

**MINUTES OF THE HVRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
5th MARCH 2019 AT HUGHENDEN VALLEY SMALL HALL**

UNCONFIRMED

WELCOME

Angus welcomed everyone and asked each person to introduce themselves as there were several new faces.

ACTION

1. PRESENT

Angus Idle (Chair)	Janet Idle (Co-Chair)	Peter Cannon (Treasurer)	Rosemary Hewitt (Secretary)
Andrew Capey	Daphne Hicks	Catherine Hinds	Janet Howe
Nancy Pomfret	Lin Smith	Michael Sole	Grant Townsend
John Hazeldene			

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Al & Christine Bowyer, Anna Burniston, John Dockett and Jerry Morley

Road Reps who do not attend meetings:

Virginia Foster Alison Gieler Anne Jenkins

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

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 5th FEBRUARY 2019 were circulated, read and with the following amendments were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting:

AI

Item 9 a) Village Hall

Delete line 3 and add: "Roger Bryan has stepped down as Assistant Treasurer."

Delete lines 5 & 6 and add: "The proposed HPC noticeboard was discussed, and the Hall Committee felt that HPC should approach the shop with a view to sharing their new noticeboard (to which the HVRA had donated £600) as the location was ideal for the Village Hall and shop users as well as residents using the path as a cut-through to the bus stops and doctors' surgery."

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7. v) Valley Road – RH had not seen any Chiltern Motors' cars *For Sale* parked on the grass verge but several others had, and **it was agreed** that photos of cars should be forwarded to RH who will progress the matter with the Enforcement Officer at WDC.

**Anyone
RH**

8 a) Website – MS queried why the HVRA Confirmed Minutes were not on the website. JI responded that JP had resigned and the backlog will be dealt with as soon as the Magazine has been completed. AC would prefer to receive the Minutes as a PDF file.

AI/AC

PC highlighted the need to amend the HVRA Constitution, adding that it was not raised at the last meeting nor did it appear as an Agenda item. JI said this will resume after the *Hughenden News* has been completed.

Potter Quiz – Saturday, 16th March In the absence of CB, JI circulated a Help List.

JI/CB

5. HUGHENDEN NEWS – SPRING ISSUE

JD is in hospital awaiting surgery and JI will email everyone as soon as she knows how he is getting on. He very much appreciated the *Get Well Card* signed by the Committee, and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

JI

Numerous submissions have been received, most of them by the 2nd March deadline. The magazine Information Page is being checked and final editing, the addition of photos and proof reading will take place shortly. As DH wished to insert a flyer she asked about the delivery date and J & AI hoped it would be before the end of March.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

PC reported that advertisers have been contacted and 4 are happy to continue. They have paid £549 in advance for the following year. He had received several subscriptions during February, and paid out for salt for Warrendene Road that was required during the snowy weather as well as paying the £25 High Wycombe Society affiliation fee. There is a £675 surplus now in addition to £6,075 in the two Deposit A/Cs and £2,241 in the Current A/C.

Subscriptions for the year to date have been received from 468 households, with several outstanding in lower Bryants Bottom, Hampden Road, Warrendene Road and South Maundin. He hoped the number could rise to equal the 500 of last year. He had written to two residents in Friars Gardens who do not wish to pay the £5 HVRA sub because he believes it is unfortunate that about 3 out of 10 households don't see the need to pay it yet they benefit from the work of the HVRA and live in a pleasant environment.

7. HVRA COMMITTEE BUSINESS

a) Road Reps' Reports and Emails

- i) **Trees Road** – GT said the concrete gully at the beginning of the road has been cleaned and dug out.
 - ii) **Bryants Bottom Road** – JH was pleased the work to resurface the “*failed surface*” had commenced 10 days earlier, alongside digging ditches and adding several more drains. With regard to the incident a month ago when a car smashed into her gate and several cars along the road, a policeman had called round but there is little they can do as they have no leads but will look through her security camera stick.
 - iii) **Valley Road (north)** – NP enquired if anyone knew how the wall outside Deeters got knocked down? **Anyone**
 - iv) **Valley Road (middle)** – RH reported the incident when a wheelchair user got stuck in a muddy patch outside Deeters and was thrown out of his motorised wheelchair. Passing motorists stopped to help him back but he suffered grazes to his hand and damage to the right arm of his wheelchair. A week later, as he was passing her house, his blanket got caught in the front left-side wheel which rendered him unable to move at all, except in circles on the pavement! A passer-by helped to push the wheelchair up RH's drive to seek help in cutting the blanket free. As RH helped him down her drive she learned that he frequently crosses the busy Valley Road to get to the Surgery and the Village Store & Coffee Shop where he is a volunteer. (Please see **Item 8b**) for further information)
 - v) **South Maundin** – Although ABu does not attend Committee Meetings, JI stated she acted in a professional and compassionate way when she contacted her about the above-mentioned incident that related to her wheelchair-user neighbour. ABu immediately visited the family to try and help.
 - vi) **Friars Gardens** - No reports but we do need several more Road Reps to cover the area.
 - vii) **Warrendene Road & Bramley End** – A & C Bowyer no longer have the time to be Road Reps although **C & AB** we are pleased they will still be organising the upcoming Potter Quiz and the Senior Citizens' Event.
 - viii) **Hampden Road** - RH to check whether CP is able to continue to cover this road. **RH**
MS asked if the vacancies for Road Reps are being advertised on the *Village Facebook Page* as well as in the next *Hughenden News*. **AI** is to pass the two vacancies to **AC** for the Website. **AI, AC**
 - ix) **Whitfield Road** – JI has been hearing strange animal noises in the playing field and LS asked if it was the return of the *puma*? JI believed it was a deer.
AI complained that WDC had failed to collect waste on the allocated day, and Friars Gardens and Bryants Bottom residents had also experienced problems but they were soon rectified.
- b) Planning
- i) **Trystdene, Valley Road** – The application was withdrawn but resubmitted with amended plans that omitted the double garage on the boundary frontage plus a reduction in the size of the planned extensions. The applicant has met with the neighbours who now no longer object.

- ii) **Uplands** – Promoted by JNP (Estate Agents) and held at Uplands on Saturday, 2nd March, the *Open Day Launch* of the proposed apartments and dwellings to be accommodated in the original buildings took place. A & JI attended, and were impressed with the video and show bathrooms and kitchens. They are pleased that the ancient woodlands and surrounding environment will be preserved and that the majority of the buildings will be retained. JI had contributed to Marion Miller’s work to get parts of the site Grade II Listed. They also met the Italian owner, Fiorenzo Stocco. JI
- The Committee wished to know how the issues relating to the 60 mph speed limit along the Four Ashes Road and the lack of any pavements had been overcome. RH to make enquiries. RH
- c) **HVRA Calendar 2019 – including 6th July**
- i) JI drew attention to the Calendar of events listed at the bottom of the Agenda and that other items will be added throughout the year. A & JI
ALL
- ii) **6th July Village Field Day (combining Fields in Trust Field Day and HPC 125 Anniversary)**
The children at Hughenden Primary School had previously asked to have their artwork publicly exhibited and it is hoped the Art Group will run an Exhibition in the Village Hall alongside their own art work. The children also asked for a book swap and Mr Wheeler-Robinson of Piggotts, North Dean, is having bookshelves set aside for anyone to deposit books and select another for £1. All profits will go to CAMFED, a campaign for Education For Girls in Africa.
- Much dedicated help has already been arranged. The Village Hall and playing field are being given free of charge for the whole day. MS mentioned this event to the Hall Committee the previous evening but it fell flat. JI will send an email to Road Reps about forming a Sub-Committee and to enlist help. She had already contacted Derek Ransom and he has agreed to advise on police, people and parking matters. JI/DR
- Al added that the Village Field Day event originated as a joint venture with the Village Hall but MS disagreed, responding that, on a personal level, he is not getting involved and will be away on 6th July.
- Al had received an email from Goolistan Cooper, Press Officer at the **Royal Star & Garter HQ**, about the opening of their latest Home in High Wycombe in April that will provide award-winning care for veterans and their partners who live with disability or dementia. The Co-Chairs wished to extend an invitation to the residents of the newly opened Home to join us at our Village Field Day on 6th July, and reminded everyone that Charlie Monroe gave an excellent presentation at the last HVRA AGM on the Royal Star & Garter Home that was planned for High Wycombe, and how the organization wished to liaise and work with local communities. A & JI
- NP added that she would very much like to form a choir/group that could sing at old people’s homes. NP
- d) **Hughenden Parish Council**
- i) **HPC 125 years’ History Project** – Simon Kearey is in charge and has produced a calendar of events that will be going on in each Ward in the Parish, including North Dean, e.g. on subjects such as bodgers, lace making, walks, talks and more history.
- ii) **Site for HPC Noticeboard** – Al gathered from Cllr Peter Gieler that HPC now have a Noticeboard Policy i.e. to have **3 noticeboards at different locations**:- **1.** To replace the old TRADA noticeboard by the telephone box, and to improve and tidy the area. **2.** By the car park opposite *The Harrow*, and **3.** at Hughenden Surgery.
- (NOTE: At the previous Full HPC meeting they had agreed with HVRA to replace the old TRADA noticeboard by the telephone box, layby and letterbox and to tidy the area.)
- Several questions were asked about whether these 3 HPC noticeboards will be divided into sections and also contain community news? JI/HPC
- iii) **Siding out of local pavements** – It was noted that some siding-out had taken place along Valley Road, necessitated by the encroachment of grass and weeds, although several areas had not yet been covered. [NOTE: The pavement from Deeters to the Cryers Hill roundabout has now been sided-out]
- e) **HVRA Litter Pick** – LS planned to carry out a litter pick but GT recommended going on the *Hughenden Facebook Page* where “Pascale” of Trees Avenue is discussing a litter pick for this Sunday, 10th March. MS/LS
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MS promised to visit Pascale and pass on information to LS to prevent any overlap.

8. OTHER HVRA REPORTS

ALL OF
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a) **Website** – AC looks forward to receiving items.

b) **Speedwatch & NAG**

Speedwatch sessions in Valley Road have ceased recently because the old equipment cannot be repaired, although several wards have utilised their YISI devices instead. HPC has purchased a Sentinel Video Camera. It was faulty and has been repaired. Training is required because it is quite sensitive. Currently, there are 5 YISIs in the Parish, with Widner End having two. They are remarkably effective e.g. the data from the North Road location achieved a 91% score over 23 days last month for vehicles travelling under 35 mph, and on the downhill stretch going in the other direction towards Cosy Corner, the score was 89%. The YISI device needs to be fixed to a strong, thick pole and RH was asked to carry out a survey of poles in Valley Road with photos and comments. A YISI could be fixed on the big directional road sign on Valley Road, or a suitably sited existing 30mph sign could be replaced with an appropriate pole.

With reference to the incident detailed at **7 a) Valley Road (middle)** above, RH did write to the Speedwatch Committee and copied to the Parish Council and local Councillors. She proposed that our Ward of Hughenden Valley should have a YISI, and **it was unanimously agreed** that she writes formally to HPC with such a request.

RH

c) **Fraud, Scams, Thames Valley Police Alerts** – These topics will be covered in the Magazine and on the Website.

A & JI
AC

d) **Bryants Bottom news Update** – Please see **7a) Bryants Bottom** above.

e) **New Apple Orchard in Hughenden Valley** – Complaints have been received from residents in Orchard Close and Trees Road because a large number of old apple trees have been cut down over the last 5 months, burned and polluted the atmosphere for local residents. Several cherry trees remain. Neighbours should have been communicated with by the owner, and it is hoped that over time he will plant a new apple orchard. JI had contacted the Kent Apples Growers and will up-date in the Magazine.

JI

f) **Uplands** – Please see **7 b) Planning** above.

9. OTHER REPORTS

a) **Village Hall** – MS explained that the Parish Council had decided to hand back the responsibilities of the Playgrounds to the Village Halls, and accordingly has carried out an in depth survey of all our equipment. Any defects that have been identified will be remedied. Over the next few weeks the steps by the slide will be moved, extra bark chippings will be laid, a new hydraulic closing gate will replace the existing one, a rubber shroud will be placed around the toy elephant and the multi-slide will undergo remedial work. The hand-over will take place at the beginning of April. All future replacements will fall on the Village Hall.

The Hall Committee are supporting the 125th Anniversary of the creation of the Parish Council. MS hopes the Field Day on 6th July will be a major event.

A talk about bodgers will take place in the Village Hall on **11 October**. Details to follow.

MS

Shop Lease - There has been a breakthrough in talks that have been ongoing over the past two years and the Lease will be served in the next few days.

Damage has occurred to the garage doors and it will cost £1,500 to replace them.

They are reviewing/updating their website, as well as their Terms & Conditions that have been in place for many years.

b) **Village Shop** – No report.

c) **Chilterns Conservation Board – 2019/20**. JI has only received a poster about the Chalk, Cherries & Chairs initiative.

d) **National Trust at Easter** – The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place in The Manor, woods & grounds.

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e) **The Chiltern Society** need volunteers to clear footpaths etc.

10. **AOB**

- a) **Street Association** - Anne Smart, Ward Co-ordinator, wishes to create a Lunch Club for the elderly and others at *The Harrow*, but as the pub received a low rating of "1" in a recent survey, the County Co-ordinator for the Lunch Club Project at Community Impact Bucks, will not sanction the idea. When *The Harrow* achieves a higher score he will look at the proposal again. If the scheme were to go ahead, he would prepare and issue the flyers/notices etc, but would need a **volunteer** to be the local co-ordinator to take down the names etc of those wishing to have a lunch. **AS**
- b) **Hughenden Primary School** - David Lidington visited recently, as did the French Deputy Education Minister. JI congratulated LS and CH for being School Governors.
- c) **Rural Community Defibrillators** - One is located outside the Village Hall and another inside the Football Club. Others are located in Hughenden Primary School, outside Bryants Bottom chapel, at North Dean Village Hall and outside Leigh Lewis the Optometrist, opposite the Co-op in Walters Ash. **It was unanimously agreed** that JI approaches the PPG at the Surgery to see if a demonstration on how to operate a defibrillator could be arranged. **JI**
- d) **St Michael's & All Angels Church** are organising a **Community Day on 11th May** and need volunteers to help. **ALL**
- e) **The Chiltern Arts Festival**, held at local venues during the 2nd week in February, was well worth attending.
- f) **Piggotts at North Dean** is holding a Cello Concert on 24th March. All welcome. **ALL**

The date of the next meeting is 2nd April 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.21pm.

Signed.....

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