

**HUGHENDEN VALLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
3<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2018 AT HUGHENDEN VALLEY SMALL HALL**

**INFORMAL MEETING – MINUTES**

- 1. PRESENT** **ACTION**  
Janet Idle (Chair) Angus Idle (Co-Chair) Jerry Morley (Vice-Chair) Rosemary Hewitt (Secretary)  
Andrew Capey Lin Smith
- As the meeting was not quorate, an informal meeting was held outside in the evening sunshine.
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Clare Atkinson, AI and Christine Bowyer, Anna Burniston, Peter Cannon (Treasurer), John Dockett, Karen Dynes, Daphne Hicks, Janet Howe, James Perkins, Michael Sole and Grant Townsend.
- Perhaps the England V Columbia match in the World Cup was the preferred option although the game was still in progress when everyone got home. The eventual score was decided on penalties - 1 nil to England.
- 3. MATTERS ARISING**
- 7a) Senior Citizens Event – 16<sup>th</sup> June**  
JI read a lovely *thank you* letter from Hugh and Joan Steele and RH read a *thank you* card from Jill Sayer, both thanking the HVRA team for putting on the event that they all thoroughly enjoyed. Everyone agreed that it was a very successful evening. Thank you emails were sent to those who helped.
- 10ai) Playground Equipment**  
LS reported that the Sub-Committee is awaiting the outcome of the procedure to obtain *Gift Aid*.
- 4. TREASURER'S REPORT**  
In his absence, PC sent everyone a copy of his Report. The Notice Board for the Village Store & Coffee Shop was discussed and as the cost of £1,824.60 plus VAT was considered to be expensive it was felt that three quotes should be sought. The HVRA was being asked to consider increasing the donation of £450 to £600. The company is Greenbarnes Ltd and the board has a 5 year guarantee.
- JM and RH had written to PC for a list of residents in their road stating the amount they paid last year and a blank column for this year's subs, and also blank receipt cards. LS had not received hers either. **PC**
- 6. HUGHENDEN NEWS**  
JD still requires extra items for the forthcoming edition. JI has an item to submit on Stocking Lane that is full of interest, going back before wartime to the present day. **JI**
- 7. HVRA COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- a) **Senior Citizens Treat on 16 June** – A full report to be given at the September meeting.
- b) **Road Reps' Reports and emails**  
LS reported that the drain at the entrance to Orchard Close is completely blocked with grass etc and requires clearing so that when it rains the area will not flood. **AI**  
**Warrendene Road** -- It was thought best that the nearby residents deal with the continual problem of lorries parking up whilst waiting to go into Country Supplies. Report back.  
**Bryants Bottom** - No doubt the nearby residents (JH & JP plus Jill Armshaw of HPC) will keep their eye on the progress of works by TfB. Report back.

- c) **Village Day – 14<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Pimms Stall** – RH to pass on JP's email address to LS to get a rota organised. RH offered to help between 1 – 2pm. **RH – LS**

- d) **Constitution**  
JI reported that at the last HVRA meeting it was agreed that a Sub-Committee consisting of the Officers plus another be formed to look at the Constitution as a result of what happened at the AGM. AC agreed to join it. PC had come up with several changes and RH has had some input too. She has expressed concern that up to £2,000 can be withdrawn without having two signatures because it is a high proportion of HVRA funds. LS stated that there must be oversight by the Co-Chairs not only to safeguard the Treasurer but also the funds of the HVRA. Also, the second signature when necessary is the Chair.

JI to pass on several dates to JM so that a meeting can be arranged to discuss the various amendments before it is circulated to the Committee. **JI - JM**

## 8. **PLANNING**

### a) **Traffic. Flooding. Potholes**

AI reported that TfB have replaced the missing granite sets in the "round about" at the bottom of Coombe Lane with tarmac. He phoned their Direct Line 01296 382416 on 19<sup>th</sup> June and was given Ref: 46061278.

## 9. **OTHER HVRA REPORTS**

- c) **Speedwatch & NAG** – When RH and JP carried out a Speedwatch session at Orchard Close/Valley Road on 19<sup>th</sup> June the Mobile Speed Activated Device (SID) failed to record speeds accurately. HPC has returned it to the manufacturers in Germany for repair. Speedwatch sessions will resume in Hughenden Valley in due course. **RH**

RH spend some time walking around the village and noted where overgrown hedges had encroached the pavement making it dangerous for pedestrians to walk safely, in particular children going to school. She also noted low hanging braches. She passed all the information on to Shona Hadwen, HPC Clerk, and by the middle of the afternoon Jill Armshaw had called round with a letter that she had delivered to various residents requesting them to cut back their hedges etc. Well done Hughenden Parish Council for responding so quickly. To date, the boundary hedges on the corner of Orchard Close/Valley Road and the former village shop, by the Coombe Lane roundabout, have been cut back.

## 10. **OTHER REPORTS**

- a) **Village Hall** – None as MS had passed on a message that *there were no major issues discussed of relevance to the HVRA*.

- b) **Village Shop & Cabin** – None

- c) **HVRA Event extending outreach to the village – 29<sup>th</sup> September, Large Hall.**

The Hall will be available from 10.30am onwards. We could have a *Drop-in* Coffee Morning as a social event, and at the last Committee Meeting it was agreed that a Children's Disco, for up to 12 year olds, would be a good idea. LS said a lot of help to run the event will be needed. Please pass on any ideas for an evening event to JI. **All of us**

- d) **Hughenden Parish Council**

At the last Parish Council Meeting 3 candidates attended to fill several Councillor vacancies. Geoff Wicketts and Sharon Jarrett were the candidates for Hughenden Valley and Victoria Austwick for Naphill & Walters Ash. Each candidate run through their CVs and Geoff Wicketts who lives at Church Farm was voted in with more votes, and Sharron Jarrett declined the opportunity to be a Councillor for Widmer End and left the meeting. Mrs Austwick was co-opted unopposed for Naphill & Walters Ash.

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i) **AOB**

**Doppler Scanner Appeal.** Hughenden Surgery has sent a letter via the Co-Chairs and Vice-Chair expressing their appreciation of the HVRA for *the extraordinary efforts in supporting the students in the sixth form at the RGS for their Patient Equipment Fundraising*. £2,000 had been raised and the balance has been promised, but they will need to raise £1,500 for a 3-year maintenance contract which the HVRA will continue to publicise.

ii)

JM reported that there had been a burglary on Cryers Hill on Sunday at 8pm and a couple of others locally. Ring 101 to report an incident and ask for a Unique Ref Number (URN) in order to follow up the progress of investigations. Also, it is necessary to report **ALL** incidents of concern to the police on 101 so that they can build up a picture of what is going on. Furthermore, you can go on-line to [www.police.co.uk](http://www.police.co.uk), type in your post code to find out what is going on where you live, although it is usually about a month out of date.

iii)

**The Royal Star & Garter Homes** were delighted that they had given a presentation at our AGM, and JI added that they wished to maintain a link with us as a local Residents Association. Perhaps, in the future, we may be able to help them in some way.

iv)

**Updates**

**Accident at the Coombe Lane Roundabout.**

It occurred on 10<sup>th</sup> May. This incident was reported as a road traffic collision, but when the Police spoke to the lady, she informed them that she had fallen off her bike! She was stretchered and taken to hospital as a pre-cautionary measure, and believed to have a fractured jaw.

**Valley Road - Plank of Wood Incident**

This occurred before Easter. Dave Griffin was walking along Valley Road when a plank of wood on a Buildbase lorry flew off and hit him. He was knocked to the ground believing he had been shot. Fortuitously two doctors, in a passing car, stopped to help. They gave immediate assistance and called for an ambulance. The case is closed as there is cctv footage showing that the lorry was correctly loaded etc.

**There will be no meeting in August.**

**The date of the next meeting is 4<sup>th</sup> September.**

The informal meeting closed at 9pm.