

## MINUTES OF THE HVRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON 18 MAY 2018 IN HUGHENDEN VALLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

### Unconfirmed Minutes

**PRESENT:** Angus Idle (Chair) Janet Idle (Co-Chair) Jerry Morley (Vice-Chair)  
Peter Cannon (Treasurer) Rosemary Hewitt (Secretary)

Plus 45+ attendees that included HVRA Committee members, residents and guests

### ACTION

#### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Angus welcomed everyone to the 2018 HVRA AGM and thanked them for coming. He also welcomed our guest speaker, Charlie Munro of the Royal Star and Garter Homes.

Apologies for Absence had been received from Daphne Hicks and James Perkins

#### 2. MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 18 MAY 2017 were circulated at the meeting, read and approved as a true record.

#### 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None.

#### 4. CO-CHAIR'S REPORT

Janet hoped everyone would find the presentation by Charlie Munro on the Royal Star and Garter Homes interesting, especially as their brand new Home in the Hughenden Quarter will be opening in the Autumn. She welcomed other guests who were displaying literature about their organisations on the tables at the side of the Hall: Stan Jones representing Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group that liaises with Thames Valley Police and Lizzie Carless of the Patients Participation Group at the Hughenden Valley Surgery. Plus unusual local history discoveries sparked by a Nationwide TV advertisement. Unfortunately, Gill Graham was unable to attend to display literature about the Brain Tumour Research charity.

Janet was delighted to present Geoff Wright with a gift as a token of our thanks and appreciation for serving on the HVRA Executive Committee for 33 years, and for all the many ways that he has helped throughout that time. She was very pleased that we have two new Road Reps. Janet Howe for Bryants Bottom north and Grant Townshend who will be taking over from Geoff for Trees Road. As vacancies exist for Friars Gardens and Orchard Close, she thanked Peter Cannon, Treasurer, for his personal efforts in collecting subs from both areas.

The Co-Chairs' Report covering the issues, events and activities that the HVRA has been involved with throughout the year was given by Janet, and is attached to these Minutes. She was looking forward to the forthcoming Senior Citizens Evening on 16<sup>th</sup> June.

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#### 5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 5 April 2018 were distributed to the meeting. It showed a surplus of £2,322, increasing cash reserves to £7,729, a 43% increase on the previous year. The result was flattered by the receipt of subs of £15 and prompt payment of advertising revenue of £532 in last year's accounts for the current year without which the surplus would have been £547 less. With known commitments the Treasurer recommended that our subs remain @ £5 pa per household.

Subs totalling £2,497 have been collected from 500 households, 74% of the 677 dwellings covered by the HVRA. He thanked all the Road Reps for collecting the subs and especially the magnificent seven who achieved 90+% in their roads as it is not an easy job, with residents often not being at home. He also thanked John Dockett for his excellent job in negotiating with the advertisers in *Hughenden News* for receiving in advance £300 last year and £4,215 this year that nearly covered the £4,623 cost of printing and distributing 3 issues. The Hughenden Parish Council Grant of £520 for the publication of the newsletter, received at that level for the past 4 years, has helped to balance the books. .

The Potter Quiz made a profit of £430 (£878 income less £448 expenditure) that helped to pay the cost of the Senior Citizens Evening at £627. The HVRA continues to pay £200 for the cost of hiring the Village Hall for the Good Companions' meetings. In recent years, tragically a number of local residents have died prematurely from a brain tumour, and as reported recently in *Hughenden News* Brain Tumour Research is poorly supported nationally.

The HVRA Officers **agreed** to make a contribution of £125 towards the hire of the Hall to give impetus to a local family's first funding-raising event.

Although cash remains popular for paying subs, 30 residents have opted to pay by bank transfer. For those wishing to pay by standing order to arrive on or before 1<sup>st</sup> July please use the Account name: **HVRA, Account No: 31248081 and Sort Code 40-90-29**, adding your house number or name and road initials in the reference. The Treasurer would very much like all subs to be collected before the clocks go back.

He thanked the previous long-standing Treasurer, Al Bowyer, for his help in ensuring a smooth transition and when he took over he said he would do the job for 2 years. He is half way through now and seeking a replacement. If anyone is interested please get in touch. Previous experience is not essential as he will give training in bookkeeping, spread sheets and simple accounts – a good way to gain another string to ones bow. He added that Bob Hawkins will conduct his independent review in due course. Due to personal reasons there has not been time to do so before the AGM.

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It was proposed by Janet Howe and seconded by Al Bowyer that the Report be accepted. **Agreed unanimously**

## 6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2018/19

Janet thanked Peter Cannon, Treasurer, very much indeed for looking after the accounts and working extremely hard in collecting subs in Friars Gardens and Orchard Close despite not being a Road Rep.

She thanked Jerry Morley, Vice-Chair, very much for helping when accidents or incidents had occurred on Combe Lane, coming out at all hours.

She thanked Rosemary Hewitt, Secretary, for being a stalwart and doing an outstanding job.

She thanked John Dockett, Editor of *Hughenden News*, for doing an excellent job. Despite being extremely ill earlier in January, he still managed to produce the magazine on time as well as achieving a record amount of advertising revenue.

### Election of Officers

The present Officers all stood for re-election, the Secretary having received 4 nominations for 4 Officer positions prior to the deadline of 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018. She was handed a further 3 nominations one minute prior to the commencement of the AGM. The Agenda was interrupted by Paul Cawte who took to the floor to demand that all the current Officers should be debarred from re-election unless they agreed to a change in Planning Law regarding "openness in the Green Belt". He cited a Judicial Review of Elmbridge Borough Council's approval of a sports facility in the Green Belt that took place in the Royal Courts of Justice in February 2017. A member of the audience stated that this was not a Law in Statute and RH, former HVRA Secretary, advised that WDC Planning Officers would be the arbiters of the recent planning application for the All-Weather Multi-Use Games Area application. Al asked to have sight of the document that Paul Cawte was quoting from so that the HVRA Executive Committee could consider its findings but he refused and suggested that Al down-loaded it himself.

Jl explained that the HVRA remained neutral, neither for nor against the Sports Imitative Committee's recent planning application that appeared to have caused division in the village after 2 anonymous leaflets that were inflammatory and grossly misrepresented the facts had been distributed locally.

The meeting then became very fractious and a long and, at times, strongly argued discussion ensued as to the viability of the late nominations, bearing in mind the deadline of 3 weeks prior to the AGM of 27<sup>th</sup> April. RH stated that this situation had never occurred before, and recalled that the only occasion when a nomination had been taken from the floor was when no nominations for the position of Chair had been received, and Harry Parker put his name forward and was duly elected.

RH eventually asked the audience to vote on the following nominations after each nominee had given a brief account of why they wished to stand. It was noted that Jane Phillips who had been nominated for Secretary was not in attendance.

**Chairman** - Sharon Jarrett. Proposed by Ian Stearn, seconded by Hilda Stearn 14 voted in favour  
**Co-Chairs** - Angus & Janet Idle Proposed by Carole Palmer, seconded by Sir Murray Pringle Bt  
**18 voted in favour**  
**Angus and Janet Idle were duly elected**

**Vice Chair** - Paul Cawte Proposed by Hilda Stearn, seconded by Ian Stearn  
**Vice-Chair** - Jerry Morley Proposed by John Dockett, seconded by Janet Idle  
**Paul Cawte withdrew his nomination and Jerry Morley was returned unopposed**

**Treasurer** - Peter Cannon Proposed by Al Bowyer, seconded by Janet Idle  
**Peter Cannon was duly elected unopposed**

**Secretary** - Jane Phillips Proposed by Hilda Stearn, seconded by Ian Stearn 4 voted in favour  
**Secretary** - Rosemary Hewitt Proposed by Angus Idle, seconded by Julie Harding 25 voted in favour  
**Rosemary Hewitt was duly elected**

7. **OPEN FORUM** - Nothing arose.

8. **CLOSURE OF FORMAL MEETING**

Angus apologised to the guest speaker, Charlie Munro, for keeping him waiting for such a long time. He gave a very interesting talk illustrated with coloured slides of the Royal Star & Garter Homes. A report of his talk is attached.

They are currently running a competition and would like people to name each of their four "Houses" with a military hero who had lived in the High Wycombe area. The Naming Ceremony will take place in the spring of 2019.

**All of us**

Angus thanked Charlie Munro very much indeed for his interesting and informative talk and then invited everyone to stay and enjoy the Cheese & Wine.

**Signed**.....

**Date**.....