

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on
1st December 2015 at Hughenden Valley Village Small Hall

CONFIRMED

The meeting started at 7:30pm.

Action

1 PRESENT

Janet Idle (Chair)

Angus Idle

Michael Sole

John Dockett

David Sharp

Rosemary Hewitt

Al Bowyer

James Perkins

Geoff Wright

Paul Jenner

Joanne Holt

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Edna Parker

Karen Dynes

Peter Gieler

Anna Burniston

Jill Thompson arrived 8:30pm

Clare Atkinson

Christine Bowyer

Heather Dempsey

Road Representatives who do not come to the meetings.

Alison Gieler

Virginia Foster

Rachel Fountain

David Mynors

Carol Palmer

Reports, written or verbal, are welcome from all members.

3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3rd November 2015

4 MATTERS ARISING

GW raised the problem with the gully at the junction of Trees Rd & Valley Rd. RH to discuss under planning.

RH

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

AB tabled the report.

Some advert revenue & subscriptions will be added to the statement, so the accounts are expected to look healthier at the February meeting.

HPC has asked the Treasurer about their subsidy, AB has replied saying how useful it is but that it is not sufficient to cover the shortfall between magazine production vs. advertising. We would expect £3-400 short over 3 issues. This has been the case for the last 2 years.

6 EVENTS & DATES 2015

6.a Village Hall Christmas Bazaar - review

The tombola made £387. As a result of our advertising there were more prizes & more interest. HVRA Chairs to send Clare a 'thank-you'.

Suggestion that the advert & advertorial should have been adjacent in the magazine, there was some dilution of message as they were separate.

Agreed

MS to write a report for the magazine.

MS

6.b Christmas Tree & Carols

Sunday 6th December 4pm

The production of Beauty Sleeping in the Large Village Hall is for HV school children only.

6.c Village Hall AGM

Monday 7th December 8pm

All

A reminder that this meeting is open to all.
Guest speaker – Dr Anthony Gallagher, HV surgery

- 6.d Christmas Dinner and Dance** AB
19th Dec, AB reported that there are still some tickets available, £35 for a full turkey dinner, music. Bring your own drinks. Contact AB.
- 6.e Village Day 2016.** Saturday 16th July
There is a meeting on Friday 4th December to hand over to the new manager for the event.
- 7 HUGHENDEN NEWS - NEXT EDITION**
November Edition - Review and deliveries Agreed
The committee congratulated JD & team on another successful edition. All
JD noted that 26th Feb is the copy deadline for the next edition. All
- There was discussion of advertising options, changes of layout, & increasing the rate.
AB reported that the overhead of negotiating with advertisers is significant, and under control at present.
Advertisers also make donations, e.g to the dinner dance raffle. AB
Fees were last increased 4years ago. A 5% increase was agreed.
AB to review & make proposal on layout.
- MS suggested that Chairs write in the next edition of the Magazine seeking to recruit a volunteer.
- 8 CONSULTATIONS**
- 8.a HVRA/VH/HVFC Sports Initiative Committee** Updates
The bid for £45k from 'Fields in Trust' (FIT) was not successful, though they will send us information on other sources of funding.
The 'trading company' now exists & makes the project more visible & stable to external bodies. Affinity, there has been no response with respect to a contribution on drainage.
Sport England – bids have to be in by 11th Jan for next funding round.
- HPC have given £5720 as starter fund to cover all preliminary costs – planning, the survey etc.
Note of thanks to JI AI
- JP volunteered that once the project is under way & funds obtained he is willing to be the project manager. Thanked.
- The VH will become a Friend of FIT, who issue a regular news letter. VH (via MS) to circulate. MS
- 8.b Cycle path** Progress report
Gene DaRocha (Naphill) attended the meeting & spoke about working with WDC. JI
Such a path might need lighting, but segregation of bikes & cars is seen to be the bigger benefit.
Jonathan Gallagher – JI & Gene to contact.
There is no defined timescale.
- 8.c AfLP HVRA/ HPC Responses to New Scheme**
The charity is in place - Hughenden Community Support Trust. JP reported that following objections an appeal hearing by a 1st tier tribunal is to be held, so the HPC has deferred the hand-over as yet.
- 8.d Bryants Bottom defibrillator**
AB reported that charity Rural Community Defibrillator Group & the British Heart Foundation promote this. The charity is seeking a contribution.
MS suggested that HVRA contact the charity asking for an outline of the processes for funding &

- installation, the expected benefits & costs & what the shortfall would be for 3 devices. JI still advocates helping Bryants Bottom first. JH
- 8.e HVRA/Transport for Bucks (TfB) summary.**
The TfB web page (<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/transport>) should contain information on current & planned work.
- JI & AI have made a schedule of tasks. AI, RH
It was suggested that the schedule be circulated to all members, after updating.
- 8.f King George V Field** – Byelaws relating to golf & flying of drones.
Golf is not allowed.
It is reported that drones are being used. This is a new hazard.
HVRA suggests to the VH that there be a sign to say 'not allowed'. What VH bye-laws are there? MS
(Note added after the meeting – 'Fields in Trust' in their model constitution recommend 'Such Bye-laws shall be posted in some conspicuous part of the Association premises and shall be binding on all the members.')
- 8.g Brands Hill Residents Association**
See the WDC planning website (Application Ref: 15/07400/FUL). The Association is warning other RA about issues of changing from single to multi-occupancy on residential properties.
The planning application that was causing them immediate concern was refused.
- 9 HVRA web site .**
No news
- 10 PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**
RH reported the following:
- 10.a BuildBase roof**
WDC planning department inform us that Grafton Trading don't want to change the colour, so their options are now to replace or recover. The enforcement notice runs until the end of April.
- 10.b Bryants Bottom** Mobile home/static caravan RH
RH to check if a planning application has been made.
- 10.c Chiltern car sales** RH, JP
Use of blue neon lights on a trading sign at night within AONB. WDC advise it is not a planning issue. PJ
WDC suggested a face to face meeting with the owner as a way to bring the issue to their notice. At night recently doesn't even light the trading sign. RH & PJ to report back & escalate to the Environment Officer if need be..
- 10.d Brands Hill Residents Association**
as above.
- 10.e Stables in Bryants Bottom**
No current issue.
- 10.f Uplands** – a planning application is to be made in January, for 55 dwellings (internal of the main building 41 plus Terrace housing 11).
- 10.h Trees Rd** – the rainwater gully on Trees Av works, but not that on Trees Rd. As the Road is not adopted, TfB want to meet those responsible for the road. RH to liaise. RH
- 10i** Trees from 2 Wedgewood Drive overhang the public footpath, a resident has raised with HPC. RH will pass to NAG (NB Owner ill.) RH
- 10.j** Conifers overhanging Valley Road from a property on South Maundin. No action by HVRA. If the trees have not been cut back TfB will send out another letter.
- 11 ROAD REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**
AI had received a query about salt funded by the RA, it can be used on roads as well as

private drives.

Reminder to Road Reps – salt can be ordered from BuildBase & refunds from HVRA for Road Reps for roads on a steep hill.

12 OTHER REPORTS

12.a Village Shop

No report

12.b Village Hall

Over the next 12 months better stage lighting will be installed, thanks to a bequest from Mrs Sloane.

12.c Hughenden Parish Council

No news

12.d HVDIG

See the report in the magazine.

12.e Neighbourhood Watch/Action Group

RH reviewed their minutes & reported:

- there is a proposal for a national litter blitz in March 2016 to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday, & a suggestion to repeat it.

- there is 1 ASBO active in HV.

- Great Kinghill is looking into providing cinema-type facilities for showing films to a wide range of ages. Setting this up could cost in the region of £8,000. Hopefully this would be a pilot scheme for other village halls in the parish.

Following JM's concern over targetting of vulnerable residents, the NAG suggested that each of the 4 wards in HV parish nominate a resident to whom worried others approach for advice. JM & others felt that contacting the police directly was preferred. One problem is the difficulty to communicate the identities of vulnerable people. In the meantime, it was agreed that the village magazines be asked to place some information from the last WDNHWA (Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch Association) Newsletter which had been given at the meeting in their newsletters

All Road
Reps

12.f Speed watch

Wednesday 14/10/15

- 0730-0830 hours, Bryants Bottom Road, 30 drivers exceeded the speed limit
- 0930-1030 hours, Boss Lane, 36 drivers exceeded the speed limit
- 1100-1200 hours, Orchard Close, 40 drivers exceeded the speed limit

RH

RH reported that in Thames Valley area, 75% of speed watch reports are in Bucks & 75% are in our parish, i.e. 57% of all activity.

13 A.O.B

JD enquired about the price of a speed camera, JP replied that it's of the order of £10k.

AI has received communication from The Chiltern Society outlining the requirement to record all Rights of Way by 2026. See Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 Section 53.

AI

AB following a review of our insurance policy with AC, reported that the policy, with respect to serving food, covers us for cold buffet type of meals. Serving hot food is not covered but we generally use outside caterers in that case.

RH asked about the HPC meeting & plans for a bench on Cryers Hill. JP observed that the idea had been around for some years. Bucks CC would approve it subject to it being accepted by local residents. As reported at the last meeting this has not been accepted.

JI reported a notice in the Naphill Gazette with regard to security at local RAF bases, which sought to reassure locals that there is no apparent increase in local threat. As ever, any untoward activity should be reported to the Group Captain, the RAF police or the civil police.

JJ thanked all present & wishes everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

The meeting closed at 21.30h

Date of Next Meeting: Next meeting **Tuesday 2nd February 2016 at 7:30pm.**

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....

**Hughenden Valley Residents Association
Treasurers Report
01/12/2015**

Deposit Account			
Statement 31st October 2015		£	2,059.98
Transfer to/from Current Account			
Total At	01/12/2015	£	2,059.98
Current Account			
Statement 31st October 2015		£	3,860.54
Transfer to/from Deposit			
Total At	01/12/2015	£	3,860.54
Cash & Cheques in hand			
Cash Held		£	19.98
Cheques Unbanked		£	-
Total At	01/12/2015	£	19.98
Total Overall Funds			£ 5,940.50
Uncleared Cheques			
	100316	£	200.00
	100317	£	75.00
	100318	£	1,730.00
			-£ 2,005.00
Uncleared Payments in	12/11/2015	£	199.00
			£ 199.00
Known Likely Liabilities			
Available Funds			£ 4,134.50

Notes & Highlights:

Advertising Revenue received for 2015 so
HYRA Minutes 2015-12-01 confirmed.doc
Subs received so far for 2015-
Subsidy from Parish Council received

£ 4,015.00
£ 1,250.00
£ 520.00