

**MINUTES OF THE HVRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
6 DECEMBER 2016 AT HUGHENDEN VALLEY SMALL HALL**

CONFIRMED

WELCOME

Angus welcomed everyone to the meeting, including three Coombe Lane residents: Hilda Stearn, Sharon Jarrett and Jane Phillips.

1. PRESENT

Angus Idle (Chair)	Janet Idle (Co-Chair)	Rosemary Hewitt (Acting Sec)
Andrew Capey	Heather Dempsey	John Dockett
James Perkins	David Sharp	Geoff Wright
Michael Sole	Jill Thompson	Roland Wales

Action

- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Clare Atkinson, Becky Bonnerjay, Al Bowyer, Christine Bowyer, Karen Dynes, Daphne Hicks, Paul Jenner and Jerry Morley
Peter Gieler and Shona Hadwen, the new Hughenden Parish Clerk

Road Reps who do not attend meetings:

Virginia Foster Rachael Fountain Alison Gieler Dave Mynors Carole Palmer

Reports, written or verbal, are welcome from all members whether they attend meetings or not.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 1 NOVEMBER 2016** were read and with the following amendment were signed as a true record of the meeting:
Item 2, **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**, add Daphne Hicks and Lin Smith.

4. MATTERS ARISING

8b. JD apologised for not putting an article on Road Rep Roles in the last edition of Hughenden News but promised that it will go into the next.

JD

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

AI reported that there are Available Funds of £5,897. The balance in the Current Account is £2,061 with £3,397 in the Deposit Account. Highlights reveal £3,084 received in advertising revenue, and to date £1,370 in subs plus a subsidy of £520 from Hughenden Parish Council. A reminder for Road Reps to collect outstanding subs. **The Committee agreed to accept the Report.**

Reminder

6. DIARY DATES 2016

- 6a. Saturday 17 December** – Although the Christmas Dinner Dance is well supported there are still a few tickets available from Diana Gibbons on 563257.

- 6b. Tuesday 20, 21 and 22 December** – The Hughenden Valley Players' Inaugural Pantomime, *Dick Whittington* will be held in the Village Hall commencing 7.45pm. Tickets: £10 and Concessions £7.

**All
welcome**

- 6c. Tuesday 7 February 2017** is the date for the next HVRA Executive Committee Meeting at 7.30pm.

To note

7. REPORTS OF EVENTS

- 7a. Public Meeting for Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) on 5 October - Update** None

7b. Christmas Bazaar/Tombolas - Update

MS reported another successful event. A surplus of £1,270 was achieved which was within £20 of last year's surplus and also the year before. The Tombolas run by the HVRA raised just over £300, a worthy effort although down on last year when £387 was raised. Better quality items will be needed in future. MS will submit an article for the next issue of *Hughenden News*.

MS

Jl wished to record her thanks to Clare for all her hard work in organising the event in a very calm manner, to her two daughters who ably assisted her as well as to all those who helped throughout the day.

8. HVRA BUSINESS

8a. New Secretary and Future Treasurer for Advertising

RH is the Acting Secretary for the meeting.

As AB is relinquishing his advertising role JD will meet with him in early January for a hand-over and put a full page advert of the tariffs for advertising in the next edition of *Hughenden News*. Advertising revenue does not cover the cost of producing the magazine and the shortfall is made up from the receipt of subs.

JD & AB

8b. Coombe Lane Road Rep

JP had circulated all Road Reps with a copy of a letter he had written detailing the events that had led to the current situation. He passed a copy to the three Coombe Lane residents present and verbally summarised it. A small group of Coombe Lane residents had gone door to door in Coombe Lane with a survey asking if they would support HS becoming their Road Rep. The survey did not state that there was "no vacancy" and that AI already held the position. AI did not wish to stand down after many years of conscientiously serving not only all the Coombe Lane residents but the wider community. When AI collected the subs this Autumn he believed that most residents were supportive of him and he questioned the biased nature of the survey. He also queried why the photographs of the recent parking "nightmare" on Coombe Lane had not been made available to him as Road Rep so that he could, on their behalf, pursue the matter further.

After a great deal of discussion, and views expressed by Committee members, it was finally **agreed** that the Officers of the HVRA should meet to discuss the matter further, and then confer with all Road Reps and other interested parties and come to a final decision before the next meeting in February.

All HVRA Officers

As SJ desired to get involved she asked to be considered for the role of Secretary as she felt she could add value to the HVRA.

As there was no Road Rep vacancy for Coombe Lane, HS was asked if she would consider somewhere else.

All of us

RW wanted everyone to think of the bigger picture encompassing the whole community, and wanting more for the community, e.g. the shop, the cabin and more sports facilities.

JPh would be happy to take on the role of Road Rep elsewhere.

JPh

Jl suggested SJ join the Sports Committee if she had a real desire to be involved. SJ agreed that she would like to join and apologised that everyone had been put in such an uncomfortable position.

Jl & SJ

HD also offered to fill the role of Secretary as she had had previous experience.

HD

8c. Coombe Lane Traffic – Nothing to report. .JM to update at the next meeting

JM

8d. Roadside Hedges

Coombe Lane – The Deputy Parish Clerk will contact Brian Turner, the Council's hedge contractor, to cut back a resident's hedge at a lower cost than JM's quote.

Warrendene Road - LS to speak to Peter Gieler about the straggly hedge. The land owners will have to be approached as well as BCC who are responsible for cutting grass verges in a 40 mph area.

Valley Road - Drastic cutting back of overgrown hedges on Valley Road from Orchard Close to Spring Valley Drive and in South Maundin had recently taken place.

8e. Publicity 2017

LS to organise a litter pick in the Spring.

LS

9. WEBSITE – Nothing to report.

10. HUGHENDEN NEWS

As Derek Armshaw did not provide an article for Hughenden News on how to help the uninitiated use social media, Dylan Jones will submit one for the next issue.

DJ

MS asked that his thanks be recorded to JD for his hard work in producing the Newsletter.

11. PLANNING REPORTS

11a. The Shop

On 11 November WDC granted Permission for the shop and part of the cabin. The anticipated opening date is either the end of January or beginning of February. The Shop Committee has reached out to the community for much needed financial help. JT asked if someone could help them rebuild their website and SJ suggested they acquire a suitable web-building package that would provide the necessary guidance.

JT

11b. Uplands

No change. Planning permission had been granted and the site is up for sale. The lack of a footpath is still an obstacle to overcome. JI had contacted the owner's PA who advised that we should be relaxed because whether it is sold or remains with the present owners, nothing in planning terms has altered.

11c. Multi-Use Games Area

Acting upon the advice of WDC, the Planning Application has been withdrawn and letters with Bucks Highways have been exchanged to try to resolve the parking issue, but no talks have yet been arranged. JI has invited Fields in Trust to the next meeting of the Sports Committee that they will be available to attend, because they are very supportive of us and keep in regular contact.

11d. Buildbase

The recladding of all the roofs in a light chocolate colour that is sympathetic to the surrounding AONB landscape has now been completed. Having to reduce the albedo of the roofs to comply with AONB policies has cost them a lot of money and they are to be complimented, even if this late.

11e. Terriers Farm and WDC Local Area

The Consultation period has ended and final discussions are taking place at WDC.

12. ROAD REP REPORTS

12a. **Bryants Bottom** residents are awaiting the outcome of a BT/WDC survey as to whether Fibre broadband can be put into Bryants Bottom.

JP

The Gate, now under new management on a 10-year lease, is open for business and there will be a carvery on Sundays.

12b. **Wedgwood Drive** has finally benefitted from WDC's kerb cleaning machine and residents are still experiencing problems with Open Reach because of loss of connectivity.

13. OTHER REPORTS

13a. Speedwatch/NAG

The downloaded data from the MVAS outside Buildbase is continuing to be monitored because it has been erratic. Speedwatch sessions will take place sometime this week. The Valley Road MVAS by Deeters has revealed a high number of drivers exceeding the 30 mph limit with 60% travelling over 35 mph. As there is a huge volume of traffic passing through the village extra care should be taken by ALL drivers.

13b. Village Hall and 2016 AGM

MS was pleased that the AGM, held the previous evening, went well. The Rev'd Keith Johnson, our new vicar, was the guest speaker. Enhancement of the fabric of the Village Hall will continue, in particular they are looking at the Entrance and improving the image of the interior of the Hall. The Committee are working on its Constitution and Covenants.

13c. Hughenden Parish Council - None

13d. HVDIG

AI reported that Atkins, Consulting Engineers, are modelling the drainage and flooding hotspots in the village, and following a recent meeting Dave White, Chairman of HVDIG, has asked when the proposed improvements to Valley Road are going to be completed and is chasing-up the progress on outstanding current issues. Work commenced on 5 December, e.g. ditch clearing in Valley Road when badgers were found inside the culverts! Thames Water is doing similar modelling so that if there is the possibility of flooding action can be taken before hand. For example, there are houses further up Valley Road that BCC have said could suffer serious flooding and so protection should be taken to protect those properties

13e. National Trust

Ranger, Steve Kirkpatrick, has relocated to Cornwall. He will be missed and we await his replacement.

14. AOB

Jl invited everyone present to view the numerous spare/duplicate photos that Bill Page had taken over many years as a resident of Hughenden Valley, and to take away as many of them as possible. Upon his death she was given 40 albums which she is now painstakingly sorting through/distributing to relevant history groups, e.g. Speen or Loosley Row.

Jl wished it be recorded that she had drawn our attention to the Wallen boys' heartfelt piece in the last edition of *Hughenden News* that recalled memories of their father, Mervyn Wallen, who died recently. He was loved by many, had contributed immensely to the life of the community and will be sadly missed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.07.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 7 February 2017 at 7.30pm.

Janet and Angus wished everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with an invitation to stay and have a mince pie and a glass of wine.

Signed.....Angus Idle.....

Date.....7th Feb 2017.....

Hughenden Valley Residents Association
Treasurers Report
06/12/2016

Deposit Account			
Statement 30th November 2016	£	2,061.42	
Transfer to/from Current Account			
Total At		06/12/2016	£ 2,061.42
Current Account			
Statement 30th November 2016	£	3,397.22	
Transfer to/from Deposit Account			
Total At		06/12/2016	£ 3,397.22
Cash & Cheques in hand			
Cash Held	£	408.78	
Cheques Unbanked	£	30.00	
Total At		06/12/2016	£ 438.78
Total Overall Funds			£ 5,897.42
Uncleared Cheques			£ -
Uncleared Payments in			£ -
Known liabilities yet to be paid			
Hughenden News - Winter Edition			-£ 1,465.00
			£ -
Available Funds			£ 4,432.42

Notes & Highlights:

Advertising Revenue received for 2016 so far	£	3,084.00
Subs received so far for 2016-2017	£	1,370.00
Subsidy received from Parish Council	£	520.00