

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on 6th September 2016 at Hughenden Valley Village Small Hall

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1	<p>Janet welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Daphne, adding that it was nice to see so many in attendance after a two month summer break. She also thanked all Road Reps for their hard work throughout the summer.</p> <p>PRESENT</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Angus Idle</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Janet Idle (Chair)</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Claire Atkinson</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Becky Bonnerjea</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Al Bowyer</td> <td>Christine Bowyer</td> <td>Andrew Capey</td> <td>Heather Dempsey</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Dockett</td> <td>Rosemary Hewitt</td> <td>Daphne Hicks</td> <td>Paul Jenner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jerry Morley</td> <td>Lin Smith</td> <td>Geoff Wright</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Angus Idle	Janet Idle (Chair)	Claire Atkinson	Becky Bonnerjea	Al Bowyer	Christine Bowyer	Andrew Capey	Heather Dempsey	John Dockett	Rosemary Hewitt	Daphne Hicks	Paul Jenner	Jerry Morley	Lin Smith	Geoff Wright		Action
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2	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Karen Dynes, James Perkins and Jill Thompson, Anna Burniston</p> <p>Road Reps who do not attend meetings:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Virginia Foster</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Rachelle Fountain</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Allison Gieler</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Dave Mynors</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carole Palmer</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Virginia Foster	Rachelle Fountain	Allison Gieler	Dave Mynors	Carole Palmer												
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3	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 5TH JULY 2016 were read and signed as a true record of the meeting. Lin Smith asked to be added to the email list because she did not receive the Minutes or Agenda.</p>	AI JI																
4	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES None received. Reports, written or verbal, are welcome from all members.</p>																	
5	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>AB reported that today's Bank Statement showed Available Funds of just over £4,500 compared to £4,400 the same time last year, with over £400 in Cash and one cheque outstanding for £45 from the Village Hall Committee, plus Advertising Revenue of £2,700 and Subs received to date of £695. Since the last meeting a grant of £520 had been received from Hughenden Parish Council and some subs are still outstanding.</p>																	
6 6a	<p>EVENTS 2016</p> <p>Village "Carnival" Day, 16th July 2016 – Review by MS</p> <p>MS was delighted to report a very successful event - a fabulous day and fabulous weather – with hundreds of people visiting, most of whom stayed until the end. Despite spending more money in advance than in previous years, e.g. on the electricity supply, bouncy castle & slide plus several gazebos, the Fête and evening's Barn Dance, raised a surplus of £3,000 which went to Village Hall funds. He thanked everyone very much indeed for helping to make it a very successful day.</p> <p>The Chair asked that the HVRA's thanks be recorded for all the hard work that went into organising Village Day under MS leadership resulting in its success.</p>	Agreed																
Agreed	<p>Multiple Sclerosis Christmas Nativity, Saturday 3rd December – a date to note.</p>	AB																
6c	<p>Harry Potter Quiz, Saturday 8th October</p> <p>AB reported that everything has progressed well and thanked his team of DH, DM, JI and AI and CB for compiling the questions. A dozen posters will be put up around the Village advertising the Quiz entitled Queen Elizabeth II, Her First 90 Year. It will be less complex this year allowing more time to socialize. Start: 7 pm for 7.30pm. Cost: £10 to include a plentiful Buffet. 8 teams confirmed so far and more are welcome.</p> <p>AB is speaking with the Village Hall Committee about the audio system which isn't working and an alternative for say, £75 - £100 may have to be purchased. CB has kindly offered to do the Buffet and please get in touch if you can help in the kitchen from 3 pm onwards. Rosemary to pass on the platters</p>	AB CB AB CB RH																

6d	<p>Christmas Bazaar, Saturday 26th November CB has a box of items for the Tombola that was left over from Village Day. (update: JI booked the stage and below it for the Tombolas in response to email from MS)</p>	All
6e	<p>Village Dinner Dance, Saturday 17th December Venue: the Village Hall. Tickets are available. It will be advertised in the Winter edition of <i>Hughenden News</i></p>	
7 7a	<p>HVRA To find a new Secretary As it is a priority to find a new Secretary. AI/JI reminded all Road Reps a.s.a.p. to check for a volunteer in their roads. JM suggested that in view of previous unsuccessful endeavours we should advertise for a paid professional. After some discussion, it was agreed that an email goes out along the lines of: "The working of the HVRA is severely hindered by the absence of a Secretary and it is vital that we have one soon." PJ suggested putting our request on the HVRA website and the Facebook site. If, after a fortnight or so, this does not achieve our goal, then we shall pursue the alternative route.</p>	AI JI All PJ
7b	<p>Hughenden News The Editor, JD, had apologised to Andrew Flint, Chairman of HAGA, because he had omitted to include his article in the magazine. JD is finding it difficult to convene a meeting of his Editorial team. He spoke about his idea to issue an Intermediate Sheet that would be sent out to Road Reps between each of the 3 editions of the magazines providing up-to-date information on forthcoming events. The results of a survey he had conducted revealed that 12 thought it is a good idea, one said "Not sure if everyone is on email and nine Road Reps did not reply. As the majority thought it a good idea he will proceed with his idea.</p> <p>JM suggested the Intermediate Posting could go on the HVRA Website, but was reluctant to ask his residents' for their email addresses because it is their personal information. PJ and RH said their residents were happy provided they were Blind Copied, and DH had dropped a note through residents' doors and got back about half of them.</p> <p>JI will send her BFP date list to JD but with but only if copy right allows.</p> <p>JD was considering including an item in the Winter edition on how to use Facebook and Twitter.</p>	JD JD Agreed
7c	<p>Website – Up-date When JI last looked at the Website nothing had been added since 2013, and as a result has since forwarded the front page of each edition of Hughenden News since Winter 2014 together with articles and information of interest from the magazines bringing it up-to-date under the heading "Magazine" as suggested by DA and the latest Hugh'n'Den items. All items for the Website must go through the Secretary or Chair, and Derek Armshaw was very pleased that she had contacted him.</p>	AI JI
7d	<p>New Residents – HVRA Publicity JI/AI specifically addressed new residents in the latest Chairman's Welcome in the Summer magazine. Information was also available on the HVRA stall adjacent to the Bucks Fizz stall at Village Day regarding the proposed MUGA together with the Business Plan to look through, plus a list for anyone wishing to join a village tennis club as well as a survey on whether or not to keep the BT Telephone Box. AB's excellent article on the HVRA, the role of a Road Rep, etc had been sent out to Road Reps as well as appearing in the magazine. AB also gives each new resident a one page letter about the HVRA along with a copy of the latest magazine and most do...</p> <p>In order to spread awareness of the HVRA, JI used to give a copy of the magazine to local Estate Agents, schools, the library, HPC, the Church etc. AB still does the Church, but could do estate agents AI said that as a result of responding to a Fire Assessment Risk Survey he was visited by 3 firemen who asked for a copy of Hughenden News – still spreading the word. Any more ideas welcome.</p>	AB
	<p>Trees, Hedges, Verges, Pot Holes, Road Signs etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persistence has paid off for HD after complaining to the BFP about the state of the road in Bryants Bottom which has now been repaired. She was also involved in the campaign to get the car park at "Sprinters" in Prestwood resurfaced. She was congratulated on her persistence • AB complained that too many local roads are narrowed by encroaching hedgerows. AI/JI to follow up with HPC when they know more about devolvement. This had already been done, but they will 	AI JI PG Page 2 of 6

	<p>still follow through further</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PJ referred to the overgrown footpath adjacent to the King George V playing field, and as MS was aware cutting back will be take place shortly. • PJ also referred to some steps leading down from the field that required tidying-up and repairing but MS said that as they were not installed by the Village Hall they would be removed. PJ defended them, adding that they were well-used and popular, and rather than spending time and money removing them it would be better to improve them. MS responded that the Village Hall will either remove or improve them. 	<p>MS</p> <p>MS</p>
8	<p>VILLAGE SHOP JI advised that in the absence of JT and R W There is an up-date in the last Church Magazine <i>Outlook</i>. An amended Application will be submitted next week and after about 8 weeks the outcome will be known.</p>	
9 9a	<p>HVRA/HV/HFC SPORTS INITIATIVE COMMITTEE JI was unable to discuss the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) application very much at the meeting because the Committee is in discussion with WDC and BCC who require additional information that is to be submitted in paper form. Everything possible has gone in to the Planning Officer, and Fields in Trust have no objection. Details can be found on the WDC Planning portal under Ref: 16/07073/FUL. Although officially closed, they will accept further comments.</p>	
9b	<p>Hughenden Parish Council has no objection subject to a public presentation which the Co-Chairs and HVFC have in hand. It will take place in the coming weeks and be fronted by an experienced chair person.</p>	
9c	<p>MS, speaking as Chairman of the Village Hall Trustees, said that he and DJ had disassociated themselves from the project. Six residents had been in touch with him recently to express their views, and suggested that there is an anti-MUGA swell.</p>	
9d	<p>AB stressed that the Sports Initiative Committee comprises Groups in the community. Therefore, if there are any ramifications, and people agreeing and disagreeing with the MUGA, they cannot aim arrows at the HVRA. It is an independent group of community people, some of whom are on different Committees, not just the HVRA. The MUGA is for the village. It is a community sports facility, as was the Cabin, no matter who initiated it.</p>	HVSIC
10 10a	<p>PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT Buildbase - Although 8th September is the due date for completion of the re-roofing it is presently being held up and so the outcome is unknown.</p>	RH
10b	<p>Uplands – Final Update JI reported Planning Permission has been granted and the developer is absolutely delighted. The 1, 2 and 3 bedroomed flats and terraced houses will be advertised via Savills in London. They have lots of items to sell e.g. office furniture, tables, chairs etc but they will retain anything that is of historic value. AI and JI attended a meeting held at Uplands several weeks ago, along with representatives from The Chiltern Society, the nearest Residents Associations (Widmer End and Brands Hill), and the researcher Marian Miller who we helped to get Uplands Grade II Listed.</p>	JI
10c	<p>RH spoke about WDC's recent Consultation on removing Green Belt status from some areas of land, in particular at Clappins Lane in Naphill and the land behind the dwellings in Hughenden Road and Green Hill. There will be a meeting at WDC on 7th September to discuss the various issues surrounding this change in Policy. RH believed it was of great concern to all of us because we are surrounded by GB and AONB land that is equally vulnerable and could fall for development. We must all be vigilant because "Developer land" will, no doubt, come forward in the future. JI pointed out that some from ARAP was historic but she had spoken to the owner.</p>	RH
11 11a	<p>ROAD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS AC promised to write up a job description of the role of HVRA Secretary and send it on via email.</p>	AC

11b	<p>AB had still received complaints from very dissatisfied residents about the lack of hedge cutting along Warrendene Road, resulting in an untidy and ugly hedgerow. HVRA item in Hugh n Den reference the landowners responsibilities.</p> <p>A water mains' burst occurred today at the top of Hatches Lane resulting in the loss of water supply throughout the day for residents in that road as well as in Bramley End.</p>	AI JI
11c	<p>JD asked for an up-to-date list of Road Reps. (AC has taken over from John Miller in Burnham Road and a vacancy exists in Friars Gardens as Jo Holt has resigned.)</p>	JD
11d	<p>DH reported that after two years a faulty manhole cover on the north side of Cryers Hill has been dealt with, but the excessive vegetation and overgrown trees along that stretch of road continues to be a problem not only for residents when they exit their driveways because vision is detrimentally impaired by their protrusion outwards but also for children walking to Great Kingshill School. HPC has suggested residents cut back the excess vegetation themselves. Safety issues need to be observed and insurance e.g. HPC/BCC verges./trees</p> <p>DH reported that the side of the bus shelter has been opened up so that people can now see a bus coming.</p>	
11e	<p>HD reported that the mobile home and associated fencing in Bryants Bottom has been removed because their retrospective application was refused planning permission. The 30mph sign at the top of Bryants Bottom would be better placed north of where the road narrows.</p>	
12 12a	<p>OTHER REPORTS Speedwatch/HNAG</p> <p>RH welcomes more volunteers. During the summer, early evening sessions have been exceptionally busy with up to 60 exceeding 35 mph in an hour. The MVAS in Bryants Bottom may be moved to another part of the village where residents witness speeding.</p>	Anyone
12b	<p>Village Hall</p> <p>MS said there is a lot going on at the Village Hall, and mentioned the 2nd meeting of the recently inaugurated Valley Players who are in early-stage rehearsals of Dick Whittington for a production near Christmas. Everyone is welcome to join them on Monday evenings from 7.30pm, either in an acting role or back-stage. They are investing in a better sound system and an up-date will be given at our next meeting. AB asked if it would be ready in time for Oct 8th for the quiz.</p> <p>The Annual Art Exhibition will be held on 14, 15 and 16 October. More details are on the HVRA website.</p> <p>The format of the Christmas Bazaar has been discussed and they hope it will be as well patronised as last year.</p> <p>HVRA will again organise two Tombolas.</p>	MS
12c	<p>Hughenden Parish Council – Nothing to report.</p>	
12d	<p>HVDIG – Nothing to report</p>	
13 13a	<p>AOB</p> <p>Telephone Box – As a result of the favourable response to HVRA's Telephone Box survey at Village Day, when residents were asked whether it should be retained or removed, BT have agreed to leave it in place for the time being. It can be used for 999 calls and when our mobile phones don't receive a signal. And by following directions displayed in the Kiosk calls using a debit card can be used</p>	
13b	<p>HPC Allotments - Because of the popular Pokemon Game aliens have been found on our allotments.</p>	
13c	<p>Country Supplies at Oakleaf Farm - AB read a recent letter from The Office of the Traffic Commission that sets out the Conditions regarding the grant of the application to operate goods vehicles from the site subject to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There will be no operation, movement, loading or unloading of authorised vehicles or trailers at the operating centre before 06.30 hours and after 19.00 Mondays to Fridays; before 08.00 and after 13.00 on Saturdays; and there shall be no operation, movement, loading or unloading of authorised vehicles or trailers at the operating centre on Sundays and Public Holidays. 2. There will be no maintenance (other than emergency steps to regain legality for use on the road) 	

	<p>within the operating centre of vehicles and trailers authorised under this licence.</p> <p>3. Vehicles authorised under this licence will exit the operating centre by a right hand turn and return by the same direction.</p> <p>The above Conditions are intended to alleviate the environmental concerns and road safety issues raised.</p> <p>NOTE: AB stressed that these Conditions do not apply to Third Party operators.</p>	
13d	<p>Bus Shelter Due to the expense of installing a bus shelter adjacent to the Village Hall this proposal is not progressing for the time being.</p>	
	<p>An email sent in error AB had inadvertently sent Enda Parker, former Frogmore Close Road Rep, an email and she replied saying that although she was settling well in a village near Canterbury she missed Hughenden Valley and wished us all well.</p>	
	<p>JI Thanked the committee for their attendance. The meeting closed at 9.15 pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signed.....</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date.....</p>	

Hughenden Valley Residents Association
Treasurers Report
01/09/2015

NOTE BANK STATEMENT TO END OF AUGUST AWAITED

Deposit Account			
Statement 31st July 2015		£	2,059.62
Transfer to/from Current Account			
Total At	01/09/2015	£	2,059.62
Current Account			
Statement 31st July 2015		£	4,120.89
Transfer to/from Deposit Account			
Total At	01/09/2015	£	4,120.89
Cash & Cheques in hand			
Cash Held		£	92.00
Cheques Unbanked		£	45.39
Total At	01/09/2015	£	137.39
Total Overall Funds		£	6,317.90
Uncleared Cheques			
	100311	£	1,692.00
	100312	£	380.00
	100313	£	35.00
	100314	£	173.35
			-£ 2,280.35
Uncleared Payments in			
	21/08/2015	£	375.00
			£ 375.00
Available Funds		£	4,412.55

Notes & Highlights:

Advertising Revenue received for 2015 so far	£	2,818.00
Subs received so far for 2015-2016	£	1,100.00
Subsidy from Parish Council received	£	520.00