

HUGHENDEN VALLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING

Held on Tuesday, 3rd June 2014 at Hughenden Small Hall

CONFIRMED

ACTION

The meeting commenced at 7.35 pm for late arrivals and the Chairman welcomed John Dockett as he will be part of the new HVRA Magazine Editorial Team

1. PRESENT

Angus Idle (Chairman), Janet Idle (Co-Chairman), Clare Atkinson, Sara Hamilton, Rosemary Hewitt, John Miller, Edna Parker, David Sharp, Jill Thompson and Geoff Wright.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Christine & Al Bowyer, Anna Burniston, Daphne Hicks, Andrea Hulley, Helen Lodge, Jerry Morley and Carole Palmer.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of 16 May 2014 were signed as a true record with the following amendments:- page 2, item 7, line 1, delete "chairman or" and para 2 amend "Gemma" with "Jenna".

4. MATTERS ARISING

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Para 2 Dog Fouling Signs Rosemary contacted the company that Geoff Wright had suggested, and their quotation included the posts being installed in concrete. She has passed all quotations to the Clerk at HPC because dog fouling was revealed as a high priority in the 304 recently returned Parish Survey/ Questionnaires. This issue will be raised at the HPC Environment & Services Committee meeting on 24 June. RH

Para 3 Concern was expressed that whoever was shooting at birds before, in the vicinity of the playing fields, is still aiming at them with something. JI

10. REPORTS

(a) Road Safety

Para 1 Coombe Lane roundabout has been repaired, and the white lines encircling it, as well as the *Give Way* road markings repainted. (See also 11b)

Para 2 Grass verge opposite Deeters James Tunnard, Highways Local Area Technician, will review and cut back if he considers it necessary, if not, it will be carried out later in the year.

Para 3 Defective directional sign to Walters Ash had been reported to TfB but because it has not been repaired Rosemary has repeated her request as it poses a danger to passersby. RH

Para 5 The uncovered manhole is the responsibility of BT. BT is aware of that, and James Tunnard will chase them up under Ref: SM9CHN27. RH

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chairman reported that once unpaid cheques totalling £2,145 have been cashed there will be Available Funds of £4,173.34. As subs begin to be collected, together with advertising revenue, funds will increase again.

6. CO-OPTIONS/VACANCIES

6a) Co-option of Vice-Chairman

Although he was not able to attend the meeting Jerry Morley had agreed to stand as Vice-Chairman, if co-opted. It was proposed by Angus Idle, seconded by Edna Parker, that he be co-opted as Vice-Chairman, and it was agreed unanimously.

6b) Vacancy – Secretary

As there were no volunteers for Secretary it was agreed to ask each of the Road Rep for their suggestions, or to make enquiries among residents in their road.

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- 6c) Vacancy – Road Rep for Cryers Hill (South)**
The Committee were sorry to hear that Alison Burnham had resigned and Rosemary will ask her if she knows of anyone who could replace her. RH
- 6d) Additions to Planning Sub-Committee**
John Miller wished to stand down and after some discussion it was agreed that Janet Idle and Carole Palmer join the Committee. RH JI & CP
- 6e) New Magazine Team**
Janet was pleased that John Dockett was present and able to meet everyone and that Gill Graham who will help with the typing had, by chance, called in to say “Hello”. Chloe King is a keen photographer and Jenna Kirkpatrick is the wife of Steve who works for the National Trust.
- 7. FUTURE EVENTS**
- 7a) Senior Citizens – 21st June 2014**
Rosemary thanked all those who have offered to help and asked to have the reply slips back in good time prior to the event as she was worried that she had only received 42 to date. After some discussion, it was agreed to continue with the name *Senior Citizens* and the format of the event, but it was queried whether the age for invitees should rise in line with pensions. ALL
- 7b) Village Day – 19th July 2014**
- 7b1)** Al Bowyer & Vicky Bellamy have worked very tirelessly on the organisation, and Daphne Hicks has done a great deal liaising with all the helpers, to ensure that the event runs smoothly. Al has organised stacks of bunting too. Please see the centre page of the Spring edition of Hughenden News for instructions.
- 7b2)** Sara, who has been asked to run the Bucks Fizz Stall, passed around a Help List but as it was short of volunteers she will email all Road Reps to ask for help on the day. Angus will pass on the email addresses of all Road Reps to her. Set-up will be from 9:30am onwards and she will require help during two 2-hourly sessions i.e. 12noon - 2pm and 2pm - 4pm. She asked for gazebos and plastic garden chairs. Rosemary will bring a gazebo and lots of chairs, but more will be needed. Three trestle tables are already allocated. Apart from 25 bottles of Bucks Fizz and some Elderberry Pressé, there will squash and cans of lemonade to sell. SH
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ALL
- 7b3)** Janet is organising a children’s photographic competition for the under 8s, 8 - 12 and 13 -18 year olds entitled *My Hughenden Valley (or Nearby)*. There will be two judges, one being Chloe King, and the prize will be an entry in the HVRA magazine, or their photo made into post cards/or included in the HV calendar which will be sold in the Village Shop JI
- 7c) Potter Quiz – 18th October 2014**
A meeting to organise the format of the Quiz will take place after the next meeting. AB
A & JI
- 8. NEW INITIATIVES**
- 8a) Lack of sports facilities in Hughenden Valley** - Although football is well catered for in HV and locally, there is a lack of other sports facilities in the village, and it is of concern that the Magnolia Sports & Social Club appear to be running down the bowling green and tennis courts. Janet raised this issue at the last HPC meeting where the concern was shared. Janet and Angus now seek support in arranging a meeting with the owner of the Club to see if there is a clause or covenant that requires these sports facilities to remain for local residents to enjoy.
- After some discussion it was proposed by Janet, and seconded by Sara, that she and Angus write to Mr Walters seeking a meeting to discuss matters, and it was agreed unanimously. A & JI
- It was further proposed by Janet, and seconded by Sara, that Rosemary and James (as a Parish Councillor) should keep an eye on the Club’s planning applications, and it was agreed unanimously. JP & RH
- 8b) Induction Loop** - Following the recent AGM it was proposed by Janet, and seconded by Rosemary, that the HVRA ask the Village Hall Committee to install an Induction Loop to improve conditions for those with hearing aids, and it was agreed unanimously. JI
- 8c) Village “Drop-In”** - Some residents are interested in having somewhere to meet for a chat or have a coffee, and Jill Johnson said that any plans for a permanent Village Shop would include a “drop-in”. It was agreed that the HVRA would support the Village Shop with this proposal. In the meantime suggestions for a present location would be welcome. HVRA
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9. PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

- 9a) **Uplands** - Although an Appeal has been lodged by Redrow, the developers, against WDC's refusal to demolish all the buildings on the site and construct 16 detached properties, there is nothing on file to date except a reference number (14/00017/REF). RH

Janet believed that the High Wycombe Society and the Parish Council all wished to know when English Heritage would be bringing forward their decision on whether to list Uplands, and hoped it would be sooner rather than later. Marian Miller, who has contacts with English Heritage, will be following this up.

- 9b) **Magnolia Sports & Social Club** – A decision is pending on the recent retrospective planning application. RH

10. ROAD REP REPORTS

- 10a) **Bryants Bottom** – There is concern that construction of a stable block had commenced in a field without planning permission, details of which have been passed on to WDC and the outcome is awaited. RH

11. UPDATES

- 11a) **Sewers** – Several meetings have been held recently to discuss the issue, including a cross-agency Technical Meeting at Bucks County Council earlier today, and the outcome is awaited. On 11 June a meeting, hopefully bringing together all affected residents/ parties will be held in the Parish Office. The two 6" pumps provided by Thames Water continue to "over-pump" into the ditch in Boss Lane and the stream by the pumping station after the solids have been filtered out and taken away to Little Marlow Sewage works. The remaining liquid, containing a high level of ground water, is checked 3 times each day for pollution/ contamination.

- 11b) **Coombe Lane** – Cllr David Carroll has said the road will be re-surfaced in the near future and Angus has informed him that he is willing to conduct a survey, with a local Highways Technician, of where rainwater slews across the road, in order to manage its interception better. Discussion ensued on the dangers caused by the poor visibility at the roundabout between Coombe Lane and Valley Road. Angus thought a mirror on the roundabout signpost might be helpful; others suggested re-positioning the boundary wall at "Midway" and compensating the owners or having a solid "Stop" line and moving it further forward. Rosemary to seek an update from James Perkins. RH

12. COMMUNICATIONS

- 12a) **Hughenden News** – As the next edition will be Janet and Angus's last one they will meet up with the new team in the coming weeks to discuss matters. The deadline for copy is 15th July, except for items from Village Day. A & JI TEAM

- 12b) **Website** - Nothing to report.

- 12c) **Correspondence** It was queried why a lot of residents, in all parts of the village, including children, had received David Lidington's Sewage Update letter of 12 May 2014.

12d) Distribution of Magazines

Angus and Janet made a plea that, in future, when Road Reps are not able to deliver magazines to their residents within a week, because of commitments or illness, that they contact the committee or make arrangements for someone else to do it for them to prevent the magazine's contents being out-of-date. All agreed with this proposal. A decision, as to where the printers' magazines should be delivered to and collected from by the Road Reps, was carried forward to the next meeting. AI

13. REPORTS

13a) Road Safety

- 13a1) John Miller was pleased that a Cherry Tree Close resident has expressed interest in taking over the role of Lollipop Lady. He will make contact via Clare Atkinson CA & JM

Parish Council

- 13b) In the absence of James, Rosemary said that the recent Youth Fun Day held in Naphill was a success, with about 150 attending, and from the views gathered a youth club and skate park were top priorities among the children.
- 13b1)

At the well-attended Annual Parish Meeting on 15th May it was announced that, due to the patchy delivery of the Parish Survey/Questionnaire, it will be re-issued later in the year.

13b2) HPC will be taking out Civil Proceedings against the former Clerk for recovery of stolen funds.

Guest speaker Penelope Tollitt, Head of Planning at WDC, spoke candidly about the Local Plan Consultation and the ensuing difficulties arising from trying to meet the number of houses decreed by government, especially in an area of AONB and Green Belt.

13b3)

Village Hall Committee – The recent Conservation walk by the whole Village Hall Committee was led by John Moorby and Angus Idle.

13d4)

Village Shop - Jill Thompson reported on the successful 5th birthday celebrations held on 6th May when free scones, drinks and sweets were given to the children. Their AGM will be held on 24th June at 7:30pm in the Small Village Hall, when everyone will be welcome. They now have a new supplier of cakes offering many varieties and are considering selling gluten-free cakes too. They also provided the scotch eggs and cocktail sausages for the HVRA AGM. The Shop is surviving financially but always needs more volunteers.

13c)

13d)

Neighbourhood Action Group

Former Parish Councillor and farmer David Davis presented his report on the harmful effects of dog faeces on cattle. This will be sent to all Residents Associations for inclusion in their magazines. The risks to walkers crossing fields via footpaths when cattle are present, and the need for extra care when accompanied by a dog, were discussed.

13e)

The three sessions of Community Speed Watch that are carried out each month in all four Wards, together with the VASs, hopefully will educate drivers to reduce their speed throughout the Parish.

13e1)

Rosemary brought along a variety of shed alarms to buy.

AOB

HVRA AGM – It was agreed that the speaker, Carole Jones, gave an excellent presentation about Medical Detection Dogs. It was queried whether she received a donation, and if not it was proposed by Sara, and seconded by Geoff Wright, that she receives £50 for the charity, and it was agreed unanimously.

13e2)

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13e3) **Bryants Bottom’s Jubilee Tree** - Disappointingly, the paint on the painted stones that lay beneath the tree that was planted last year has now disappeared because the Parish Council did not return to varnish them. Rosemary to write to James about this.

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14a)

HS2 Construction Route – Bradenham Parish Council is petitioning Parliament on the HS2 Railway Bill. It is objecting to the construction route for the HS2 railway running through the Parish on the A.4010 from junction 4 of the M.40 to Princes Risborough. It will cause chaos at the end of Bradenham Wood Road for those driving out on the A.4010.

RH

14b)

Geoff Wright was wished well for his forthcoming hip operation.

Angus thanked all those who attended this meeting.

14c)

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING is 1st July 2014 at 7.30 pm

Chairman.....Angus Idle.....

15.

Date.....1st July 2014.....