

literature on scams etc and other helpful advice for very vulnerable people of all ages.
MS and JM will be liaising to write a joint letter to the residents of Coombe Gardens and Wedgwood Drive clarifying their present roles and the Scheme.

JI MS JM

7b) Accident – Gt. Kingshill

As the circumstances surrounding the accident that occurred on the crossing by Craters Hill are unclear it is still an on-going police investigation. Unfortunately, the elderly gentleman had to have his leg amputated.

7c) Parking – Various Hot Spots

These are occurring outside Gt. Kingshill School, the nearby roads of Cryers Hill Lane, Four Ashes Road and on the layby at the top of Cryers Hill, and on occasions at the Village Hall car park and on the A4128 by Magnolia Sports & Social Club.

Complaints have been received of inconsiderate parking on the Spring Valley estate, made worse because of the recent building works at Hughenden Primary School. Please let the Co-Chairs know of any car parking problems that you see.

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Jl praised the stewards who were on duty at the Grand Opening of the Village Shop on Saturday because despite the huge number of people attending, not a single vehicle had parked on Coombe Lane; instead they were being directed to the Surgery car park.

8. HVRA BUSINESS

8a) Publicity 2017

JD was delighted to report that advertising revenue committed for Hughenden News has increased considerably and he hoped to reach a target of £4,500 to cover printing costs..

Jl praised JD for producing his Interim News Sheet which had received lots of favourable comments and that he *deserved a pat on the back*.

8b) Speakers for the HVRA AGM on 18th May

Following some discussion, the following were put forward as suggestions:

1. Fields in Trust
2. Anthony Mealing, Conservation Architect – Talk on the History of Hughenden Valley
3. David Bailey, the new Manager of the National Trust
4. Medical Response Dogs

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Please let the Co-Chairs know of any other ideas

8c) Senior Citizens Treat, 17th June

MS suggested the *Valley Players* because they are putting on a Revue for one evening only on 24th April and thought it could be reprieved for our event. MS to pass Sheelagh Jones' details to RH.

MS & RH

UPDATE: AB had, prior to the meeting, arranged for "The Moles" to entertain the Senior Citizens and Jl has subsequently ratified this.

8d) Litter Pick – 18th March

LS has acquired the necessary equipment (bags and pickers) from WDC and confirmed that all volunteers are to meet in the **Village Hall car park at 10.30am**, to Litter Pick for a couple of hours and then *go down the Pub*. Jl will email all Road Reps to enlist help for the 18th March.

Jl

8e) Roadside Hedges – Update

Although numerous articles have been written in the magazine about cutting back hedges, Jl reminded everyone that there is only about another fortnight in which to do so because of nesting birds and rising sap.

PG reported that the hedges on only one side of Cryers Hill, the school route side, had been cut back

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and that he and another resident planned to do the other side. Hughenden Parish Council have cut back all the hedges that they have responsibility for. They will be writing to land-owners who don't cut back asking them to do so, and if they don't HPC will cut them back and send them an invoice.

9. WEBSITE

9a) Addition of Photos

Jl asked members to pass on any photos of Hughenden Valley that might be unique or interesting so that she can merge them with the ones that she already has by Bill Page. Some of them will go in the magazine and she will pass some panoramic vistas to DA for the website prior to him relinquishing the role of Webmaster. HD has hinted that her husband might be interested in taking on the role.

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9b) Minutes

JP is to put Confirmed HVRA Minutes on the website please.

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10. HUGHENDEN NEWS

JD reported that advertising is going well. All articles have been proof-read and he is awaiting LJ's article on the Grand Opening of the village Shop. Meanwhile he is selecting some nice photos of the event. The magazine should be ready for the printers early next week and available for Road Reps by the end of March.

JD

LS apologised that she will be on holiday then and if she fails to get someone else to distribute them, she will do so after 9th April.

LS

11. PLANNING REPORTS

11a) Shop – Grand Opening

"What a super day and what a super shop" was everyone's response, and a bonus to have Mary Berry cut the ribbon and sign residents' cookery books, as well as signing new purchases. JT thanked everyone for their support and hoped they would use the shop as much as possible to enable it to thrive and prosper. A few finishing touches remain to be completed.

PG reported that HPC had funded the recent "make-over" of the adjacent playground by having "high-risk" timber replaced with new and replacement bark being laid. It was a joy to see so many young children enjoying the playground facilities on Saturday afternoon.

11b) Hughenden Valley Planning Applications

The National Trust had contacted the Chiltern Society to organise a meeting with Matt Hopkins to discuss his proposed access road that will run through the field from his Office in the large Storage Barn near Boss Lane to Valley Road because of environmental issues concerning the important chalk stream that sometimes flows across the field.

12. ROAD REP REPORTS

Another "dead" bus incident had occurred just after dark the evening of Monday 2nd February with the bus coming to a halt on the right-hand bend. All the passengers had to disembark and walk up to the next bus stop. AI reported this to Transport for Bucks who then made contact with the Traffic Manager at Arriva. He wants to know when his buses get into difficulty ascending Coombe Lane and AI now has an Arriva contact telephone number for future emergencies. .

13. OTHER REPORTS

13a) Speedwatch/NAG

RH reported on the successful monthly Speedwatch sessions as well as the favourable data downloaded from the Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) located outside Deeters that revealed much improved results, i.e. 95% of vehicles were travelling under 35 mph.

The Co-Chair wished to record her thanks that the Hughenden Valley Speedwatch is working well each month and for the volunteers who make it possible.

On the subject of Scams, PG warned that if you are asked to provide a number and the caller asks "Can you hear me?" respond immediately by putting the receiver down because if you say "Yes" it will be recorded and retrieved later by the caller when he/she enters into a contract to purchase something. You will then, unknowingly, find that you have entered into a contract that is not of your making. This is a major scam in the USA and will be coming over here soon.

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Neighbourhood Watch will be holding their AGM on Monday 3rd April at 7.30pm in The Church of Christ, Sycamore Road, Booker. All are welcome.

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Neighbourhood Watch need more volunteers throughout the village and if anyone wants to start a scheme in their road, please let JI know.

13b) Village Hall

The next Village Day will take place in 2018. The Organising Committee will meet very soon and is seeking a new Chair. A *STOP PRESS* advert will appear in *Hughenden News* for this role and Road Reps are asked to email their residents too.

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13c) Hughenden Parish Council

PG passed on the sad news that Cllr, Brian Swain had died the previous Tuesday. Paul Nichols, Chairman of HPC, will write his obituary and the Council will mark his time as a Councillor in due course. The funeral will be a private affair. No flowers please and any donations to go to Children's Cancer.

Local resident, Hilda Stearn, has become a Parish Councillor for the Hughenden Valley Ward. This brings our total to three, with one vacancy remaining. PG will continue to represent the Parish Council on the HVRA, but will refrain from voting on anything because it could compromise his position.

Despite HPC objecting to the planning application submitted by Gt. Kingshill School for a Pre-School to be built on the site of the swimming pool because of inadequate parking provision, WDC have granted permission for it to proceed.

13d) HVDIG

AI drew the Committee's attention to a recent leaflet from the Aylesbury Conservative Constituency Association Office which carried an article by David Carroll on the HVDIG.

14. AOB

Litter Pick - LS asked if a letter could be sent out to Road Reps and residents seeking volunteers to help with the Litter Pick on Saturday, 18 March. JI to do this.

Jl

Notice Board - JT had spoken to the Treasurer about having a Notice Board for the Village Shop, and after a brief discussion JI proposed that the HVRA give a donation of £450 for its purchase and the Committee **agreed unanimously**. JT will investigate the most appropriate Notice Board that is in keeping with the shop's façade and location.

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BT Phone Box by the Former Shop -, PG will make some enquiries as to whether the phone box will stay open for the time being or closed down. JI reminded the Committee that the Village Day survey showed that residents wanted it to be kept for several reasons and WDC had been advised of this.

PG

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Signed.....Janet Idle.....
Date.....4th April 2017.....

**Hughenden Valley Residents Association
Treasurers Report
07/03/2017**

Deposit Account			
Statement 28th February 2017		£	2,061.62
Transfer to/from Current Account			
Total At	07/03/2017	£	2,061.62
Current Account			
Statement 28th February 2017		£	3,177.22
Transfer to/from Deposit Account			
Total At	07/03/2017	£	3,177.22
Cash & Cheques in hand			
Cash Held		£	23.78
Cheques Unbanked			
Total At	07/03/2017	£	23.78
Total Overall Funds			£ 5,262.62
Uncleared Cheques			
		£	-
Uncleared Payments in	02/03/2017	£	180.00
		£	180.00
Known liabilities yet to be paid			
		£	-
Available Funds			£ 5,442.62

Notes & Highlights:

Advertising Revenue received for 2017 So Far	£	300.00
Subs received so far for 2016-2017	£	1,730.00