

**MINUTES OF THE HVRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
4th JUNE 2019 AT HUGHENDEN VALLEY SMALL HALL**

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

WELCOME

Angus welcomed everyone to the meeting and, in particular, Elaine Merrilees who lives in Warrendene Road. She has taken over from Al and Christine Bowyer as Road Rep for the road as well as for Hampden Road. Elaine's house used to have a train track running around the garden. The Committee introduced themselves to the new members.

ACTION

1. PRESENT

Angus Idle (Chair)	Janet Idle (Co-Chair)	Peter Cannon (Treasurer)
Rosemary Hewitt (Secretary)	Jerry Morley (Vice Chair)	Catherine Hinds
Janet Howe	Brenda Morris	Nancy Pomfret
Rebecca Rycroft	Michael Sole	Roland Wales

- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from, Andrew Capey, Karen Dynes, Grant Townshend and Cllr Peter Gieler. Lin Smith has resigned from the Committee and is no longer the Road Rep for Fleet Close.

Road Reps who do not attend meetings:

Alison Gieler Annie Jenkins

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

- 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 7th MAY 2019** had been circulated, read, approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Item 7b) Road Rep Reports, iii), iv) and v). RH had written to the Parish Clerk about these issues but to date had not heard back. She will chase up.

RH

5. HUGHENDEN NEWS – SUMMER EDITION – DEADLINE DATE 8TH JULY

Jl expressed concern that no contributions for the magazine are received from Hughenden Cubs who meet at Naphill Village Hall. Al added that the Village Hall did not submit an article for the Spring Issue. Jl would welcome receiving articles on individual or family achievements/awards.

All of us

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

PC referred to the Summary of Receipts and Payments and reported £1,000 of revenue is outstanding. Whilst chasing people up, he asked the Hearing Dogs Charity to submit an article on the life cycle of a hearing dog as it would be very interesting. (Andrew and Laura Carter who live in Boss Lane look after a charity-owned dog, and PC believes either they or the Charity would be happy to supply a photo of a hearing dog for the magazine.)

PC/AI

A few subs have been paid by bank transfer. PC has reimbursed GT for the litter picking equipment. £9,025 is split between the two Deposit Accounts, and there is £554 in the Current Account.

Last year 77% of the households in our catchment area paid their subs and he considers 80% is a fair target for the coming year e.g. that is 4 out of 5 households paying their subs. He will issue a sheet of Receipts that Road Reps can duplicate and personalise, and given to residents as a receipt of payment and membership of the HVRA. RH asked if Road Reps could make a discreet mark, say, a cross (x), on the membership list to denote that someone is a senior citizen although always mindful of GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations).

As PC will be stepping down at the AGM, he has approached Sarah Johnson who lives in Warrendene Road and she has agreed to be Treasurer, commencing October 2019. Between now and October PC will liaise with Sarah for familiarization of/and dealing with the accounts.

Jl
PC

Jl thanked PC very much indeed for all his hard work in seeking his replacement and finding new Road Reps. She said he deserved a medal and promised to buy him a new pair of shoes!

7. HVRA COMMITTEE BUSINESS

a) HVRA AGM and Cheese & Wine

RH

New date: Thursday, 11 July at 7.30pm in the Small Village Hall.

Nominations for Officers of the Association need to be submitted 3 weeks before the AGM.

Jl confirmed that Nick Wheeler-Robinson will be the guest speaker and **volunteers** will be needed to set up the Hall at 7.15pm.

Jl
Help
needed

b) Road Reps

i) **Valley Road** - RH reported the concerns of a motorised wheelchair user from South Maundin e.g. the pavement footpath along the A4128 to the Park entrance is considerably narrowed by overgrowth of grasses and weeds causing him to be badly stung by tall stinging nettles on his journey to Hughenden Manor recently. RH will contact TfB. Thoughtless pavement parking outside the cottages in Valley Road forced him to go into the road to get past. It was suggested that RH write an article for the magazine.

RH/TfB
RH

ii) Whilst trying to recruit new Road Reps, PC noted that several residents have said *not just yet as they were very busy, or, perhaps approach me in the future.*

iii) **Warrendene Road** – EM expressed her personal concern that a number of very large lorries regularly park nose-to-tail along Warrendene Road waiting to enter the Country Supplies site. As this situation is hazardous for drivers she will pass photos on to RH who will ask the NAG (Neighbourhood Action Group that liaises with Thames Valley Police) to discuss the matter at their meeting on 6th June. Jl suggested that EM has a word with Al Bowyer who has dealt with this issue before. Jl will write to Michael Bryant at Country Supplies about setting-up proper scheduling of the lorries to avoid this on-going situation.

EM/RH
NAG
Jl

RH reported very large lorries travelling north through the lanes causing mayhem as numerous motorists had to back up 80 yards or so up the road. It was noted that there are now *vehicle weight restriction* signs in Clappins Lane and Stocking Lane. RH to raise this with NAG.

RH

iv) **Coombe Lane** – Al was pleased to report that the cone and broken post had finally been completely removed at the bottom of Coombe Lane and was no longer a hazard for pedestrians, but the official round-about sign has not been replaced. Al to raise this with TfB.

Al/TfB

v) **Burnham/Whitfield Roads** After a recent night-time power cut, the barricades that Scottish & Southern had erected at the end of road still remain despite a phone call asking them to be removed. Al to chase up.

Al

c) Planning

i) **Heatherlands** at Naphill had regrettably been given planning permission despite numerous agencies and residents writing to object.

ii) **Orchard Farm, Valley Road** – Jl believed that, in time, there will be a new apple orchard. Whilst the owner has been abroad for several months, a considerable number of old fruit trees have been cut down and burned. Neighbours have suffered smoke pollution for many months. The owner should have liaised with neighbours as he does have to replace rotten/diseased trees before re-planting.

iii) **Uplands** – Two applications are with WDC for **Variation of Conditions** to applications 16/05053/FUL and 16/05054/LBC (Listed Building) to include provision of a footpath beside Four Ashes Road between the site and Cryers Hill, alterations to site access, amendment to parking layout within site, boundary treatment, landscaping & associated ancillary works to allow alterations to plans and design statement. A decision will be made before the end of the month.

iv) **WDC Transport Workshops - Regeneration and Transport Strategy**

On 3rd June RH attended one of two Transport Workshops at *The Hub* in Easton Street. Attendees were initially asked what they liked about travelling in High Wycombe, what they disliked and what they would like to fix. They had to discuss and consider a SWOT test that related to four transport scenarios: Trends Unmodified, Technology Unleashed, Individual Freedoms and Greener Communities, and formulate ideas for improvements. A fascinating and thought-provoking afternoon.

d) **HPC 125 Year Anniversary Event – 1.30pm Saturday 6th July at King George Playing Field**
“Have a Field Day” & “Between Village Day”

Jl confirmed that the children from Hughenden Primary School will have their art displayed and the Art Group will run their own exhibition in the Village Hall. Bring a rug, a picnic and relax. Hodge Podge will sing and provide the entertainment. A PA system will be required. Louise Jones has confirmed that the Shop will sell ice cream and cream teas. Cllr Simon Kearey would like a game of cricket to be played but the Football Club will be re-seeding the field which will limit its use.

As Jl would like to acquire a large marquee she will make enquiries and seek sponsorship. She will approach the RAF at Walters Ash. MS reaffirmed the Village Hall has been provided free of charge for the whole day. NP confirmed that the Shop choir will not be ready to perform at their best.

A flyer will be distributed shortly. Jl was asked to put one on the shop noticeboard and also on the *Hughenden What's On/ Facebook* page. Jl confirmed that one was on the shop noticeboard.

Al wished to invite several veterans from the new Royal Star & Garter Home in the Hughenden Quarter. The Parish Council will bring its own small marquee.

8. **SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY**

RH was delighted that to date 63 people will be attending. The First Aider and Master of Ceremonies have been confirmed, as well as the selection of songs for Lizzie Hales, the entertainer. A *Help List* was circulated for extra help with transport and during the evening. Donations of raffle prizes to be dropped off at RH's home or on the evening. MS suggested contacting the MS Society if there is a problem with transport because they have a mini bus. Becky, Jerry and Elaine offered to help.

9. **OTHER HVRA REPORTS**

a) **Website** – Please pass on information or events etc to AC.

b) **Speedwatch & NAG** – The Sentinel Video device had been sent back for repair/adjustment and Speedwatch sessions will resume in Hughenden Valley during June. RH has raised the need for a YISI (Your Indicated Speed Is) device along Valley Road because it is very effective in slowing down the traffic. She will raise nose-to-tail parking of lorries along Warrendene Road and inconsiderate pavement parking at the 6th June meeting. Please see 7 b) iii) above.

c) **Constitution - Discussion**

PC reported that the Sub-Committee formed to review the January 1998 Constitution had met over several months, and he explained that the draft Constitution included correcting a typo, deleting the word “represent” with “pass on” relating to the role of a Road Rep, clarifying the wording around the nomination of Officers, and adding wording to bring it in line with today's accounting practices. The amended draft Constitution had been circulated to Road Reps prior to the meeting for consideration. PC went through each item, carefully explaining in detail the reason for any change to the text. The Committee discussed at length the various changes that PC had detailed and MS proposed to fully support the changes, and **it was agreed**, 9 voting in favour with one abstention, that the draft amended Constitution goes on the HVRA web site for consultation and then be brought to the AGM on 11th July for ratification.

Jl will pass a flyer advertising the AGM to EM for uploading to *Hughenden What's On/Facebook* page.

Jl

Jl

Jl/EM

Al
HPC

RR/JM/
EM

All of us

RH

Al/AC

Jl/EM

10. OTHER REPORTS

a) **Street Association** – Twenty residents attended the first pub lunch at *The Harrow* last month along with 5 members of the BCC Street Association team. Anne Smart, the Ward Co-ordinator, is very pleased that 25 people have signed up for the next pub lunch tomorrow. JM suggested that the Street Association may be best placed to take over the Senior Citizens Party but RH responded that the HVRA event was a real treat costing nothing for those who came along whereas the pub lunch was paid for personally by those attending but they do not enjoy a glass or two of wine, a plentiful buffet, entertainment or a raffle. CH reminded the Committee that this event is to be reviewed in the Autumn.

Review

b) **Village Hall** – MS believed those of us who missed the walk around the Conservation area the evening before had missed a real treat. He praised the team of volunteers, led by a professional, for doing a marvellous job in transforming a wild area on the slope into a managed area. It was a great success, with 30 attending, and as this will be a bi-annual event he urged us to join them later in the year. JI reminded us that over the past 30 years or more the Conservation Group, with its numerous volunteers, had worked hard for decades, and that if it wasn't for them we would not have what we have got today. MS agreed and appreciated the combined efforts of all the volunteers today and in the past.

JI reminded MS that the old advert for the Village Hall that appeared in *Hughenden News* needed updating, and AI asked if MS could submit an article from the Village Hall Committee.

MS/AI

c) **The Village Store & Coffee Shop** has been celebrating its 10th anniversary. Congratulations from the HVRA.

d) **Hughenden Parish Council**

HPC Noticeboard – As HPC wish to have their own noticeboard in each Ward the HVRA was asked for a suitable location. On behalf of the HVRA, JI wrote that our preference was to replace the TRADA noticeboard that is located by the telephone box, letter box and layby, but that the unkempt area needs a complete “make-over”. At a recent site visit the Deputy Clerk stated that they could not erect a noticeboard next to services that lay beneath the ground. HPC have now suggested the green space in front of the Village Hall as their preferred option but several members believed a large noticeboard at this location could obscure drivers' vision when driving around the corner, and that those on foot would have to cross the busy Coombe Lane junction to read any notices. RR, as a newcomer to the village, thought it was a more visible spot. **It was agreed** that AI writes to HPC to have sight of the survey that shows the services beneath the ground.

AI/HPC

MS queried why there was no Parish Council representative present at the meeting and was informed this was due to a clash of meetings.

e) **HVDIG AGM (H V Drainage Improvement Group)** - AI will be attending the AGM on 10th June.

11. AOB

i) AI asked if anyone used Hewlett Packard 364 ink cartridges. No one did.

ii) JI drew attention to the **HPC 125 Year Anniversary** events listed on page 14 of the last issue of *Hughenden News*, and in particular Maj Glenn Ridgely's talk on the WW1 in the Small Hall on 11th October and her talk on WW2 at Widmer End Village Hall on 30th October.

JI

iii) **St Michael & All Angels' "Community Day"** was a great success with over 800 people attending throughout the day, culminating in a flypast by a spitfire at low altitude and a beautiful rainbow.

iv) **Village Day 2020** is urgently seeking someone to lead an experienced team who are willing to continue planning the next Village Day. Please let MS know if we know someone who may be willing to take on this role.

All of us
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The date of the next meeting is 2nd July at 7.30pm in the Small Hall.

The AGM is Thursday, 11th July at 7.30pm in the Small Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

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Signed.....

Date.....