

**MINUTES OF THE HVRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 AT HUGHENDEN VALLEY SMALL HALL**

**UNCONFIRMED**

**WELCOME**

**ACTION**

Angus welcomed everyone to the meeting and hoped that we had had a nice summer break.

**1. PRESENT**

Angus Idle (Chair)	Janet Idle (Co-Chair)	Peter Cannon (Treasurer)	Rosemary Hewitt (Secretary)
Jerry Morley (Vice-Chair)	Andrew Capey	Daphne Hicks	Nancy Pomfret
Michael Sole	Grant Townshend	Roland Wales	

Janet welcomed Nancy Pomfret, who has taken over from Carole Palmer, as the new Road Rep for the northern end of Valley Road. Nancy has lived in Valley Road for over 40 years and knows lots of people. She also works in the village shop.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Al & Christine Bowyer, Anna Burniston, Karen Dynes, John Dockett, Janet Howe, Rev'd Keith Johnson, James Perkins and Geoff Wicketts, the newly co-opted Hughenden Parish Councillor for our Ward.

**Road Reps who do not attend meetings:**

Virginia Foster     Alison Gieler

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

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018** were read, approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

**3 a) MINUTES OF THE INFORMAL INQUORATE MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2018** were read and approved by Andrew Capey and other attendees as a true record of the meeting.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018** - None.

**4 a) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE INFORMAL MINUTES OF 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2018**

The Chair ran through many of the items and their outcomes e.g.

**3. 7a) Senior Citizens Event – 16<sup>th</sup> June**

He referred to the *Thank you* notes from Hugh and Joan Steel and Jill Sayer praising the HVRA team that had worked so hard to make the event a great success.

**7d) Constitution** - It was previously agreed that a Sub-Committee be formed. It met but not with all the Officers. Another meeting will be arranged to discuss suggested amendments and report back.

**J & Al**

**10. OTHER REPORTS**

**c) Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September - HVRA Events extending Outreach to the Village**

Lots of ideas were discussed and JI hoped to hear other ideas from Road Reps.

**Road  
Reps**

**d) Hughenden Parish Council** had three vacancies for three Wards but only two new Councillors were co-opted: Geoff Wicketts for Hughenden Valley and Victoria Austwick for Naphill & Walters Ash.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

PC circulated the summary of receipts and payments for July and August. £125 has been received from a couple of advertisers and numerous subscriptions have been paid, with others in progress. He has paid out £1,498 for the last Newsletter, the cost of the hiring the Hall for both the HVRA and the Good Companions' meetings, as well as a donation of £500 towards the playground equipment. Due to these outgoings, August was in deficit. £5,065 is on Deposit and £3,148 is in the Current Account. To date, just under half of subscriptions have been collected which is 35% of households.

Prior to the July HVRA meeting he had been approached by the Village Shop for an additional contribution towards the community notice board and had passed this on to the Co-Chairs for further consideration in his

absence. The HVRA had pledged £450 but has been asked to increase it to £600. He noted from the Informal Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> July that 3 quotes should be obtained. The original quote for £1,824.60 plus VAT was from Greenbarns Ltd who specialize in notice boards and recommended by the Parish Council. A second quote from a local carpenter is similar in price but he's very busy, and the third is from Shelley Signs Ltd who make notice boards in oak, with three panels. The cost of just over £2,000 includes delivery.

RW confirmed that the notice board will be in three sections; one each for the Village Hall, the HVRA and for residents'/village use. PC believed that its use needs to be managed and a small charge should be made to commercial advertisers.

RW confirmed that if the HVRA increased its donation to £600, plus the grant from one of our District Councillors, the shop would be able to fund the balance. AC asked for this information to be put in writing, and after some discussion **it was agreed that subject to this confirmation the HVRA would be willing to increase its donation to £600.**

RW

PC had part-completed an application form from the Parish Council to obtain a grant of £520 (that had been received annually in recent years) but required additional information from the Co-Chairs asap.

PC  
A & JI

JI thanked the Treasurer very much indeed for all the work he has done over recent months.

## 6. HUGHENDEN NEWS

JI gave special thanks and congratulations to JD for producing a very good magazine, and will write to thank him.

JI

## 7. HVRA COMMITTEE BUSINESS

### a) Road Reps – Reports and Emails

- i) **Cryers Hill** – DH was pleased that HPC has taken over the maintenance of the grass verges on Cryers Hill because they are looking good but disappointed that Bucks Highways have not cut back the hedgerows/bushes that obscure vision when residents exit their drives.

**Layby Parking** - Residents living at the top end of Cryers Hill were informed of the new parking restrictions that came into force on 24<sup>th</sup> August but those living lower down were not. She expressed scepticism about how effective the 220m clearway down the hill will be, fearing vehicles will be parked much further down or further along nearby roads causing even more traffic congestion. Parking will be restricted between 10 am – 2pm when the parking metre charge will be 50p per hour, Monday – Friday. Any vehicle 7½ tonnes and above will not be able to park. JI will get in touch with the Head/Deputy Head of Gt Kingshill School to try to encourage a walk-to-school scheme.

JI

- ii) **Valley Road North** - NP was pleased to meet new residents when collecting subs, and queried if there was anyone in residence at Orchard Farm. AI had previously left two copies of *Hughenden News* at Hildreths for Richard Hildreth with a note to get in touch, but to date he has not heard back.

- iii) **Trees Road** – Whilst collecting subs GT noted there were several vacant properties. The poor condition of the road and the overgrown hedge of the property at the Valley Road end are of concern to residents. As RH is the Road Rep for the property she will deal with the matter. GT would like to have a *Reduce Speed* sign erected because speeding vehicles cause dust and stones to fly up on the unmade road. RH to make enquiries.

RH

RH

- iv) **Burnham Road** – 60% of subs have been collected with only one resident not wishing to join the HVRA.

- v) **Wedgwood Road/Coombe Gardens** – All subs have been collected.

- vii) **Coombe Lane** – All subs have been collected. AI will get in touch with TfB about the 5 trees further up the hill because they could come down in the winter when the snow is heavy.

AI

### b) Constitution

Due to summer holidays etc not all Officers were able to meet to discuss amending the Constitution. An update will be given at the next meeting.

J & AI

### c) HVRA Outreach Events Day – Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September

Further to the various notices and reminders that have been sent out about the “out-reach” day, JI confirmed

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she had booked the Village Hall from 10.30am – 10.30pm. Subject to confirmation, she can hire a hilarious “Dads’ Army” film from David Jarman that was filmed in and around David Davies’ farm in Hatchetts Lane. Several ideas and time-slots were discussed: E.g. 11 – 12.30 Coffee morning, 1.30 – 3 pm Dads’ Army film, 4 – 5.30pm Disco for years 5, 6 and 7. 7 – 10 pm Social event with a fish & chip supper. JI thanked MS for giving the Hall free of charge. Half of any profits would go to charity and the other half to the HVRA.

JI

JI looked forward to those present emailing her with ideas/objections and any offers to help on the day. She will email Road Reps with a similar request.

All of us  
JI

## 8. HVRA BUSINESS

a) **Traffic. Potholes Update** - AI had liaised with JM to progress the matter with TFB.

AI/JM

b) **Stocking Lane/Chiltern House History**

JI reported her great surprise that so many people took a keen interest in her Hughenden Valley Table at Village Day that displayed numerous photos and lots of information on local history, including that of Chiltern House in Stocking Lane, now Trada. She received a lot of feedback including promises to send her ancient copies of various pieces of information etc.

She recalled how, earlier in the year, Nationwide had contacted Angus because his Great Grandfather, Alfred Idle, was their very first mortgagee. Representatives from the company visited them to discuss their plans and to pass on several items of interest. Alfred was a librarian and involved with the Southern Co-op. He had a mortgage of £120 and was the first to pay it off. In recent months Nationwide have been running a TV advert showing Alfred and Elizabeth Idle (with original photographs) briefly telling their story. It’s been a very pleasant experience for the Co-Chairs.

c) **Village Day Committee Review**

The Village Day Committee will meet on 26<sup>th</sup> September so that those involved can review the event to ascertain what proved successful and how things can be improved in the future.

d) **Local Plan & County Unitary Plans**

Further consultation on the proposal to take Glynswood out of the Green Belt took place today at WDC and will continue on Uplands on Thursday. Members of the public can attend and concerned residents can take part in the debate. JI will contact Chris Stewart, a WDC Planner, for further information about the status of Uplands.

JI

## 9. OTHER HVRA REPORTS

a) **Website** – None

b) **Speed Watch and NAG Volunteers needed**

RH explained that the Parish Council would be willing to update the MVAS (Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign) that is located outside Deeters with a YISI device (Your Indicated Speed is) because it is more effective in displaying the speed of vehicles. However, the Parish Council needs to be assured that we have volunteers who will assist David Mynors with battery changes and also with downloading data from the device. **It was agreed** that RH writes a request for volunteers that is passed on to residents via their Road Reps.

RH

Speed Watch sessions will resume when the faulty equipment that was sent to Germany for repair is returned,

The WDC Neighbourhood Watch Association will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday, 27 September at 7.30pm in the Church of Christ the Servant King, Sycamore Road, Booker HP12 4TJ to talk about scams, cons and cybercrime. All welcome. AI reported that he had dialled 1471 to obtain the telephone numbers of scammers and had passed a long list on to Chris Holden of Trading Standards and to Off.com. JM suggested we go on [www.police.co.uk](http://www.police.co.uk) to see what crime is going on in our area.

RH reported that Anne Smart will resume the role of Ward Lead for the Hughenden Street Association.

c) **HVDIG**

AI has continued his membership of HVDIG although their numbers are small. They meet quarterly and their AGM was held a little while ago. Importantly, if the water table level starts to rise they can report it to Thames Water who have promised to act immediately. Drainage has recently been improved, in particular, on the wide grass verge in the vicinity of the Village Hall.

**10. OTHER REPORTS**

**a) Village Hall**

MS reported that the Village Hall Committee had met the previous evening and discussed their Programme of Investment over the next two years that included big ticket items e.g. £10,000 for new doors, £6,000 for a new floor, widening the front entrance to the car park and replacing the roof on the main hall as it is getting old. £6,000 on playground equipment which will be installed on 8<sup>th</sup> October. He thanked the HVRA for the £500 contribution. £4,000 on new Christmas lighting. Acoustic panels for the hall will be installed in the next couple of weeks, and later on, some will be installed in the small hall. Wifi is to be installed in both halls.

As travellers had been seen in and around the vicinity of the Village Hall, the gate was locked over the August Bank Holiday.

Village Day was a great success and brought fun to the community. Although visitor numbers were down and costs were up they made a small surplus.

**The Christmas Bazaar** is on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

**The Christmas Dinner & Dance**, a black tie event @ £35 per head, will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. It will be a great evening and well worth coming along. Perhaps the HVRA could have a table?

**HVRA**

**The Village Hall AGM** will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**b) Village Shop & Cabin**

RW was pleased that the shop is very popular and doing well.

**c) Hughenden Parish Council**

No reports. A ward meeting was being held this evening.

**d) A Short Report on the HVRA 3<sup>rd</sup> July Inquorate Meeting -**

Please see Item 4 a) above.

**11. AOB**

i) **Build Base** - Complaints were raised that heavy lorries park outside Build Base in Valley Road early in the morning and cause an obstruction to traffic. To be followed up.

**A & JI**

ii) **Chiltern Motors** – Complaints were made that vehicles “*For Sale*” were being parked on the grass verge. RH advised that the grass verges were covered by the *Advertisement Control* Policy and she would raise the issue with the appropriate authority.

**RH**

**The date of the next meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2018**

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

