

**MINUTES OF THE HVRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 AT HUGHENDEN VALLEY SMALL HALL**

**Confirmed**

**WELCOME**

Angus welcomed everyone to the meeting after the long summer break.

**ACTION**

**1. PRESENT**

Angus Idle (Chair)	Janet Idle (Co-Chair)	Peter Cannon (Treasurer)	Rosemary Hewitt (Secretary)	
Becky Bonnerjea	Al Bowyer	Andrew Capey	Lin Smith	Geoff Wright
John Dockett	Jerry Morley	Michael Sole	Roland Wales	Cllr Hilda Stearn

- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Clare Atkinson, Christine Bowyer, Anna Burniston, Heather Dempsey, James Perkins and Cllr Peter Gieler. For personal reasons Clare will not be attending meetings for a while but hopes to return in the New Year. She will remain a Road Rep for Cherry Tree Close.

Road Reps who do not attend meetings:

Virginia Foster      Alison Gieler      Dave Mynors      Carole Palmer

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

- 3. THE CHAIR** - Welcome as above

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017.**

The Minutes were signed as a true record with the following amendment:

**Item 2 Apologies for Absence** Add: Rosemary Hewitt, Jerry Morley, James Perkins and Lin Smith.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**11d Hughenden Parish Council – Playground improvements**

RH expressed concern that the slide on the recently installed play equipment did not have a flat “slide-off”, instead the slide ended abruptly and her grandson slid off, landing on the ground on his bottom. Also, the steadying chains accompanying the wooden stepping posts were missing which rendered them unsafe. HS said the slide was safety compliant and a notice had been put on the gate that some play equipment was not deemed safe. She asked RH to write to her and she will pass on her concerns to HPC. Update – The Play area has since been closed temporarily.

**RH/HS**

**11d. Final sentence.** Al believed there was ambiguity in this statement because it referred to *applications for grants*, stressing that the HVRA did not apply for a grant. HS explained that going forward HPC wish to provide value for money in line with their aims, and the intention is that any organisation receiving a grant must justify the reasons for their application. LS said that one of the obligations of the Parish Council is to supply a Village Hall and if it were to pack up then the Parish Council would have to provide another, adding that the grant given to Resident Associations is for helping to provide a magazine and that the HVRA should not have to apply for a grant, it should be automatic. AB stated that for the past three years, as Treasurer, he had explained what the HVRA used the grant for. HS reiterated the intention of the Parish Council is to know what is being done by that organisation, what benefit is that to the Parish and its residents and if it gives value for money, then it is ok. At the moment, there is no change. Al said that the discussion had not answered the ambiguity, so that sentence will be deleted.

**6.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Since the last meeting in July the Treasurer had paid £1,492 for the production of the Newsletter, £30 subscription for the High Wycombe Society, £400 for the hire of the Hall for HVRA and Good

Companions' meetings. To date, income is £5,440 and expenditure is £4,530, giving excess of income over expenditure of £909. Newsletter revenue from adverts has been collected and £845 is still to come.

During this period a HPC grant of £520 had been received towards the production of the Newsletter. Subs are coming in – 28% from 10 roads. Presently, the balance in the Current Account is £1,254 and the Deposit Account is £5,062.

7.

**7a) DIARY DATES 2017**

**7b) Visit by National Trust to HVRA Meeting – Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October.** David Bailey to speak. **Potter Quiz – Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> |October, 7 pm for 7.30.** AB to arrange collection of the Cup from

AB

**7c) Lin Smith**

**St John's Ambulance Training Session – late October.** The date is tbc.

8.

**8a) HVRA COMMITTEE BUSINESS ARISING**

**Cryers Hill (as from PG)**

Jl reported that he is adamant that we must be vigilant about the Property Spy plots and that the field should be used by local people and have a footpath across it but the plot-holders now wish to utilise their own plots.

Jl detailed the events that has led from the sale of the land to Vantage Land in 2003 when it was divided into plots to the current position which is that the field has an Article 4 Direction in perpetuity that limits any future development. In recent years Charles Kent has farmed the field and kept it in good order, thus preventing a return to it becoming a derelict site with Travellers setting up camp. As the plot holders have now formed a group and liaised with a Solicitor because they want their plots returned to them, Charles Kent has vacated the field and the plot holders will be responsible for its maintenance – but will they? We must be extra vigilant because they could submit a planning application which WDC Planning Officers would scrutinise because the land lies in the Chilterns AONB and Green Belt with an Article 4 Direction.

8b)

**8bi) Bryants Bottom (as From JP, HD et al)**

Residents have expressed concern over two planning applications. One relates to a house and the other to a plot with a viewing platform. One applicant had appealed to the Planning Inspectorate.

8bii)

As a result of a recent bad road accident residents and road users now desire to have a 30 mph sign located in Bryants Bottom Road, just prior to entering the village via the long narrow stretch when coming from Princes Risborough. The HVRA wish to add their support and the Co-Chairs will write to Transport for Bucks, cc to HPC, with a request for this 30 mph sign to improve safety at this hazardous stretch of road.

AI/JI

8c)

8ci)

**Planning Sub-Committee Report**

**8cii) RH** read a letter from Cllr Hugh McCarthy advising vigilance about the future of the Property Spy Field and the plot owners' intentions to take the plots back.

RH passed on the disappointment of residents at Church Farm that a noisy road surface has once again been laid along the A4128. They have frequently asked for a "quiet" surface because the excessive noise of road traffic adversely impacts their lives in a tranquil setting. They believe their concerns have been ignored by Councillors and TfB. TfB said they had not been told of this requirement for a quiet surface.

8ciii)

Several Church Farm residents have raised objections to a retrospective planning application regarding a two storey shed in the rear garden of a nearby property and are awaiting WDC's decision.

8d)

**8di) Road Reps Reports**

**Warrendene Road** - AB reported that a lot of residents are paying their subs by BACs. They must include address details etc to ensure visibility.

- 8dii) **Whitfield Road** - The surface of the road is getting rough in places. AI will write to TfB on the surface of village roads. AI
- 8e)
- 8ei) **Friars Gardens and Orchard Close Road Rep Update**  
 JI thanked PC for collecting subs from residents in Friars Gardens and as a result Annie Jenkins will take on the role of Road Rep for the area previously covered by David Sharp. AI has written to invite her to HVRA meetings although she may not be able to attend. PC also met Jo Holt, Road Rep for the top section, who has not been well, but would help with delivering the magazine.
- 8eii) **Orchard Close**  
 A Road Rep is still needed despite numerous efforts by several residents. Rachel will continue to help from time to time but a HVRA flyer needs to be sent out to residents of Orchard Close and also placed in public places in the village, eg the School, Surgery, Shop notice board etc. AI/JI
- 8f) **Potter Quiz**  
 The theme is *Sgt Pepper's 50 Years, "With a little help from my friends"*. The team consisting A and CB, A and JI, DH and DM have had their first meeting and the questions are worked out. AB has a poster for the Website and for Road Reps. CB will organise the food but needs help. A list will be circulated. AB will collect the Cup from Lin Smith, a member of the previous winning team. RH to contact Rev Keith Johnson about the Church entering a team. AB  
 CB  
 AB  
 RH
- 8g) **Bucks Street Association Update**  
 JI reported that some people are doubling up; one will be a Street Association Rep and the other a Road Rep. She had not heard from Natalie Judson recently although she is keen to continue in the other 4 Wards who do not have Road Reps. Natalie's colleague Korrine was very impressed to hear about the "phenomenal" HVRA's Senior Citizens' Party held in July.
9. **WEBSITE** - No report.
10. **HUGHENDEN NEWS**  
 JD had got in touch with Turville Printers and learned that they were not intending to increase their prices. Very good feedback comments received on the "Ask Peter" article. JI asked for more input from everyone. ALL OF US
11. **OTHER REPORTS**
- 11a) **Speedwatch/NAG**  
 RH reported that volunteers have continued carrying out Speedwatch sessions despite PC Lee Turnham not being in attendance due to other important duties. An average of 50 vehicles travelling above 35 mph were noted at each hourly session at the Valley Road/ Orchard Road junction. As traffic travels too fast along Valley Road the Committee wondered if a YISI (Your Indicated Speed Is) device would be more appropriate. RH to write to HS requesting this. More volunteers are needed to swell the small team. JI wish to record her thanks to the Speedwatch volunteers who regularly turn out. RH
- 11b) **Village Hall**  
 MS reported on the programme of works for the coming months – new doors, replacement and repairs to the garage roof, installation of CCTV. The Drama Group goes from strength to strength. Posters for this year's pantomime, Cinderella, will be sent out to various organisations and put on the website. Dates to note: 25<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Bazaar, 16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner & Dance, mid-January – Village Hall AGM and next year's Village Day will be on 14<sup>th</sup> July.
- 11c) **Village Shop**  
 RW was delighted to report that the shop is extremely popular. It's a great meeting place to chat and have a coffee, even attracting a group of young Mums with their babies when a mat is laid down for the

babies to enjoy. Rev Keith Johnson will be there for two hours every Monday morning to meet and get to know as many local residents as possible. It was with sadness that the Committee learned of the death last Friday of Richard Martin who was the owner of the former village shop a decade ago.

11d)

11di) **Hughenden Parish Council**

HS reported that HPC's Planning Committee is aware of the unfolding developments on the Cryers Hill land and that the NT have some protections, stressing that we must all be vigilant.

11dii)

Cutting of the grass verges will take place next week.

11diii)

At the last HCP Planning Committee Meeting HS was surprised that the HVRA had not made a comment on the retrospective planning application at Church Farm for a raised roof on a large shed to accommodate a mezzanine level plus a veranda which is visually intrusive in the nearby environment. HPC have objected along with several residents who made a compelling case at the Planning Meeting. She encouraged people with a planning concern to attend these meetings because the Committee will listen to their case, and it is very important to submit comments/objections to planning applications to WDC. Also, WDC will send alerts of planning applications within 500m of where you live if so desired.

11div)

HPC have removed the monkey bars in the playground and put up a Notice to warn users that some equipment is deemed unsafe.

11dv)

HS attended Widmer End RA AGM recently and noted that their Draft Minutes were circulated soon afterwards when memories were still fresh and queried if HVRA could do likewise. JI responded that the HVRA AGM proceedings had been fully written up in the recent issue of Hughenden News that was distributed to almost all village households and not just AGM attendees.

11e)

**WDC** - No report

11f)

**HVDIG** - AI attended their AGM recently when all the Committee members were re-elected.

**ALL OF US**

12.

12i) **AOB**

AB circulated a copy of The Chiltern Society magazine, and as HVRA is a member he gave details of their AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> October at The Coach House, Stablebridge Road, Green Park, Aston Clinton.

12ii)

AC enquired if the name of the company that dumped concrete on Coombe Lane was known because TfB are not interested? Update: TfB/BucksCC did clear up the roadway but not the verge. The Police closed the road.

12iii)

DH had received several complaints of dog fouling on Cryers Hill.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed.....Janet Idle.....

Date.....3rd October 2017.....