

MINUTES OF MEETING OF HUGHENDEN VALLEY DIG

Hughenden Village Hall (Main), Coombe Lane, Hughenden Valley, High Wycombe Bucks HP14 4NX

Monday 27th April 2015 at 7.30pm

Attendees:

David & Debbie White (DW/DAW)
Paul & Carolyn Wood (PW/CW)
Deborah and Iain Lemon (DL/IL)
Matt Hopkins (MH)
Sarah Mustapha (SM)
Simon Cook (SC)
Martin Hall (MH)
Sam Morrison & Rebecca Morrison (SAM/RM)
Angus Idle (AI)
Dave Carroll (DC) Bucks County Councillor

Apologies: John Gladwin

Agenda:

1. Chairman's report and Spring Update
 - a) Chairman's report
 - b) Thames Water Winter Works
 - c) BCC roads walk and road drains status
 - d) Chalk Stream meeting and walk
2. Financial Report
3. Election of committee
4. Agencies Meeting format/questions
5. 2015 activities
6. AOB

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1.0	Chairman's report and Spring Update	
	Thames Water Winter Works DW detailed the latest update re Thames Water's works in and around Hughenden Valley.	

	<p>These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of low leak covers, closed circuit television surveys, sewer cleaning and sealing of the local network to reduce infiltration • Installation of permanent depth monitors throughout the catchment upstream to monitor the performance of the network and understand where flows are originating from. • The creation of a unique bulletin board within TW's Contact Centre for Hughenden Valley residents, so that in the event of a re-flood, response is quicker. SM to recirculate the details of this to anyone needs this. • A 'mobile' Sewage Treatment Works as part of a future strategy for treating over pumped flows into nearby watercourses <p>DW provided a map of monitors in Hughenden Valley which he had received from Matthew Peapell.</p> <p>BCC roads walk and road drains status</p> <p>DC indicated that the road walk with James Tunnard had been positive, despite the fact that the BCC budget is not allowing for culvert clearance. James Tunnard requested that any flooding events/problems should be filmed/photographed and these emailed through to him. DC felt that the more residents contact BCC with problems, the more likely it was that they would see results.</p> <p>SAM now has a contact re road drains which he can pass information to. He noted that a WERM engineer he'd dealt with did not think the drains had adequate capacity.</p> <p>MH felt that Transport for Bucks should be represented at the next agencies meeting and supplied with questions regarding budget and timing for the works required along Valley Road. Martin Tett/Lesley Clarke (Bucks CC) to be invited to attend the meeting to discuss planning and funding.</p> <p>Chalk Stream meeting and walk</p> <p>DW had been invited to take part in John Gladwin's chalk stream walk and talk which was being held in Hughenden as the group were interested in an update from the DIG after last year's events.</p> <p>DW was informed that chalk streams are an extremely rare resource and all have issues with groundwater ingress. There appear to be many groups that have an interest in chalk streams and much that Hughenden Valley can do to champion the status of the stream. DW hoped to get David Lidington or one of the MP's residing in the area to be involved in promoting the stream. DW also felt it useful to compare the information given by TW to residents and that given to Alan Beechey (Chalk Stream Association)</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>DW/SM</p>
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2.0	Financial Report	
	PW has now finalised the accounts from last year (please see attached) which were examined and certified by Bob Hawkins. An account has been arranged at Metro Bank to hold the £35 collected by the HVDIG and £50 Parish Council donation.	
3.0	Election of Committee	
	All of the current roles of the Committee are to continue with Dave White as Chair, Matt Hopkins as Deputy Chair, Paul Woodford as Treasurer and Sarah Mustapha as Secretary.	
4.0	Agencies Meeting format/questions	
	<p>It was felt that the format of the last meeting worked well, particularly in terms of circulating a list of question to the agencies prior to the event. All were happy for the next meeting to be carried out during working hours as before. The next meeting's agenda will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding issues • A progress report • New questions <p>SM to look at dates in early June with the agencies and to use The Hub for this and all other meetings rather than the village hall.</p> <p>MH to give SM contact names he has at BCC to invite to the next meeting and cc these in to DC.</p> <p>All to consider questions for the agencies and start emailing to DW for the next meeting.</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>MH</p> <p>All</p>
5.0	2015 Activities	
	<p>Suggestions for these included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contacting other areas which have had the same problems as Hughenden Valley i.e. Marlow • Promoting the preservation and protection of the stream. DW to discuss ways to involve the National Trust with Steve Kirkpatrick • DW and PW to examine setting up an HVDIG website • RM to liaise with Louise Jones (village shop) re setting up a DIG tent for advertising. • RM to liaise with village day committee re setting up a DIG tent at the next village day 	<p>DW/PW</p> <p>RM</p> <p>RM</p>

6.0	AOB	
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