

**MINUTES OF THE HVRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
6th FEBRUARY 2018 AT HUGHENDEN SMALL HALL**

CONFIRMED

	WELCOME	ACTION
	<p>Angus welcomed everyone to the meeting after the long winter break and Janet hoped we had had an enjoyable Christmas.</p>	
<p>1.</p>	<p>PRESENT Angus Idle (Chair) Janet Idle (Co-Chair) Peter Cannon (Treasurer) Rosemary Hewitt (Secretary) Andrew Capey John Dockett (Editor) Daphne Hicks Jerry Morley (Vice-Chair) Lin Smith Janet Howe Roland Wales</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Al and Christine Bowyer, Anna Burniston, Karen Dynes, James Perkins, Michael Sole, Cllr Hilda Stearn and Rev'd Keith Johnson.</p> <p>Road Reps who do not attend meetings: Alison Gieler, Dave Mynors, Carole Palmer, Clare Atkinson, for a while</p> <p>Reports, written or verbal, are welcome from all members whether they attend meetings or not.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 5th DECEMBER 2017 The Minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting with the inclusion of Item 5. TREASURER'S REPORT "As of 30th November subs have been collected from 55% of households in Hughenden Valley and Bryants Bottom etc. To date, there is a surplus of income over expenditure of £1,386, The balance in the Current Account is £1,721 and the Deposit Account is £5,062."</p>	<p>Al</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES 6b. JI clarified that the withdrawal of Permitted Development Rights, dated 1966, applied to dwellings in the Burnham Road/Whitfield Road estate and stressed that householders should check the requirement to have planning permission before commencing any building works and queried whether it applied to Wedgewood Drive and Coombe Gardens.</p> <p>8. Hughenden News. JD confirmed that he will no longer produce his Interim "What's On" news sheet because of poor support.</p> <p>9d. i) JM enquired about the progress, if any, that has been made regarding the on-going parking problems linked to Gt Kingshill School. DH referred to a BCC Parking Consultation that ran from 24 November to 15 December 2017 on the following proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a weight limit of 7.5 t at all times on the layby • to make the layby a Pay & Display zone during the hours between 10am – 2 pm, Mon – Fri • a charge of 50p per hour to apply on the layby during these hours • to impose a 24 hour Clearway (No waiting at any time) in the bus stop opposite the school, and along the verge or footway on both sides of the road down as far as the first property, "Kilngate". <p>The results of the Consultation are awaited.</p> <p>9d. v) JD had not received an article from HS on the issue of "permitted development" and "infilling".</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT To date, subs have been collected from 65% of the households in Hughenden Valley and Bryants Bottom etc with Valley Road (Coombe Lane to Orchard Close), South Maundin and Hampden still outstanding. He had collected subs from Friars Gardens and Orchard Close and looked forward to receiving the rest soon. In future, it would be helpful if subs could be collected more promptly if possible (Between May, after the AGM, until late July, as agreed in 2016).</p> <p>All the advertising revenue that was outstanding has been collected with the exception of one, and despite sending out numerous emails he has not received a reply. PC thanked JD for his efforts in increasing</p>	<p>Page 1</p>

	<p>advertising revenue in the current year to £4,200 compared to £2,800 last year.</p> <p>To date, there is a surplus of income over expenditure of £1,872 swelling the balance in the Current Account to £2,216. As the Deposit Account has £5,063 he proposed to transfer £5,000 to HSBC Money Market offering .47% interest. He forecast that the largest bill the HVRA faced will be the cost of producing the Newsletter @ £1,500. JD suggested buying Premium Bonds but these could only be purchased by an individual, not an Association.</p> <p>Jl thanked the Treasurer for all his efforts in collecting subs in Friars Gardens and Orchard Close</p> <p>Al passed a receipt on to the Treasurer for re-imburement of 6 bags of salt purchased at a favourable rate from Build Base AI is to email Road reps with a template of the HVRA receipt for subs 2017/18</p>	
6.	<p>HVRA COMMITTEE BUSINESS Amendment to the Calendar for 2018/19 Village Day - 14th July, not the 21st. Senior Citizens Treat - 16th June MS Ploughman's Lunch has been rescheduled for 4th April Village Hall Christmas Dance – 22nd December</p>	PC AI
6a.	<p>Planning Applications etc</p>	
i)	Cryers Hill - PG is keeping a watchful eye on building works being carried out on two nearby bungalows and whether planning applications need to be submitted. Another two bungalows not far away may possibly also become vacant shortly.	PG
ii)	Orchard Farm, Valley Road – The new owner has submitted a Prior Notice Application (under agricultural use) to refurbish a derelict barn and to re-plant an orchard.	
iii)	Bryants Bottom - A resident has installed a large “frame” in their rear garden and its final appearance is unknown.	JP
6b.	<p>Clappins Lane/Green Belt Issues – updates Jl and RH attended the Full HPC meeting in January as the Council had rescinded their previous offer to give £1,000 to the Naphill & Walters Ash Action Group to fight WDC’s proposal to take the Clappins Lane field out of the Green Belt and were disappointed that the members of the public were dealt with brusquely. The Group will now have to set up an organisation with a Constitution, Officers, and a Bank Account and then re-apply.</p>	
6c.	Uplands, Local Plan - Nothing to report. A nearby Residents Association is keeping an eye on the site as well.	
6d.	<p>Road Reps’ Reports</p>	
i)	Trees Road Rep Geoff Wright, in his absence, was praised for his immense contribution over 40 years in this role. The Committee wished him well after the recent surgery on his back that has enabled him to feel more comfortable. He has asked for the <i>Role of a Road Rep</i> document to pass on to an interested resident.(done)	AI/GW
ii)	Bryants Bottom Derek Armshaw has written to BCC about two dangerous holes that have been poorly filled with concrete resulting in some flooding to his front garden.	
iii)	JH complained that something needs to be done about the appalling condition of the road beyond the top end of Bryants Bottom, especially as it is a cycle route.	AI
iv)	Cryers Hill	
v)	DH has written to WDC asking “why the large green bin below the Moggie Motel has changed colour to purple?”	DH
vi)	The Road Rep for Cryers Hill south, upper end, still remains vacant. A complaint received about the awful state the water company left the grass verges when they worked at the bottom end. DH has taken photos and will pursue the matter with the company. HPC is also pursuing the issue.	DH/PG
vii)	A resident has written to Cllr Dave Carroll about getting rid of DIY rubbish at BCC’s Recycling Centres but not yet received a response. It would appear that Local Authorities interpret the 2012 Regulations differently.	DH Page 2.

	DH will investigate the variations and keep us updated. You can apply on-line for a DIY domestic Waste Licence for the disposal of waste. RW said a 1.3m trailer is acceptable to take domestic DIY waste to the tip.	
viii)	Wedgewood Drive & Coombe Gardens JM expressed concern that “tree surgeons” with Irish accents, white vans and an aggressive approach were targeting vulnerable folk. They did a “butcher’s job” on a nearby neighbour’s trees, cash in hand, and then possibly fly-tipped the tree debris. Having gained a customer they pass on that person’s details to another and the vulnerable are targeted again. JM reported the “tree surgeons” to the Police on 101 and got a URN (Unique Reference Number) . It was noted with caution that the Parish Council had sent out a reminder to residents to get their hedges and trees cut back. JD asked JM to write an article for the next edition of Hughenden News.	JM
6e.	Crowdfunding for Community Doppler machine. JM had observed a poster in Hughenden Surgery that sought support/donations for the purchase of a Doppler Scan which is a vital piece of equipment for assessing Deep Vein Thrombosis, arterial blockages etc in a few minutes rather than going on a five months’ hospital waiting list. Dr Gallagher had proposed this idea last July but his crowdfunding initiative raised nothing and his son who attends the RGS has begun fund raising. Dr Gallagher is prepared to pay for one of his nurses to train to use the equipment that costs £2,700. The Committee agreed that the Doppler Scan needs to be better promoted and that JM is to ask Dr Gallagher to write an article for Hughenden News, that’s if he is agreeable, in order to garner wider support for this very worthwhile appeal. Ji suggested that we back this project.	JM AI
6f.	Traffic – Cryers Hill and Valley Road	AI
i)	AI has made a number of reports to Transport for Bucks (TfB) about pavement being narrowed because of fallen trees and branches due to the recent high winds. He has received a report suggesting a deeper study is made of the problem.	AI
ii)	TfB informed AI that the damaged lit roundabout sign post by the Coombe Lane roundabout has been removed (“ <i>Job done</i> ”) but a “cone” now covers the small lower section that still remains. AI will make a complaint of danger as it is a Health & Safety issue. (Update – TfB have passed this on to the department which will supply and install the new sign).	AI
iii)	AI to enquire why the 16% gradient sign at the base of Coombe Lane has been removed adding a request that it should be re-instated because the hill is very steep and is a Health & Safety issue. Update – National Highway regulations state that there has to be a long enough stretch of road before the steep gradient before a steep hill sign can be installed. JM did not understand the logic of this, but it did spark a wide discussion.	AI
6g.	Senior Citizens Treat – 16th June As JI is seeking a volunteer to organise the event she will write something for Hughenden News.	JJ
7.	WEBSITE As AC will have some spare time to look after the Website he welcomes the receipt of material and photos. (There is a Hughenden Valley Facebook page entitled “ <i>What’s on in Hughenden Valley</i> ”). JI is sending some photos from previous Village Days to AC to stir up interest in this year’s event.	ALL OF US JI/AC
8.	HUGHENDEN NEWS – CONTRIBUTIONS BY 27TH FEBRUARY JD has sent out a request for material and will send a chase-up this Friday. He has been contacting all the advertisers that we had last year re-affirming advertising prices will remain the same, and will chase-up those who do not respond.	JD ALL OF US
9.	OTHER REPORTS	
9a.	Speedwatch/NAG There were no Speedwatch sessions during January because weather conditions were poor. A volunteer is needed to download and analyse the data from the MVAS outside Deeters in Valley Road. AC asked what the “data format” is that is used.	RH
9b.	Village Hall/Village Day	
i)	MS is chairing a meeting of Trustees this evening. 40 attended their AGM in January. Bookings are 85% full. There are two theatre companies – <i>Valley Players</i> and <i>Whispers</i> – that will put on three performances, and will require the Village Hall for the whole week taking	

	<p>priority over those who have already booked at a cost of £450 each week. JI will check whether it is for evenings only and not all day.</p>	<p>JI</p>
<p>ii)</p>	<p>As JP will not be able to attend the next two Village Day Committee meetings a volunteer is needed to take his place. LS expressed an interest and would like the dates of the Village Day Committee meetings emailed to her. The HVRA has been asked to run a Pimms & Soft Drinks Stall instead of Bucks Fizz that is to be located at the far end of the field next to the official Bar. JI has concerns about this. JP has been asked to supply the Pimms but was refused by Diageo because children would be at the event.</p>	<p>AI JP/LS</p>
<p>9c.</p>	<p>The Village Shop is doing very well but there is an impasse between the Village Hall and the Shop regarding the terms of the Lease.</p>	
<p>9d.</p>	<p>Hughenden Parish Council – The next Full Council meeting is on Tuesday, 13th February.</p>	
<p>9e.</p>	<p>HVDIG – Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>9f.</p>	<p>The Conservation Group is a sub-committee of the Village Hall Committee and continues to do fortnightly work on the bank up to April. AC asked "how many trees are being cut down as it is apparent that a lot of work has already been carried out?" An observer said it was a healthy tree?</p>	<p>AI</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>DATA PROTECTION – In May the Government is bringing out enhanced data protection – this applies to email addresses and telephone numbers that are held by organisations for a particular reason. They will not be able to use that information for another purpose. If the information relates to a washing machine registration the company cannot write to you on another item. The Government is committed to the implementation of this EU regulation which is aimed at tightening up protocols at commercial companies and volunteer groups.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>STREET ASSOCIATION JI has met all three of the BCC representatives associated with the Street Association project several times as well as Ann Smart, the local co-ordinator, and both (JI & AS) believe that the village needs "joined-up thinking" as there are so many different groups that over-lapping could follow. The top person at Bucks did not know that the HVRA had Road Reps, and JI believed we should all work together and not in opposition. Ann Smart is anxious to know who the Street Association Reps are in the village and whether anyone wishes to take on the role in Bryants Bottom. JH already fulfils the role of a good neighbour to her nearby residents at the top end of Bryants Bottom. BCC will pay for the Information Packs and any flyers that might be needed. They would like the HVRA Website to have details of the Street Association as a single point of communication.</p>	<p>JI/AS JI/AC/AS</p>
	<p>At this point in the meeting AC had to leave, and as it was beginning to snow the rest of the Committee decided to leave too.</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>AOB JI said that if anyone had anything to say under Item 12. AOB they could email her. (NOTE: She thought it was nice that after a 9 week winter break everyone had come in full of cheer and bonhomie and had so much to contribute to the meeting.) The meeting closed at 10.20pm.</p>	
	<p>Signed.....</p>	
	<p>Date.....</p>	
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Hughenden Valley Residents Association

ACCOUNTS

31/01/2018

Income	2017/2018	2016/2017	2015/2016
Subscriptions - Previous Year	£ 510.00	£ 55.00	£ 210.00
Subscriptions - Current Year	£ 2,317.00	£ 1,800.00	£ 2,060.00
Newsletter Adverts - Current Year	£ 4,215.00	£ 2,818.00	£ 3,431.50
Newsletter Adverts - Following Year	£ 92.00	£ 300.00	£ 646.00
Parish council grant for newsletter	£ 520.00	£ 520.00	£ 520.00
Potter Cup	£ 878.00	£ 1,020.00	£ 1,010.00
Village Day Advertising (To be repaid to Village H)	£ -	£ 45.00	£ -
Interest on deposit account	£ 1.48	£ 1.12	£ 1.43
MUGA Expenses	£ -	£ -	£ 280.00
Total income	£ 8,533.48	£ 6,559.12	£ 8,158.93
Expenditure			
AGM expenses	£ 35.45	£ 27.63	£ 35.55
Insurance	£ 311.78	£ 310.44	£ 301.06
Newsletter production/distribution costs	£ 4,549.59	£ 4,896.82	£ 3,796.66
Sundry Expenses	£ 135.76	£ 46.00	£ -
Hire of Hall - HVRA Meetings	£ 200.00	£ 190.00	£ 190.00
Hire of Hall - Good Companions	£ 200.00	£ 190.00	£ 190.00
Administration costs			
Chiltern Society membership	£ 22.50	£ 30.00	£ 85.00
High Wycombe Society	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 50.00
Thames Valley Air Ambulance Service	£ -	£ 50.00	£ -
Senior Citizens events	£ 627.25	£ 398.98	£ 505.52
Village Shop	£ -	£ 106.00	£ -
Potter Cup Quiz Costs	£ 448.00	£ 516.95	£ 510.15
Village Day	£ -	£ 55.30	£ -
Flowers and Donations	£ -	£ 57.50	£ -
Christmas Tombola	£ -	£ 38.40	£ -
Leaflet Printing			
Web-Site Costs	£ 100.67	£ -	£ 173.35
Community Shop - Coffee House	£ -	£ -	£ -
Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights	£ -	£ -	£ -
Hughenden Valley Lollipop Group	£ -	£ -	£ 200.00
Salt Supplies to Residents	£ -	£ -	£ -
MUGA Expenses	£ -	£ -	£ 420.00
Village Day Advertising (Repayment to Village H)	£ -	£ 45.00	£ 200.00
Rural Defibrillator Group			
Total Expenditure	£ 6,661.00	£ 6,989.02	£ 6,657.29
Excess of income over expenditure	£ 1,872.48	-£ 429.90	£ 1,501.64

Subs have received from 65% of all houses
There are nearly 120 houses still to be covered
which may yield another £480

All advertising revenue received except for Helping Hands £95
John and I have agreed not pursue further