

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 17th May 2016 at Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

The meeting started at 7.30pm

1 **PRESENT:**

Angus & Janet Idle (Co-chairman), Al Bowyer (Treasurer), James Perkins (Acting secretary)
Total number of additional attendees 20.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Cllr Peter Gieler, Andrew Capey, Daphne Hicks, Anna Burniston, Mr & Mrs Brand, Jerry Morley.

3 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

The minutes of the 2015 AGM were circulated. Approval was proposed by Angus Idle and seconded by James Perkins and passed unanimously.

4 **MATTERS ARISING:**

None

5 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Janet Idle gave the Chairman's report in which she recounted the activities over the last year and thanked all those who had given their support. A full copy of the report is included in these minutes.

6 **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Al Bowyer indicated that the excess income over expenditure of £1,500 reflected the effect of timing of receipt of invoices particularly for the production costs of the Newsletter. The previous year had shown excess expenditure of £1,700. The balance sheet showed a current balance at year end of £5,836.59. As we try to keep a working balance of around £5,000 it was felt that subscriptions should continue at £5 per household. Particular issues that needed addressing were the failure to collect all annual subscriptions and the shortfall of £1,000 in the cost of producing the Newsletter due to a fall in advertising revenue.

Al gave notice that he will relinquish the treasurer's role at the AGM in 2017 however if somebody could be found to take on his role in advertising and marketing of the newsletter he might be persuaded to reconsider.

7 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Officers for 2016/17 were unanimously approved as follows:

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconded
Chairman	Angus/Janet Idle	Andrew Capey	Rosemary Hewitt
Vice Chairman	Jerry Morley	Janet Idle	James Perkins
Treasurer	Al Bowyer	James Perkins	Rosemary Hewitt
Secretary	No nomination		

10 **GUEST SPEAKER**

Dr William Seligman, a volunteer doctor with the Thames Valley Air Ambulance gave an interesting presentation about the services and operation of Air Ambulance which is totally funded by charitable donations.

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.45pm and followed by cheese and wine.

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....

Co-Chair Report AGM 2016

Sometimes we have to look around to keep an eye on our surroundings so that we don't get encroachment into our villages, the AONB/ Green Belt areas.

As you are aware, the HVRA tries to satisfy all the needs of an AONB village in the Chilterns and to keep up its rare Green Belt Settlement status. Some of the land surrounding us *is* land-banked and the Government has decreed more land has to be given over to housing. Wycombe District Council has had the formidable task of conforming to Government directives. We can help by being observant, and thankfully, give our help to the AONB with all the forces against it. That's up to all of us. Fortunately, there are still well farmed areas, which are a godsend and must be safeguarded. Tomorrow Wycombe District Council will be discussing the latest Draft Local Plan. *Just keep your fingers crossed that we, Hughenden Valley, are not included in it.*

The HVRA twice objected to the razing of Uplands on the Kingshill side of our Valley. It was to have first 16, then 66 homes built on it with no guarantee that these would not be more. Fortunately along with historian Marian Miller, who visited the Committee, we were able to help, with our information and Hughenden Maps, to get Uplands a Grade II listing.

The new owners of Uplands hopefully will succeed with their plans to redevelop the inside of the two buildings there into flats. We are fortunate to have two significant Grade II buildings on the skyline instead of what was previously planned with between 16-66 roof tops spoiling a unique Chiltern view. We wish them good luck with what must be an intricate internal conversion in such a lovely setting. The original architect drawings by Ted Cullinen are quite amazing and he is due to visit.

Uplands internal conversions will have *50 plus*, 1, 2, or 3 bedroom flats that have been planned as promised, and it is going through WDC planning department now; nearly past the winning post; any day now.

HVRA did not object to Uplands planning permission application but made some comments, looking ahead to what could be a fair mix of singles, couples, downsizers, first time buyers and families; a chance for some to move into a beautiful location where adherence to the AONB and Green Belt restrictions and preservation of woodland and wild animal routes were and are promised.

Consequently, thoughts of new additional traffic have been in discussions and that is the responsibility of Bucks County Council. We can press for a lowered speed limit in Four Ashes Road. But Uplands will be more like a hamlet with a mixed population, *and we may contact them. Coombe Lane also needs a 30mph speed limit in place.*

To allay some people's worries, there are two new residential homes for the elderly in existence or have got their foundations laid in the Hughenden Quarter, between Wycombe and Hughenden Park. One is called Hughenden Gardens Village, which is advertised as "**close to lovely Hughenden Valley**" - trading on us! The other being started is a new Star & Garter Home for various ages of Veterans. *Nearby there are student quarters. Maybe the Veterans will advise the students. The students can help the Veterans!*

BucksCC have called on people to be more aware of the needs of vulnerable adults, and Natalie Judson and Chris Holden of 'Prevent' visited us on that matter in conjunction with Helen Robinson from our surgery. All our Road Reps are now aware of the emphasis on these factors *and communications arising.*

Back to traffic in the area, particularly near to Great Kingshill School. Some of us participated in a petition organised by a Hughenden Parish Council member. That has resulted in Bucks County Council offering £14000 to banish overweight vehicles from the tarmac strip. Perhaps not the conclusion people expected. The Police can only do so much, according to the law.

There are pedestrian traffic lights in Cryers Hill area, which do help. New-build housing traffic comes through the villages from other areas, *including* Great Kingshill, Widmer End and Risborough and Aylesbury/Stoke Mandeville *and Wycombe.*

On the state of roads, several HVRA members have called TfBucks over potholes, overhanging trees which are lower than lorry heights, deteriorating manhole covers, trees falling onto the road on Coombe Lane and Cryers Hill. Progress varies from item to item, for example, two months to a few years (our pedestrian crossing's paintwork). They are all in a long queue, BucksCC has very little money.

Footpaths need monitoring – not to close one. Pavements need to be kept clear of moss, tree roots, and uncut overhanging hedges. We really have done a lot, or at least tried to, in these areas. Whilst much money is spent on the Cressex Area, devastating the town centre and leaving our local infrastructure short of financial input, we await better road surfaces, *despite umpteen phone calls from several of us to Transport for Buckinghamshire and the Chiltern District recycling and road cleansing departments.*

Here is the information regarding the Community Speed Watch with PC Lee Turnham: in which we take part. From 10 February - 12 April 2016 with the Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) facing up Valley Road in the direction of Speen 92% of drivers were recorded driving less than 35 mph, with one speedster travelling at 80 mph on 10 April at 7:05 am. 92% is a fantastically high score and would suggest that drivers are taking notice of the MVAS.

From 14 April - 6 May 2016 with the MVAS facing down in the opposite direction (towards Wycombe) only 84% of drivers were recorded driving under 35 mph, with 3 speedsters travelling at 70 mph on 3 Saturdays in April, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

These data would suggest that drivers were caught on the hop, so to speak, because they were not used to seeing a MVAS facing in this direction, hence the score is much reduced and not so good.

They have however been dramatically better in recent month thanks to Rosemary who organises the Speedwatch rota in Hughenden Valley and Bryants Bottom.

Village Day is on July 16 and there will be a Cricket Match again on the next day, July 17th.

We Need a New Secretary.

HVRA's Senior Citizens' Treat on Saturday June 18th – 4pm to 6:30pm. This is a one-off change for this year. The invitations are now being sent out by our Road Reps.

We have covered a lot of work concerned with the Charity Commission; one to do with Allotments for the Labouring Poor of Hughenden Parish, now likely to be called Community Charity for Hughenden

(Implementation of this is currently held up by High Court Action).

The question of charities arose again here when getting to grips with the Charity status of the Village Hall and the King George V Playing Field, and particularly to do with applying to Sport England for a grant towards installing a MUGA and getting other sports on the Field. Fields in Trust are now partners over the King George V Playing Field. They have visited us and are surprised at our acreage of 6.5 acres of Village Hall and surroundings. *All the parts must be safeguarded.* Wycombe District Council has now got our planning Permission Application for the MUGA, having so far been extremely strict about its impact on the AONB, rightly so – geology, drainage, noise and lighting surveys, parking estimates, entry pathway, numbers arriving (nowhere near the numbers **they** expect), neighbouring property owners all were visited *etcetera*.

Six of our Committee are on the Sports Initiative Committee and have greatly enjoyed meetings, all with the Chairs of the Village Hall and the Football Club. All of us have gained a lot of Village Knowledge. All we need now is money for funds and final permission from the Village Hall Trustees to go ahead with the project. We do however thank Hughenden Parish Council for a grant of £5720 to get the project started. It is going through the full planning permission procedure and if successful it will definitely be at the south (Wycombe) end of the football pitch; 92% of the neighbours to the field agree. They were all visited. Things seem to be taking a long time, but 'We have been quicker than we think' according to a WDC Sports Development Officer!

Because we mean business, the Chair of the Village Hall Committee and Trustees and Councillor Peter Gieler have joined the HVRA Committee as has Roland Wales who comes as well as Jill Thompson for the Shop.

Our initiative with the Shop for a Cabin went well, until the Shop was burgled and set alight. The Cabin is in cold storage at the moment and is missed as much as the shop is. Apparently, it was the Cabin that helped the Shop to move from loss making to profit. Let's get it back in use as it was very useful and should be again. *'Simon did not come'*.

The Cycle Path is much desired by WDC, but until the Green Road from Hughenden Quarter is complete *it* is in abeyance at the moment, but the cycle path initiative has come on and off the back burner *at times*, as other people are thinking along similar lines. Naphill resident Gene DaRocha, who cycles in London every day, has been on the internet about local lack of cycle paths. It is now likely that we will meet him with a WDC planner, to be named later, to put our plans and ideas together to get a cycle path which will have our shop at the Village Hall as the focal point in getting from/to the Wycombe's "green " road. He visited our Committee

Sewage – HVDIG (Hughenden Valley Drainage Improvement Group). They have had many meetings with the County Council and Utilities to ensure the sewage spillage does not reoccur. Angus is our representative with that group's committee. *Considering a comparatively wet winter they have done well so far.*

Lastly, there are several of our committee members who deserve special mention. We cannot mention all here; *but* the last thing we want to do is to omit those who also work hard in the background. *The Villages are changing from a more elderly percentage to a greater mix of couple/ school age.*

Edna Parker – A presentation was made to Edna for her thirty years on the Committee. Her Husband, **Harry**, was a previous Chairman; both gave loyal service to the HVRA as a Road Rep. Good health and Good Luck in Canterbury.

Rosemary Hewitt – 30 years of organising the Senior Citizens' events, suppers and entertainments to whom we also made a presentation. She deserves a medal. Her apron is now on its hook. She also maintains the Planning Sub-Committee with *help from Janet and others including Angus and Jerry.*

David Sharp, Geoff Wright and Jill Thompson – They have given virtually full attendance at Committee Meetings for several years. Thanks to David for his help in dealing with the AfLP Charity and now with this year's Village Day, *when we will man the Bucks Fizz stall and a Photographic Competition.*

We send our best wishes to **Daphne Hicks** while she recovers from two operations. *Get well soon, we miss you,*

John Dockett – Gives his all to the editorship of the Hughenden News; no easy task but very important for Village Communication. Also he is on the Sports initiative Committee

Christine Bowyer – for organising Potter Cup Quiz suppers in particular, and for helping at these quizzes and other events.

Jerry Morley – Always available in an emergency and very good assessing the area

Andrew Capey – A great help to the Committee as Secretary for eighteen months when we really needed it. He has been very patient under the workloads we have asked of him. He retires from this post due to other commitments but has taken on Road Rep for Burnham Road from John Miller

Some more thanks.

Al Bowyer - For organising the Potter Cup Quizzes. Also for being our very professional Treasurer and the keeper of road lists and other data. Always someone who encourages us all. *Quite often a Poster Maker.*

James Perkins – for his support and as Bryants Bottom Road Rep.

Heather Dempsey - with her contacts list and information on the poorness of roads.

New Road Reps

Paul Jenner for southern most part of Valley Road, and soon to start, **Becky Bonnerjea** for Frogmore Close
The Village is fortunate to have such a superb group! Many thanks to all our Road Reps; they are becoming quite famous locally and envied by local Residents Associations. *Thanks to all. Enjoy the talk and the refreshments.*

*Janet and Angus Idle
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Hughenden Valley Residents Association

ACCOUNTS

As at 5th April 2016

Balance Sheet

Balance brought forward

£ 4,334.95

Bank at 5th April, 2015

ADJUSTED Previous Year

£ 4,334.95

INCOME 2014/2015

Income 2014/2015

£ 8,157.50

Interest Received 2014/2015

£ 1.43 £ 8,158.93

Balance on current account

£ 3,311.04

Balance on deposit account

£ 2,060.57

EXPENDITURE 2014/2015

Outgoings 2014/2015

£ 6,050.93

Cash Payments 2014/2015

£ 606.36 £ 6,657.29

Cash & Cheques in Hand

£ 464.98

Surplus/ Deficit for year ending 5th April 2015

£ 1,501.64

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I have examined all bank statements, receipts and other supporting papers and have found these accounts to be correct.

Original Signed by:

R Hawkins FCMA; GCMA

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As at 5th April 2016

Income	2015/2016	2014/2015
Subscriptions - Previous Year	£ 210.00	
Subscriptions - Current Year	£ 2,060.00	£ 1,990.00
Newsletter Adverts - Current Year	£ 3,431.50	£ 2,863.00
Newsletter Adverts - Following Year	£ 646.00	£ 1,538.00
Parish council grant for newsletter	£ 520.00	£ 520.00
Potter Cup	£ 1,010.00	£ 1,020.00
Donations	£ -	£ 4.00
Interest on deposit account	£ 1.43	£ 1.43
MUGA Expenses	£ 280.00	
Total income	£ 8,158.93	£ 7,936.43
Expenditure		
AGM expenses	£ 35.55	£ 81.36
Insurance	£ 301.06	£ 299.06
Newsletter production/distribution costs	£ 3,796.66	£ 6,896.60
Sundry Expenses	£ -	£ 60.88
Hire of Hall - HVRA Meetings	£ 190.00	£ 190.00
Hire of Hall - Good Companions	£ 190.00	£ 190.00
Chiltern Society membership	£ 85.00	£ 35.00
High Wycombe Society	£ 50.00	£ -
Senior Citizens events	£ 505.52	£ 562.95
Potter Cup Quiz Costs	£ 510.15	£ 530.20
Village Day		£ 38.50
Flowers and Donations		£ 27.00
Christmas Tombola	£ -	£ 35.78
Web-Site Costs	£ 173.35	£ -
Community Shop - Coffee House	£ -	£ 500.00
Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights	£ -	£ -
Hughenden Valley Lollipop Group	£ 200.00	£ 200.00
Salt Supplies to Residents	£ -	£ 4.99
MUGA Expenses	£ 420.00	£ -
Rural Defibrillator Group	£ 200.00	£ -
Total Expenditure	£ 6,657.29	£ 9,652.32
Excess of income over expenditure	£ 1,501.64	-£ 1,715.89

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