

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 4th June 2013 at Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

CONFIRMED

The meeting started at 7:30pm.

Action

1 **PRESENT:**

Angus Idle (vice-Chairman), Al Bowyer (Treasurer), James Perkins (Secretary), Rosemary Hewitt, Daphne Hicks, Andrea Hulley, Janet Idle, Dory Morgan, Jerry Morley, Edna Parker, David Sharp, Jill Thompson, Geoff Wright, Roger Beavil (Hughenden PC), Lyn Ryan, (Widmer End RA), Anne-Marie Andrew (WERA), Marian Miller (High Wycombe Society)

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Derek Armshaw, Clare Atkinson, Chris Bowyer, Alison Burnham, Anna Burniston, Heather Dempsey, Karen Dynes, Sara Hamilton, John Miller

3 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

These were adopted as a correct and true record of the May meeting.

4 **MATTERS ARISING:**

Derek Armshaw to add "Country Watch" link to HVRA web site. Rosemary Hewitt to contact the council re Trees Road drains and posts to stop parking on "Millennium Green" by Harrow pub.

DA RH

5 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Statement not received from bank. Total funds available £4,040. £2,085 of the £3,404 has now been received for advertising in Hughenden News. Road reps encouraged to collect 2013/14 membership fees so we can see as soon as possible the effect of the change in fees.

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6 **Roger Beavil** Chairman of the Hughenden Parish Council gave a brief overview of his belief in attending local resident associations to learn better what was going on in the community and to encourage two way communications.

7 **UPLANDS HISTORY**

Following the interest shown by Redrow Homes in developing the Uplands conference centre into 16 executive homes, Marian Miller gave a comprehensive overview of the history of Uplands from research she had completed over the previous few weeks. This detailed report will be made available on the HVRA web site.

It was mentioned that Steve Morgan of Redrow has a significant financial investment in DeVere.

JP

8 **EVENTS**

8a **Senior Citizens 2013**

More than 80 senior citizens turned up and thoroughly enjoyed the food and entertainment from Allka Stevenson. Many letters of appreciation were received and thanks given to all the helpers and particularly to Rosemary Hewitt for organising the event.

Unfortunately an accident occurred when someone tripped over the speed ramps in the car park which drew attention to the fact that there was no "Accident Book" to be found. Further discussions ensued about whether or not the hall should provide a defibrillator and whether or not we have officially qualified first aiders. James Perkins agreed to investigate.

It was decided to continue with the name "Senior Citizens Event" as no suitable alternative was suggested.

JP

8b **The Potter Quiz 2013**

The Potter Quiz to be held on October 12th will be organised by the same team of people as last year led by Al Bowyer.

8c **Annual General Meeting**

The AGM took place as planned in the small hall. There were 26 attendees which only just made a quorum. Greater effort will be made next year to encourage people to attend. Clare Atkinson gave the financial statement for the year from material prepared by Al Bowyer as Al was unable to attend. The resolution to have a single membership fee of £5 for all member households regardless of age was passed unanimously.

There was only one person standing for each of the officer positions and all were unanimously approved. They were:

Chairman - Tony Konieczny
Vice Chairman - Angus Idle
Treasurer - Al Bowyer
Secretary - James Perkins.

Steve Fitzpatrick from The National Trust gave an enthusiastic presentation on the history of the Hughenden chalk stream running through the Hughenden Manor estate as well as a review of some of the proposals that are being considered for the future of the weirs.

9 **COMMUNICATIONS:**

9a **Hughenden News:**

Copy deadline for the summer edition of Hughenden News is 29 June. Angus Idle to supply electronic version to Derek Armshaw to be added to the website.

AI/DA

9b **Website:**

Derek Armshaw is still waiting to receive an electronic version of parts of Hughenden News from Angus Idle so that it could be loaded onto the web site. James Perkins agreed to put Marian Miller's Uplands history on the website.

AI/DA
JP

10 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence was received from David Liddington about the latest review of the environmental effect of HS2 which is available at various libraries in the area. It can also be found on the www.HS2.org.uk web site.

11 **ROAD REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:**

11a **Cryers Hill** - Following discussions on the review of the speed limit at the top of Cryers Hill, Rosemary Hewitt offered to investigate about the option to have a temporary 20mph speed limit when school children are arriving and leaving Hughenden Valley school.

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There is a raised manhole cover and overgrown hedges on Cryers Hill. Daphne Hicks has contacted the council.

DH

11b **Warrendene Road**-Cars are parking on the millennium grass area by the Harrow pub because the wooden posts have been moved. Rosemary Hewitt to contact the council to have them replaced.

RH

11c **Valley Road** -Geoff Wright advised that water-jetting the soakaways at the Valley Road/Trees Road junction would not be effective. The covers need to be lifted and the silt removed. Rosemary Hewitt to speak to the council.

RH

11d **Bryants Bottom** – A response to the objections for Village Green status of field 3661 raised by landowners is being prepared by the applicant and will be sent to the Bucks CC by 11 June. It is likely that the application will go to a public enquiry.

11e The TV programme "Location, location, location" will be coming to Hughenden Valley on 5 June and they want to interview someone outside the village shop about the benefits of living in HV.

12 **PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE:**

12a **Magnolia Sports & Social Club**

Awaiting up-date from James Tunnard, Local Area Technician as the bright Security Light has not been moved to a more suitable location.

- 12b **Country Supplies – Shana and Warrendene sites**
Nothing more to report – A decision on the Increase in the Vehicle Operators Licence and application for the Change of Use at the Shana Riding School are still pending.
- The closing date for comments on the Appeal against the Enforcement Notice to remove the 1 metre high bunding around the site is 11 June.
- 12c **Hunts Hill Lane – Structural Steels Ltd**
The applicant is not appealing against WDC's refusal of this application and they are not issuing an Enforcement Notice at the moment because the applicant has 6 months to find an alternative suitable site. There is the outstanding issue of the Noise Abatement Order that has already been served.
- 12d **Travellers' site at The Hedgerows, Walters Ash**
The Appeal Hearing by Patrick Murphy and Gerrard O'Connor was held over 4 days commencing 21 – 24 May in the Chamber at WDC and heard by Clive Hughes, a government Planning Inspector. Proofs of Evidence were submitted by both sides and witnesses were cross-examined by the Barrister acting for WDC and Alan Masters QC acting for the Appellants. Site visits were also made. A decision as to whether permission will be granted for the stationing of two mobile homes and two touring caravans, creation of hardstanding and the erection of a single storey detached utility/day room building and installation of cesspit on both sites, either site or none at all will be announced within about 7 weeks. Mr Masters, QC, highlighted the fact that WDC has not completed its Assessment of Gypsy Needs and does not have any alternative travellers' sites in the district.
- 12e **Proposed demolition of the Uplands Conference Centre, Four Ashes, by Redrow for housing.**
Redrow Homes held an Exhibition in Hughenden Village Hall on Friday, 17 May to seek comments on their emerging proposal for the redevelopment of the site by demolishing the existing historic building and Conference facilities etc to make way for 16 quality homes. The Exhibition was well attended by local residents.
- 12f **Woodland For Sale** - For your information Man's Leg Wood and Hatches Wood are up for sale for £140,000. These woods are situated between Hatches Lane and Perks Lane and can be seen from Warrendene Road. Also, Hatches Farm is up for sale too.
- 13 **HUGHENDEN PARISH COUNCIL:**
No Parish Councillor was able to attend the meeting so there is nothing to report.
- 14 **COMMUNITY SHOP**
More volunteers will be needed during the summer vacation period. 2, 3 or 4 hour stints are best between 7.30am to 6.00pm. The time slot of 4 to 6pm is particularly difficult to fill. A flyer is being developed to for delivery when the membership fees are collected.
- 15 **NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP**
Next meeting 6th June.
- 16 **HS2**
HS2Action Alliance is taking its judicial review concerning the Government's non-compliance with important environmental legislation to the Court of Appeal. They needed to raise £100,000 by the end of May to bring the case that is due to be heard on 10th June 2013 and were delighted to announce on Wednesday, 29 May that as a result of their Big Whitsun Weekend's target of raising £20,000 they managed to raise the full amount just in time.
The new law the Government has come up with is the Paving Bill which, if successful when it goes through Parliament, will allow money to be spent by the Transport Secretary on the HS2 project which would not normally be available until Royal Assent is gained for the Hybrid Bill, which can take a long time. Assuming that it is passed, a Paving Bill also allows Parliament to signal its approval. Opponents say the Paving Bill shows a 'complete disregard to both due process and budgetary control' and allows the Government to write a blank cheque for the project.
The recently published report from the Major Projects Authority has labelled the scheme amber/red and this comes on the heels of the National Audit Office's report which said the DfT had used figures that were 10 years out of date to calculate its business case and that the

“over ambitious” plans had created a £3.3 bn funding blackhole. Hilary Whart of HS2AA slammed the project as being over-budget, out of control and should be on the list for cancelling.

The draft Environmental Statement has now been published covering the entire London to Birmingham route which now includes a noise map and the possible re-routing of the A4010 at Stoke Mandeville. The consultation on this closes on 11 July 2013. Please go to <http://www.hs2draftes.dialoguebydesign.net> or www.hs2.org.uk for information.

Update - When Cllr David Carroll visited Ellesborough Parish Council recently he was shocked to learn that there is to be a huge HS2 track maintenance depot near Risborough Road which is at the end of Chalkshire Road.

17 **VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**
Nothing to report

18 **ROAD SAFETY**
18a The VAS and Community Speedwatch programmes were reintroduced week commencing 15 April.

18b Road works will be undertaken in Valley Road by the Spring Valley Drive junction during half term week to make ready for the lollipop person. At present there have been no applicants for the lollipop job which is a permanent council position. It requires 30 minutes in the morning and afternoon and pays approx. £40 per week. The council is unlikely to allow volunteers to do the job.

19 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**
19a The climbing wall, funded this year by the Parish Council, will be visiting Hughenden Primary School in July.

Meeting finished at 9.55pm.

20 **Date of Next Meeting:** Next meeting Tuesday, 2nd July 2013 at 7:30pm.

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....