' barrister was disappointed with the Informal Hearing because he wanted to subpoena several witnesses to cross-examine them and so argued for a Public Inquiry. The Planning Inspector agreed to abort the Hearing and the date of the Public Inquiry is to be announced.

Holmlea, Cryers Hill – The proposed extension was refused planning permission. It was considered disproportionate to the size of the original dwelling, inappropriate development and unacceptable in principle because it was in excess of the 50% rule, and there were no special circumstances to justify a departure from established Green Belt policy. It was contrary to Policies GB2, GB6 Design in the GB and AONB Policy L1.

Bungalow at Millfield Farm - request for removal of the agricultural tie on the bungalow has been recommended for approval but Councillors have agreed to defer making a decision pending further information

Ivy Cottage (Bryants Bottom) -The Appeal against WDC's refusal for planning permission is pending consideration

9. **Any Other Business:**

None.

10. **Date of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is on Tuesday 6th March 2012 at 7.30pm.

The meeting ended at 9.40pm.

Chairman

Secretary

Date