

**MINUTES OF THE HVRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
THE 4 APRIL 2017 AT THE HUGHENDEN VALLEY SMALL HALL**

**CONFIRMED**

**WELCOME.**

Janet welcomed everyone to the meeting, and confirmed that HD would be taking the minutes as RH was not present.

**1. PRESENT.**

Angus Idle (Co-Chair)	Janet Idle (Chair)	Al Bowyer (Treasurer)	Geoff Wright
David Sharp	John Dockett	Michael Sole (HVVH)	Clare Atkinson
Andrew Capey	James Perkins	Heather Dempsey (Acting Sec)	
Peter Gieler (HPC)	Hilda Stearn (HPC)		

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Rosemary Hewitt, Daphne Hicks, Jill Thompson & Christine Bowyer and Anna Burniston

**3. Road Reps who do not attend meetings:-**

Virginia Foster   Rachelle Fountain   Alison Gieler   Dave Mynors   Carole Palmer  
Alison Gieler   Virginia Foster   Karen Dynes

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

**4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 1 MARCH 2017.**

**Item 12** clarity was sought re the 'previous evening' and it was confirmed when this had occurred.

**Item 7b** PG said there is no crossing at Great Kingshill; it is at Cryers Hill. These had been circulated, read and were signed as a true record of the meeting. This was proposed and seconded, and JI signed the minutes.

**5. MATTERS ARISING.**

**Item 6c** JI referred to diary dates and **Item 8d** re the litter pick in March, and that she would like to record her thanks to Lin Smith. Sacks and grabbers had been provided and many different areas were covered.

**Item 8b** speaker from Fields in Trust might attend and give a talk at the AGM on the 18<sup>th</sup> May. JI said that Anthony Mealing was not available, David Bailey had not been contacted yet, and the Medical Response Dogs had attended in the past. JI no other ideas had been received to date.

**Item 8c** the Senior Citizens' event AB to let us know re entertainment, and is sending around a catering list for those helping on the night.

**Item 11b** re Matt Hopkins AB update and planning permission from WDC, and to be vigilant regarding the chalk stream. PG said that the Hopkins Estate did not have to apply for planning permission and the Parish Council had written to WDC Planning Department to check whether planning had been properly carried out, as well as officially asking the Enforcement Office to report back to them. The Chiltern Society is investigating, and the National Trust. Discussion re culverts under the road re the stream, and being a potential flood area. PG confirmed this was on the WDC website. MS concerns regarding the road, and to contact Wycombe District Council and BCC. PG had spoken with Rosemary Hewitt about this matter. HS will write to Matt Hopkins, and JI said that this must be done in the

correct way; action to be taken only if he has not got planning permission. AB to write to all parties registering our concern, and JI was asked to write the letters. (Update- JI and AI contacted WDC and were taken through their website piece by piece and then went to the HPC planning committee). Results will eventually be on the website; positive or negative.

**Item 11a** discussion around the new community shop.

**Item 14b** regarding the notice board for the village costing £450. HS asked questions regarding this cost, and AB clarified this issue.

- 6. TREASURER'S REPORT.** AB there are uncleared cheques and BACS. £5,240 is available at 31/3/17, and is roughly the same as last year. Known liabilities are paid in April as normal. One issue is that subs will go up in the wrong financial year. Suggestion from AB that a 6 month period is used to extend the year to the end of September for subs. Then they would be in the correct year, and allow 6 months grace for the subs to be paid. This will be considered later. Some Road Reps gathering in funds are experiencing delays with getting payments. It was agreed that we need to look at the HVRA constitution for guidance. AB explained that some residents were paying for 2 years eg £10, and MS stated that the AGM was coming up and this issue needed to be raised. JI said that in only a few roads do any people refuse to pay. HS the need to engage with the residents, and HD commented about how she gathers funds in Bryants Bottom and with few issues. PG proposal to go to the AGM, and this was seconded by AB and many members were also in favour.

**7. DIARY DATES 2017.**

**Item 7a** HVRA AGM is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May in the Small Hall at 7:30pm.

**Item 7b** Senior Citizens event is on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June in the Large Hall from 7-11pm. Room has been booked from 2pm – volunteers will be catering and Christine Bowyer will manage this event and organise the helpers. JI confirmed that RH was not present tonight because of the birth of her new grandchild, and had questioned the start time of this event. It was agreed that the event time needed to be clarified. AB said that entertainment would be Tom Moles and his father Gavin, and that they would be performing at Lacey Green Village at 3pm on the 9<sup>th</sup> April. They would be pleased to do this session for HVRA, and to entertain the older people. AB list being circulated to help at this event, and there will be supper and wine. MS stated that the piano is OK regarding it being in tune.

**8. UPDATES.**

**Item 8a** litter pick had been discussed earlier in the meeting (see Matters Arising).

**Item 8b** Road Reps/Street Rep/Neighbourhood Watch e.g. likes CA with on-going lists per road regarding the BCC Street Association, and the need to know who is doing what in our area. JP asked who is taking on the Coordinators role in Hughenden Valley. This has not been finalised, and HD stated that she had initially expressed an interest in this position. JI Road Reps can take on both roles if they want, but that things may only move slowly, and we may not need this particular initiative in parts of HV because we already have Road Reps. JP asked re HPC and it was confirmed that Stan Jones as Chair of NAG is involved. HD had attended an earlier meeting at the HPC, and fed back her thoughts. HS had attended a Local Forum meeting and understood that this was a pilot project being taken forward by Natalie Judson from BCC. Performance indicators would apparently identify the success of this project. JI attended the beginning of this project and the issue of scams and older people being vulnerable to this type of financial abuse. There seemed uncertainty in the committee as to the intention of this new initiative and what the roles would be. HD informed them of the Prevention Matters strategy and her knowledge of this work and said she would look at the pack of information and feedback as to what would be useful. AB fed back on the Time Credits scheme for volunteers which was a BCC initiative, as a pay-back for their voluntary

work in the community. PG spoke about Prevent but this was an anti-terrorism strategy, and HD and JI confirmed that it was totally different to Prevention Matters as HD had attended talks on both project.

**Item 8c** St John's Ambulance first aid training session. JI led the discussion but committee members needed more information, and why this would be needed regarding the new Street Association project or for resident. (Reminder. This was discussed at the previous meeting when there were more absentees than usual)

JI mentioned the defibrillators and how this training could assist with these pieces of equipment that were available in the community. JI asked who would be for having this training and who would be against. There was a show of hands, and it was agreed that more information was needed regarding the potential cost of putting this training on via the HVRA and what its aims would be. This differed from the enthusiasm of the previous meeting when many Road Reps were absent.

#### 9. HVRA.

**Item 9a** publicity in 2017. JI stated that all HVRA events are publicity for the work of the organisation. AB Potter Quiz date will be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October, and that it was all booked at the village hall. Discussion around how many members we had from the 650 houses in the area, and how we persuade them to become members. HS spoke again about the need for us to engage people, however it was felt that this was being done and that we could not force people to become members, as this was their own choice. AB, in Warrendene Road he actively encouraged people to become members, and promoted all the positive work that was done by members of the HVRA. HS said she had been able to promote tea and cake, and prosecco parties to her neighbours, and that this was working well. It was concluded that all areas had good work going on to encourage people to be HVRA members, and that the £5 subs per year was money well spent. Re HVRA website HD stated her husband may be able to get involved from May, and had lots of relevant work experience within this area.

**Item 9b** the speaker for the 18<sup>th</sup> May AGM had already been discussed earlier in the meeting (see matters arising).

**Item 9c** the Senior Citizens event on the 17<sup>th</sup> June had previously been discussed.

#### 10. WEBSITE.

**Item 10a** addition of photographs was still on-going.

**Item 10b** These could be added for residents' information.

#### 11. HUGHENDEN NEWS. – JD confirmed that magazines had gone out and updated on various issues as the Editor, and in particular on advertising matters. HS stated that one of her residents felt that the publication was getting too political and in particular with MUGA issues. In fact the MUGA was never mentioned. But MS said that we needed to make it clear that HVRA do not support the MUGA as was stated in several sections of the current Hughenden News publication. He said that this was JI and AI's initiative, and there was quite heated debate on this from PG, MS, and HS regarding articles in the magazine concerning political matters. (NB the Muga was only mentioned by the HVFC and not mentioned by anyone else. The Hughenden News is there for all.

#### 12. PLANNING REPORT. PG concern that 5-bedroomed houses are being created from original 2-bedroomed properties, and that this was happening a lot in Cryers Hill. A 2-bedroomed property became 4-bedroomed in Bryants Bottom, which doubled the value of the property. This is then pricing people out of living in the area. PG concerns re Clappins Lane and this not being green belt is a real future worry. Getting National Trust opinions regarding views,

and gathering this information is useful. HVRA play a part and JP asked does the council know what residents actually think, and that we should all be kept notified. JI said that RH does a lot to look at all council planning issues. AB said that JI and RH were doing this as Dory was no longer involved in this matter. Information is essential, and also on the website regarding planning issues. JI confirmed that no planning report was available tonight as RH was not present. HS said we must engage people in this process, and to have minutes on the HVRA website. JP draft proposals to take out of the green belt DM40 and DM41 regarding sizes, and houses being enlarged is a real problem. CA draft proposal is needed, and support given regarding the consequences.

### **13. ROAD REP REPORTS.**

**Item 13a AB** fed back that the ditch had been cleared, and posts in Warrendene Road were discussed. A resident was not happy with this, and there had been logs before.

**Item 13b** AI said he had got through this year without buying any salt. Contact with Transport for Buckinghamshire regarding the removal of the remaining concrete in Coombe Lane.

**Item 13c** deleted.

### **14. OTHER REPORTS.**

**Item 14a** Speedwatch/NAG more volunteers are needed for Speedwatch but the NAG is OK.

**Item 14b** Village Hall MS confirmed that in April the acoustics should be improved regarding the panels, and in May there will be new internal doors. JP the security camera is being reviewed.

**Item 14c** Parish Council PG updated re the Garden of Rest building works and traffic issues. There have been problems for people getting out of their drives, and suggested that people consider bunching vehicles and informal parking bays.

**Item 14d** AI said regarding Coombe Lane concrete lorry, that the police closed the road and there was a complaint to Transport for Bucks. He has been put in touch with Arriva in Aylesbury, and how to divert traffic and in particular the 300 bus route via West Wycombe when there is a Coombe Lane bus blockage.

**Item 14e** Country Supplies traffic at Walter's Ash has a penalty system and lorries only come in when allowed, and otherwise there is a £100 fine. Donate money to charity if the same happens in Warrendene Road. Buildbase have schedules.

**Item 14f** Country Supplies are an issue AB confirmed. JP offered to give AB info on this issue.

**Item 14g** PG Annual Parish meeting will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> April at North Dean Village Hall at 7:30pm, and this was confirmed by MS.

**Item 14h** Affinity Water will be completed on Cryers Hill and Valley Road by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April. CA potholes have appeared but they have managed the project well, and this has been resurfaced. Reserve pipe not linked to the properties which people might not know.

**Item 14i** HVDIG No further updates.

### **14 AOB**

**Item 15a** JI highlighted a neighbour's complaint about bright lights at Four Ashes Road which were a very bright white colour. She was not sure if this was an orangery, and information was being gathered. Naphill AONB the white house (Heatherlands) to be demolished to build 3 houses there.

**Item 15b** PG Naphill link to Downley was objected to.

**Item 15c** On the agenda for this week AI had written, and there has been good feedback on what has been reported. Friends of Naphill Common JI stated that juniper there is rare, and gave the meeting feedback. AI stated that Chapel Lane can be very busy at times, and can be dangerous at the 90° blind corner.

**Item 15d** JI informed us of the Thame Country Fair at Easter on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April, and had an event leaflet and that tickets can be purchased in advance.

**Item 15e** PG fed back to the meeting that WDC are responsible for litter bins, and advised to write to HVPC for more. DS backed this approach.

**Item 15f** AB stated that Simon Kearey wanted to offer another cinema event in October if people are interested, and PG was dealing with this and the hall availability.

**Item 15g** Chiltern Society was also mentioned, and that they had all sorts of activities taking place within this charity.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:35pm.**

**Date of the next meeting is Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 at 7:30pm.**

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

**Date.....6th June 2017.....**

**Hughenden Valley Residents Association  
Treasurers Report  
01/04/2017**

<b>Deposit Account</b>			
Statement 28th February 2017		£	2,061.62
Transfer to/from Current Account			
<b>Total At</b>	<b>01/04/2017</b>	£	<b>2,061.62</b>
<b>Current Account</b>			
Statement 28th February 2017		£	3,177.22
Transfer to/from Deposit Account			
<b>Total At</b>	<b>01/04/2017</b>	£	<b>3,177.22</b>
<b>Cash &amp; Cheques in hand</b>			
Cash Held		£	-
Cheques Unbanked			
<b>Total At</b>	<b>01/04/2017</b>	£	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Overall Funds</b>			<b>£ 5,238.84</b>
Uncleared Cheques	100332	£	106.00
			<b>-£ 106.00</b>
Uncleared Payments in	02/03/2017	£	180.00
	31/03/2017	£	58.78
			<b>£ 238.78</b>
Known liabilities yet to be paid	Turville printers		<b>-£ 1,498.00</b>
	Insurnace		<b>-£ 300.00</b>
			<b>£ -</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>			<b>£ 3,573.62</b>

**Notes & Highlights:**

Advertising Revenue received for 2017 So Far	£	300.00
Subs received so far for 2016-2017	£	1,780.00