

MINUTES OF THE HVRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2017 AT HUGHENDEN VALLEY SMALL HALL

UNCONFIRMED

WELCOME

Janet welcomed everyone to the meeting. As no meeting was held in January, she hoped everyone had a lovely Christmas and that 2017 would be a good year for all. She also thanked everyone for all their hard work throughout the past year.

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| 1. | PRESENT | | ACTION | | |
| | Janet Idle (Chair) | Angus Idle (Co-Chair) | Jerry Morley (Vice-Chair) | Al Bowyer (Treasurer) | |
| | Rosemary Hewitt (Acting Sec) | Clare Atkinson | Andrew Capey | James Perkins | |
| | David Sharp | Lin Smith | Geoff Wright | | |
| | John Dockett | Michael Sole | Roland Wales | Cllr Peter Gieler | |
| 2. | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Christine Bowyer, Anna Burniston, Heather Dempsey, Karen Dynes, Daphne Hicks and Jill Thompson. | | | | |
| | 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 6 DECEMBER 2016 had been circulated, read and were signed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by JI, seconded by MS and agreed unanimously | | | | |
| 4. | MATTERS ARISING | | | ROAD REPS | |
| | 9. WEBSITE – JM queried why the Webmaster’s offer to put a generic email address for each Road Rep on-line had not been taken up. Interested parties could contact DA about this. | | | | |
| | 11a. The Shop - JM queried whether the Shop Manager had received website advice she sought. | | | | |
| | 12b. Wedgwood Drive – JM now has the telephone number for BT Open Reach. Connectivity issues were historical. | | | | |
| | 13d. HVDIG - The badgers were found inside the culverts under the road near the Pumping Station. | | | | |
| 5. | TREASURER’S REPORT | | | SOME OF US | |
| | Current Available Funds stand at £5,327, with Advertising Revenue so far for 2017 of £300. £1,615 of Subs have been received to date against £1,970 this time last year due to only half of the households being collected, i.e. from 323 households. All payments have been cleared and £88.78 is held in Cash. There is a need for all subs to be collected. | | | | |
| | AB will provide an up-date at the AGM of the pros and cons of paying subs by Direct Debit or BACs payments. | | | | AB |
| 6. | DIARY DATES FOR 2017 | | | | |
| 6a. | HVRA AGM – 18 th May in the Small Village Hall. Please pass on ideas for a Speaker to the Chair. | | | ALL OF US | |
| 6b. | Senior Citizens’ Event – Probably held in the evening on Saturday, 17 June in the Village Hall. Please pass on any ideas or contacts to the Chair. | | | US | |
| 6c. | Litter Pick – LS will contact WDC for information and will arrange it sometime in mid-March. Cllr Gieler confirmed that the local Cleansing Department is responsible for litter picking and he had recently seen operatives clearing litter from the A.4128 along Valley Road. Also, gully cleaning took place last week. | | | LS | |
| 7. | INFORMATION | | | | |
| 7a. | Street Lighting – Concern had been expressed that some street lights were off at the Cryers Hill round-about. AI to investigate. Several complaints had been received about the very bright lights at Chiltern Motors. | | | AI | |

- 7b. House Fire on Cryers Hill** - Cllr Gieler confirmed that it was not a house fire but an out-house fire near to the Cattery which is now under investigation.
- 7c. The Accident** that occurred at the top of Cryers Hill, outside the White Lion Pub, is an on-going Police investigation.
- 7d. Historic News** - *The Mail on Sunday's* 18th December 2016 edition ran an article on Boss Lane House entitled *How Churchill and colleagues escaped London's dangers – in a quiet corner of Buckinghamshire*. It tells of War Cabinet meetings being held there as well as the actress Lilly Langtry living there in the late 19th Century.

Jl has been given albums of photographs taken by the late Bill Page, a local resident, of places of interest to him i.e. houses, roads, views, in and around Hughenden Valley, although some photos reveal dumping grounds e.g. Hatches Lane, many wooded areas and the nearby NT field. Please contact Jl if you come across any areas where rubbish has been dumped. RH had previously advised WDC that building debris had been fly-tipped on the hillside overlooking the top of Cryers Hill, the biggest they had ever seen.

Jl
ALL OF
US

There is a Fly-tipping phone line and a note will be put in Hughenden News

JD

8. HVRA BUSINESS

8a. New Secretary and Future Advertising Manager

8a1. Jl confirmed that RH be Acting Secretary and HD will fill-in when necessary. We are grateful to RH. A new Secretary will be voted in at the AGM.

RH, HD
Jl

8a2. AB was pleased that JD had taken over the role of Advertising Manager and he has already had an impact. Printing costs of *Hughenden News* are £4,500 pa and JD has received pledges so far this year amounting to £3,965 compared to £3,464 received for 2016.

8b. Road Reps' Role Document

8b1. In view of recent issues, Jl queried whether the document produced by AB required up-dating but AB disagreed noting that the role of Road Rep had not changed since his article appeared in Hughenden News.

8b2. Following the action outlined under **item 8b)** of the Minutes of the last HVRA Executive meeting held on 6th December, the Officers had met to discuss this issue and agreed a way forward by writing to each Road Rep setting out three options for them to consider and then vote on their favoured choice as detailed below:

1. *The Coombe Lane incumbent resigns as Road Rep and the newly proposed resident takes over.* 4 votes
2. *The Coombe Lane incumbent remains as Road Rep and the newly proposed resident is rejected* 9 votes
3. *The Coombe Lane incumbent remains as Road Rep and the newly proposed resident is offered the Road Rep role for one of the other areas where there is a vacancy so that they can gain some practical experience of the road representative role* 3 votes

In view of Option 2 receiving the most votes, the Executive Committee **democratically accepted the result of the vote**. Jl will inform the residents individually of the result and offers will be made for other roles.

Jl

8c. Coombe Lane Traffic

There had been a recent concrete spillage on the upper section of Coombe Lane. J & A I pledged to continue working with the various agencies as and when problems/incidents occurred to ensure the safety of the road.

J & AI
JM

8d. Roadside Hedges

Warrendene Road – Cllr Gieler said BCC had agreed to cut the hedge right back and Charles Kent has cut back his side but there is an ongoing dispute by a resident about clearing rubbish out of the gully.

Jl & AI

Coombe Lane - JM has contacted WDC but to date no cutting back has taken place.

JM

Cllr Gieller explained that grass cutting is a contentious issue at the moment. HPC are responsible for verges in 30 mph areas and BCC are responsible in areas with 40 mph but Valley Road is 40 and 50 mph. The NT would be

prepared to cut the grass verge but it would set a precedent. The Parish Council currently spends £33,000 pa on grass cutting which has necessitated putting up the Precept. Most of the hedges in the Parish are the responsibility of the landowner. HPC will set out in their next Newsletter what they are doing and where the money is being spent, after which the HVRA could write to support them.

HVRA

The National Trust are aware of their Covenants and are very concerned about the development at Hughenden Quarter as well as environmental issues regarding the chalk stream that passes through the village, Church Farm and on into Hughenden Park. JI commented that historically, from Disraeli to the NT, people have tried to alter its natural course.

8e. Publicity 2017

JI wished to replicate an Information Folder along the lines of one produced a decade ago (blue plastic and spiral-bound) that could be given to newcomers and estate agents containing helpful information e.g.: surgeries, schools etc that could also go on the HVRA website.

JI

9. WEBSITE

9a. JI suggested putting a selection of photos from the masses that Bill Page had taken onto the website entitled *Hughenden Valley at its Best*.

JI & JP

9b. It was noted that the website is a very under-used facility and JI asked if there could be a **Forthcoming Events Section**. This suggestion to be passed on to the Webmaster.

JI & DA

10. HUGHENDEN NEWS

JD has already sent out his first request for contributions when he featured the Opening of the Shop on 4th March by celebrity Mary Berry, and his next will follow shortly. The deadline for copy is Friday 24th February.

ALL OF US

11. PLANNING REPORTS

11a. **Shop** – RW had nothing to report.

11b. Recent Planning Applications

11b1. Prior Notice Application, Ref: 16/08498/PNP64, was submitted over the Christmas period for an access road to be constructed running parallel to the public footpath through Matt Hopkins' field. Although some nearby residents in Boss Lane and Valley Road have expressed their various concerns, e.g.: anticipated danger regarding heavy goods vehicles exiting the field on to Valley Road, the application fell under "Permitted Development" in agricultural terms. HPC and the NT have both expressed their concern because a very important chalk stream occasionally runs through the field with ensuing environmental issues.

11b2. On 25 December an application was submitted to WDC for a Pre-School at Gt Kingshill School to be built in place of the swimming pool. HPC have objected due to the increase in traffic and parking that would arise on Cryers Hill. RH and JI will look into this application.

RH & JI

11b3. The unacceptable parking by commercial vehicles on the layby has still not been resolved despite the best endeavours of Councillors and the Police. The plan was to have a "Waiting Time Limit of 20 minutes" sign erected with the Police taking action when necessary costing £6,000 which HPC offered to pay but was rejected by BCC. This is a long-term problem that remains unresolved.

11c. Terriers Farm and WDC Local Plan – Nothing to report.

11d. Wycombe Air Park - RW said the South-east corner will remain as an industrial park, and although WDC want the site to be developed they do not plan to stop flying there. It is important people still have flying facilities and that gliders are allowed to keep their own run-way.

11e. MUGA - The Planning Application has been withdrawn and no further progress has been made due to unresolved parking issues at the Village Hall.

12. ROAD REP REPORTS - None.

13. OTHER REPORTS

13a1. Speed Watch – The latest downloaded data from the MVAS outside Deeters has revealed that 85% of drivers were driving below 35 mph which is 10% below the data for the last three months at 95%. The next Speed Watch will take place later this month.

13a2. NAG - Natalie Judson of Prevention Matters is seeking a volunteer for the role of Ward Leader to act as co-ordinator for their Street Association initiative. The Launch Party, with Cheese & Wine, will take place on Monday 20th February at 7 pm in Hughenden Primary School and everyone is welcome. Flyers have been circulated around the village and JI will attend.

Jl

There is a list of over 80 year olds living in the area and JP, together with TV Police, have visited some of them. It was an eye-opener to see how some folk were coping with looking after a sick relative or a partner with dementia, or being caught up in various scams. JP believed it was good that very vulnerable people had been identified although LS believed some of us already keep a watch on the welfare of our local residents in an informal way.

13b. Village Hall – A price review of the hire rates, the first in three years, became effective on 1st January. They have agreed to replace all the internal doors at a cost of £6,000 and to have acoustic panels to soften the sound in the large hall.

13c. Hughenden Parish Council will re-emphasize the 5.3% increase in the Precept that was decided in December due to spiralling grass cutting costs. The Garden of Rest is flooded because of water draining from the field opposite.

13d. HVDIG held a meeting a month ago with Thames Water about the modelling of flood prevention and AI is awaiting the Minutes. The HVRA website has a link to HVDIG.

AI

13e. National Trust – Events

Tim McGregor, the new Events Manager, regularly informs JD of forthcoming events at Hughenden Manor. David Bailey is now in charge and Cllr Gieler is happy to act as a go-between if and when necessary. Clare Atkinson is a warden for the "Purple Walk".

14. AOB

A new national scheme has been launched that In the event of a power cut you can call **105 for information**.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Hughenden Valley Residents Association Treasurers Report
07/02/2017

Deposit Account			
Statement 31st January 2017 Transfer to/from Current Account	£	2,061.56	
Total At		07/02/2017	£ 2,061.56
Current Account			
Statement 31st January 2017 Transfer to/from Deposit Account	£	3,177.22	
Total At		07/02/2017	£ 3,177.22
Cash & Cheques in hand			
Cash Held Cheques Unbanked	£	88.78	
Total At		07/02/2017	£ 88.78
Total Overall Funds			£ 5,327.56
Uncleared Cheques			£ -
Uncleared Payments in			
Known liabilities yet to be paid			£ -
			£ -
Available Funds			£ 5,327.56

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Notes & Highlights:

Advertising Revenue received for 2016	£	3,464.00
Advertising Revenue received for 2017 So Far	£	300.00
Subs received so far for 2016-2017	£	1,615.00