

**MINUTES OF THE HVRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
7th MAY 2019 AT HUGHENDEN VALLEY SMALL HALL**

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

WELCOME

ACTION

Angus welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Rebecca Rycroft who has taken over from Becky Bonnerjae as Road Rep for Fleet Close and Brenda Morris who has taken over from Anna Burniston as the Road Rep for South Maundin.

The Committee introduced themselves to the new members.

1. PRESENT

Angus Idle (Chair)	Janet (Idle (Co-Chair)	Peter Cannon (Treasurer)
Rosemary Hewitt (Secretary)	Andrew Capey	Catherine Hinds
Brenda Morris	Rebecca Rycroft	Grant Townshend

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Jerry Morley, Nancy Pomfret and Michael Sole.

Road Reps who do not attend meetings:

Virginia Foster 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 2ND APRIL 2019 were circulated, read, approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting. GT has not been receiving the Minutes.

AI/GT

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Item 7b) Road Rep Reports, iii), iv) and v).

RH had written to Hughenden Parish Council regarding the non-flashing Belisha Beacon globes by Hughenden Surgery, the danger of Litter Picks and ponding along the left-hand side of the A4128 opposite Hughenden Park. As no response has been received to date she will write again. GT had written about organising Litter Picks but had also not heard back.

RH

5. HUGHENDEN NEWS – SUMMER EDITION

AI reported the magazine had been published and distributed and that as JD, Editor, has not been well in recent months and unsure whether he will carry on, the Co-Chairs will be doing the Summer Edition. AI welcomes receiving photos of the Senior Citizens Evening on 22nd June and the *Have a Field Day and Between Village Day* on 6th July for inclusion in the Summer Edition.

The deadline for copy is 8th July. Diane Walker will help with the distribution of the magazine.

**Photos to
AI**

The Nominations Form for the AGM on 24th May was included in the Spring issue but as the AGM has been moved to Thursday, 11th July a new Nominations Form will have to be published. Please see **Item 7. a) HVRA AGM** below.

J & AI

6. TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer explained to the new members that he kept a simple Receipts & Payments (Income and Expenditure) Account with the Balance Sheet at the bottom. There were 2 Deposit Accounts, one is *Instant Access* and the other, *Three Months' Notice*. In the month of April the advertising that was carried in the Spring Issue was invoiced. £906 was received in March and £1,131 in April, plus some further payments in May for £462. This leaves £1,500 still to come in May and June. Total advertising revenue is £4,000, a little bit less than the previous year because a couple of advertisers have dropped out, e.g. Garden Machinery but they may come back for future editions. Some advertisers pay in advance, and we need to attract new ones for the Summer Edition. Printing costs for this edition have been paid out of the monies we have.

PC stressed that, bearing in mind we will have to pay for two further editions, the printers have a fixed rate for 80 pages and to exceed this limit incurs extra cost.

J & AI

Jl thought there should have been a reduction in the cost because 250 copies had 4 pages stapled up-side-down necessitating the Co-Chairs having to look through 750 magazines to find the faulty ones. On balance, the Committee **agreed** the printers remedied the problem as expeditiously as possible and were content with the bill.

PC had received some further subscriptions for last year from Hampden Road and had paid Public Liability Insurance (specialised insurance for charitable concerns) which covers anyone who has an accident whilst carrying out duties for and on behalf of a HVRA event. In April, there was a net deficit of £803, and the £9,503 brought forward from the beginning of 5th April was depleted to £8,700 at the end of April, and since then we have had some advertising revenue in. When PC sends out invoices he reminds the advertiser that there is a discount if paid within the “*due date for payment*” and he also chases up those that have not paid.

PC

PC had prepared a note regarding the collection of subs for the current year which runs 1st July to 30th June. Subs are to remain at £5 per household which he considers cheap when compared with all the benefits of living in a pleasant community and that the HVRA raises residents’ concerns and seeks remedies. He hoped more of us would collect subs via Bank Transfer, but if not to pass on notes of a large denomination or a cheque to cover the sum collected because Banks do not like handling so much cash, in particular, lots of coins and small notes.

**Road
Reps**

PC reminded us that as his two year stint is ending shortly it is very important to have a Treasurer, and if the HVRA didn’t it would have to wind down. He stressed that the Newsletter must continue, and as residents pay in advance we have a duty that it does. Jl believed there must be someone in the community who could be Treasurer and PC promised to give full training and full support to whoever takes the role. He added that one of his neighbours may be interested.

PC

7. HVRA COMMITTEE BUSINESS

a) HVRA AGM – Thursday, 11th July. 7.30pm in the Small Hall

As no nominations had been received for Treasurer or other Officer roles, as well as for other reasons, it was decided to reschedule the AGM to 11th July. Posters to be passed to AC for the Website and to be placed on the Village Shop Noticeboard.

Jl/AC

b) Road Reps’ Reports and emails

i) Gerald and Andrea Coles will be attending the meetings. As they have a very young family they will attend alternately.

ii) **Whitfield Road and Burnham Road** – As the surface of these roads is poor AI will contact TfB.

AI/TfB

iii) **Coombe Lane Roundabout** – AI reported the incident of the damaged post at the roundabout to TfB in January 2018. Although a cone still covers the protruding post AI was pleased that a new job has just been opened this week to remove it. AI to keep a watchful eye on its progress.

AI

iv) **Entrance to Friars Gardens from Valley Road** – BM reported the poor condition of the road because it has big holes in it, and the surface of the pavement in parts of South Maundin is breaking down and in a dreadful state. She also highlighted the poor state of the footpath that rises above The Harrow and further along. PC will contact the Chiltern Society’s Footpath Monitor to have a look at it.

AI/TfB

PC

v) **Note for new Road Reps** - AI reminded the new members that in the winter the HVRA allows Road Reps to purchase salt from Build Base to put down in hazardous areas and then seek reimbursement. He also added that the Senior Citizens’ Party is funded by the Harry Potter Quiz and that the HVRA runs two Tombolas at the annual Village Hall Christmas Bazaar.

- 7c) WDC - Glynswood being taken out of the Green Belt for Housing**
RH briefly explained that the HVRA had supported the Brands Hill Residents Association in submitting objections to the recent Consultation on the Planning Inspectorate's proposal to increase the number of dwellings proposed on the Green Farm site from 34 to 50. As WDC have a plentiful supply of proposed housing coming forward the HVRA argued that there is no need for this land that lies in GB2 and the AONB to lose its Green Belt status upon which, under normal circumstances, there is the presumption that no new building takes place unless there are exceptional circumstances. JI added that the site lies close to a SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) and in the recent past NT and WDC Rangers monitored its habitat.
- d) HVRA Calendar 2019 (Please see the end of the Agenda)**
JI asked for any ideas to be passed on to her for future events/activities etc. She will check whether Al Bowyer is happy to continue running the Harry Potter Quiz. **Ideas to JI**
- e) Hughenden Parish Council**
- i) HPC 125 years' History Project including the HVRA/HVVH Event on 6th July at Hughenden Valley – "Have a Field Day and Between Village Days".** **J I**
Parish Cllr Simon Kearey's multi-coloured spreadsheet of all the planned activities up to 4th December, celebrating everything to do with the Parish Council, appeared in the Spring edition of *Hughenden News* on page 14. The Co-Chairs have attended most meetings and are ahead with our history. HPC was formed in 1937 and later divided into four Wards. The *Have a Field Day* has been initiated by Fields in Trust and the HVRA would like as many people as possible to attend on 6th July. Anne Smart of the Street Association will be helping the school children. The Art Group will be involved as well in the Village Hall on the day. It may not be possible to have field games because the Football Club will be re-seeding the football pitch then. "Be a Knight for the Day" themed fancy dress is a possibility, and any other ideas are very welcome. **All of us**
- The Village Store will be selling Beechdean Ice cream and HPC will be running a stall to advertise what they do in our Parish. Lots of volunteers are needed too. JI to contact Derek Ransom with regard to parking etc. **LI/DR**
- ii) Site Meeting for HPC Noticeboard with HPC** takes place at 11.30am tomorrow, Wednesday, 8th, outside the former shop in Valley Road to discuss replacing the Trada Noticeboard with theirs. Anyone can join them. HVRA voted for this location although the area needs tidying up as it is badly overgrown. **All of us**
- 8. SENIOR CITIZENS TREAT – SATURDAY, 22nd JUNE**
RH circulated a Help List and received some reply slips. A brief discussion followed about the demographic change that is taking place in the village as Road Reps have seen older folk downsize their homes, become frail and move into Care Homes etc and a younger generation with families moving in. Also, many older residents do not think of themselves as "senior citizens" because they still feel young and active. **It was agreed** that this year's Senior Citizens event will go ahead and this subject is to be discussed in the future. **RH Volunteers needed please**
- 9. OTHER HVRA REPORTS**
- a) Website** – J & AI to pass a new Notice for the AGM and the Nominations Form for Officers to AC for uploading to the HVRA website. **J & AI/ AC**
- b) Speedwatch and NAG** – RH and James Perkins had carried out a Speedwatch session using the Sentinel Video Camera and recorded 77 speedsters in an hour at the Orchard Close/Valley Road junction. It is hoped that many more sessions will take place in the coming months. It was suggested that we have a 20mph limit in Valley Road in the vicinity of Hughenden Primary School at times when children are coming to/departing school. RH to pass this on to the NAG. **RH**
- c) Constitution** – JI confirmed that a meeting will be held this week to make some minor amendments which will be passed on to the Executive Committee for approval and then uploaded to the Website. **RH/PC/AC J & AI**

- d) **New Apple Orchard in Hughenden Valley** – JI has been in contact with concerned neighbours but has not yet managed to speak to the owner of the land because he has been abroad all winter.
- e) **Uplands** – Several new planning applications have been issued by WDC that relate to the various Conditions that must be implemented by the developer as the planned development progresses.

10. OTHER REPORTS

- a) **Street Association – The Harrow Lunches.**
The first Pub Lunch took place on Wednesday, 1st May. The team from Community Impact Backs attended, along with Anne Smart the Ward Co-ordinator and Stan Jones the Ward Chairman. 20 local residents, including RH, enjoyed the subsidised lunch and most have put their names down for the next lunch on 5th June.
- b) **Village Hall** – In the absence of MS, AI recommended the Hall’s next meeting on Monday, 3rd June at 7.30pm when an organised walk around the field and surrounding area will take place. The flora and fauna, as well as the wildlife will be highlighted. Everyone is welcome to join them. There will be refreshments afterwards.
- c) **Village Shop** – AI explained that the Shop has been trying to get a Lease from the Village Hall for some time and the Executive Committee await further progress. The shop is now the Ice Cream Centre for Beechdean Ice cream.

**All
Welcome
3rd June**

11. AOB

- i) GT was very pleased to show the Committee the 12 sets of Litter Picks & High Vis Vests that he had purchased on behalf of the HVRA so that Litter Pick sessions can be organised as and when desired. JI thanked him very much indeed for this initiative and several members volunteered to help with the first Litter Pick. The date is tbc and GT will pass this on to AI.
- ii) Geoff Wicketts, one of our Parish Cllrs, has apologised that patches of grass still remain following the recent grass cutting on Cryers Hill. This is because spring bulbs need to die back and rare plants need protecting.

GT/AI

The date of the next meeting is 4th June at 7.30pm in the Small Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

Signed.....

Date.....