

**MINUTES OF THE HVRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER 2021 IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL**

CONFIRMED MINUTES

WELCOME

ACTION

Peter welcomed everyone to the first face-to-face meeting since March 2020, and since becoming Chairman in September last year all the meetings had been held via Zoom. He was especially pleased to welcome Nancy and Brenda who were unable to join the meetings because they do not have access to a PC.

He also welcomed three Bryants Bottom residents because they wished to learn more about the lorry parking issue to be discussed later in the meeting.

1. PRESENT

Peter Cannon (Chairman)	Andrew Capey (Vice-Chairman)	Paul Woodford (Treasurer)
Rosemary Hewitt (Secretary)	Julia Grant	Janet Howe
Angus Idle	Louise Jones	Elaine Merrilees
Brenda Morris	Nancy Pomfret	Michael Sole

Residents: Derek Armshaw, Ed Haynes and Derek Ransom

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from, Peter Gieler, Daphne Hicks, Cacs Hinds, Janet Idle, Jerry Morley and Peter Wright. Both Daf and Cacs were isolating for medical reasons.

Road Reps who do not attend meetings: Sam Booth, Alison Gieler, Paul Jenner and David Mynors.
Reports, written or verbal, are welcome from all members whether they attend meetings or not.

3. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2021 had been circulated, read and were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Item 4 was devoted to the PRESENTATION by Jim Stevens, former Head of Transport at Bucks County Council about Lorry Parking Along Warrendene Road – Country Supplies – Options and Outcomes followed by a Q & A session. Please see **item 11 b)** below for an Update and discussion that followed.

Item 10c) Zoom Subscription – AC renewed the Zoom subscription at a cost of £140, and please get in touch with him if anyone wishes to hold a meeting to transact any business.

Zoom meetings

5. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- a) Buckinghamshire Councillor - None
- b) Hughenden Parish Councillor - None

6. TREASURER'S REPORT (Report Attached)

REPORT

PW circulated his Report for the period 1st April to 30th September, which is 6 months through the financial year. To date, advertising revenue amounts to £3,695.60, and he anticipated that when all outstanding invoices have been paid the total revenue for the year will exceed £4,500 which is a very good figure indeed. **One advert for £101 remains unpaid. A new one for the winter magazine has been received from the High Wycombe Flower Arranging Society.**

Subs received to date amount to £2,000, of which £110 was received in the previous financial year. Just £110 was received during September, and as the total collected comes from only 52% of households PW stressed that another push by Road Reps is needed to get more subs in.

Subs

Outgoings have changed little @ £6,358.46 leaving a closing balance of £2,573.35 and the **Deposit A/C** now stands @ £8,379.20.

The HVRA are now offering free upgrades to half a dozen advertisers who have had the same black and white adverts for years to go to colour and, so far, Fraser-Morgan and Midway & Spice Plastering have taken up the offer.

7. HVRA REPORTS

a) Magazine – *Hughenden News*

AC and the new team have sent out requests and reminders for articles for the next edition. They have already received some items and promises by various groups etc. The **DEADLINE IS 15TH OCTOBER**, with a week's extension for those who cannot make the 15th. As it will take nearly 3 weeks to get all the items in they hope to meet their objective of distributing the magazine before the Christmas Bazaar on 27th November.

If we know of any organization or group that needs to make their voice known or increase their presence in the village, please get in touch with AC. He has contacted the editors/equivalents for Gt Kingshill and Naphill about issues that may be of interest or concern to us but has not yet heard back from them.

ALL OF
US

b) Chairman:

Senior Citizens Event/Gift Bags

Last year it was agreed that holding an event similar to those prior to 2019 was not possible due to the various Covid restrictions that were in place, and the same rationale has applied to this year. Last December. Rosemary and her team of volunteers filled 68 Christmas Gift bags with goodies to eat for the over 80s which was a huge success and very much appreciated by the recipients who were overwhelmed by the surprise. Sadly, there have been a significant number who have died, moved away or gone into a Care Home thus reducing last year's list. Nevertheless, that list will probably grow again with other residents reaching 80.

It was agreed to repeat this initiative and that RH contacts her team of volunteers to see if they are willing to help or have any other ideas. PC to ask for contributions from local businesses and MS is happy to contribute financially too.

RH /TEAM
PC
MS

c) Cycleway between Hughenden Valley, High Wycombe and beyond

PC did not have much news to report. However, during September he walked part of the Waddesdon Greenway. A worthwhile walk that follows part of a Roman road which also attracts young families and people of all ages to cycle. He found it very interesting to note its infrastructure and believes lessons could be learned and adopted for the Wycombe project.

MS had invited Charles Brocklehurst, a Planning Officer at Buckinghamshire Council, to a recent Village Hall Committee meeting to understand what the scheme entailed. It will combine a cycle and pedestrian pathway that would commence outside the Small Hall, passing through the playing field and National Trust land, and on into High Wycombe. Whilst there were some issues to overcome such as the 3m wide lit path that crosses the field and then runs parallel to the stream and on through the Valley and Hughenden Park into Wycombe, overall, there was some support for the concept. Charles Brocklehurst has gone away with their comments because he was unaware of the water impacts and the numerous springs, and was invited to contact the Village Hall again for further discussions. MS will keep the HVRA fully informed.

MS>
HVRA

LJ believed the cycle path will skirt the edge of the playing field and not run across it, adding that an article should appear in the magazine, perhaps inviting Charles Brocklehurst to write about the scheme.

AC or
MS > CB

Derek Armshaw, a resident attending the meeting, believed a cycle path would be an excellent idea because, in his experience of cycling with his wife from Bryants Bottom to Paris, the single most dangerous stretch of road was between the Village Hall and Wycombe. He believed everyone should support the scheme.

8. HVRADIG (Report attached)

REPORT

Because of the drainage issues at the pumping station, PW and Jerry Morley met during September with Chris King, Affinity Surveyor, who has now agreed to organize a complete site survey that will involve CCTV checks and, if necessary, clear out any debris/constrictions in the two principal culverts running under the pumping station which, from time to time, struggles to cope with water that ends up flowing into the field.

Also, on one occasion in the last few years, water in the Valley Road ditch has come right up to the top and threatened to flood onto the road. PW believed a simple solution would be for TfB to extend the ditch right along in front of the pumping station so that it could then empty around its perimeter fence into the National Trust field. Although the ditch is not on Affinity land, MS inquired if PW had approached them, adding that Affinity may recommend this idea and to wait for their recommendations first. PW will raise this with Affinity.

PW >
Affinity

9. ROAD REP REPORTS

- a) As winter is approaching, AI reminded everyone of the HVRA's scheme with BuildBase that enables Road Reps to obtain salt & grit at a discounted price for use on the steeper roads in the village and upon receipt of the purchase, the HVRA will reimburse the cost.
- b) **Entrance to Friars Gardens** – For 2 years BM has repeatedly failed to get TfB (FixMyStreet) to repair the deteriorating surface of the road. Two weeks ago, she asked the workmen repairing the pavement outside Deeters to look at the road at the bottom of Friars Gardens. They agreed to carry out a temporary repair and then contact their office to request a permanent surface. Well done, Brenda!

SALT >
BuildBase

She was pleased that the drains have been cleared but disappointed with the number of cars that are parked at the entrance to South Maundin, sometimes for 3 months. She even considered double yellow lines as a solution and white lines painted across residents' drives, but she considered £100 for each drive expensive. Someone asked who pays for the white lines?

RH to
enquire

MS added that a white van had been parked on the corner of Coombe Gardens for weeks. Unfortunately, two tyres were let down and the wing mirrors got smashed. The van has now gone.

10. OTHER REPORTS

- a) **NAG & Speed Watch** – RH reminded everyone to drive within the speed limits because every Ward in the Parish is carrying out Speed Watch sessions on a weekly basis. Also, that all those travelling over 35mph in a 30 limit will receive a letter; a summons from Thames Valley Police if their MOT is not up-to-date and the DVLA will ask for back-payment of unpaid Road Tax.
- b) **Village Hall** – The Surgery have asked to continue parking in the Village Hall car park until December for people getting their booster jab but as Thursday, Friday and Saturday are busy days for the Hall they are looking at alternative days to lessen the load. The Surgery organizes the marshals for carparking.

- The Village Hall's AGM in on 6th December in the Small Hall at 7.30pm.

VH AGM

Social Events -

- **The Dinner & Dance** has been cancelled.
- **Saturday, 27th November** - Although the Christmas Bazaar could be run making sure people were socially distanced, the touching of pre-owned items for the Tombola and some other stalls would prove difficult, and so these will not now be held. Alternatively, an exclusive **Craft Fair** with new items will be organised instead.

- MS urged everyone to think about volunteering for this event and to please get in touch with him if you can help.

All of us

- As PC only knew about the cancellation of the Tombola an hour prior to this meeting he will try to come up with an alternative idea.

PC

- **Switching on the Christmas Lights and Carols around the Tree will take place at 4.30pm on Sunday, 5th December** accompanied by mulled wine and mince pies.

LJ

- **9th, 10th and 11th December – A pantomime by Valley Players, *The Wizard of Oz*, will be held in the Village Hall.**

- c) **Village Store & Coffee Shop** - LJ was very pleased to have lots of young people helping in the shop during the summer months but as they have gone back to university etc., **she is now desperately short-staffed**, and if we know of anyone in our roads who have a few hours to spare, to please get in touch with her.

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11. PLANNING ISSUES

- a) **Update on Orchard Caravan Site** – PC had asked the Planning Officer for an update and was informed a **Decision is awaited**, and that representations by the HVRA have caused them a “headache” due to the legal information forwarded to them. PC agreed that AI could carry out a botanical survey of the site only after **seeking agreement** from the tenants who live there.
- b) **Petition/Report – Lorry Parking along Warrendene Road – Country Supplies.**

PC gave an account of the present situation following submission of the Petition by David Carroll in late 2020 to the NW Chilterns Community Board. During the course of the monthly Teams meetings that commenced in March with EM and RH and separate meetings with Michael Bryant of Country Supplies, Jim Stevens, former Head of Transport at Bucks CC and Jackie Binning, Co-Ordinator of the NW Chilterns Community Board carried out an information gathering exercise. Emails from residents impacted by the unacceptable lorry parking, together with photos were regularly passed on to them. During July, Jim Stevens began compiling his Report and it was then arranged that a Presentation be given to Road Reps at the HVRA Committee meeting on 7th September via Teams. As Warrendene Road residents were not invited this caused concern and following exchanges of emails it was agreed that they be invited, with only one day’s notice. 10 joined the meeting along with Committee Members.

There was a huge negative reaction to one major option that was set out – the creation of a new two-lane entry road into the Oakleaf Farm site from Bryants Bottom Road, about 40 metres up from the crossroads and the present access to become exit only. As a result, at the post-7th September HVRA meeting, Jim Stevens acknowledged the passionate responses from concerned residents and agreed to submit a reshaped Report containing a Package of Ideas rather than a Package of Measures to the Special Meeting of the Community Board on 16th September when he displayed 45 slides and submitted a 30-page Report. Both have been uploaded to the HVRA website.

PC believes there are **some positives** that came out of the meetings/Report:

- Michael Bryant has recruited a Transport Manager and purchased logistics software to enable better scheduling which hopefully should make a difference.
- He also hoped the suggested 6-monthly meetings between the residents and Michael Bryant would be useful as this had not been tried before, especially as the problems have remained unresolved for the past 20 years.
- The new access road is very unlikely to go ahead because there is a clear assessment that there is the danger that the business might expand further.
- It is indicated in the Report that the Oakleaf Farm site is barely big enough to support the lorry demand and that Michael Bryant is trying to find a third site

On the **negative side**, the following issues arose from the on-line meetings/Report:

- There had been no site visits. PC believed these were absolutely necessary to see what really goes on and whether the balance on both sites is correct.
- All three Local Councillors, Dave Carroll, Steve Broadbent and Clive Harriss should visit both sites to gain a proper understanding of the issues and whether some of the business that is currently transacted at Oakleaf Farm should be moved to the Shana site because **the thrust of the Petition has been rejected.**

PC had a Teams meeting with PC Lee Turnham last week who believed that the 7½ tonne lorries would be going to Oakleaf Farm and 3rd party lorries to Shana via the A4010, up Bradenham Woods Lane, turn left and then into the site and return via the same route.

Despite a Condition of the Goods Vehicle Operators Licence not permitting Country Supplies’ lorries to turn left out of the Oakleaf Farm site, Michael Bryant admitted they do sometimes if delivering to customers living in Bryants Bottom and Gt Hampden.

Jackie Binning of the NW Chilterns Community Board had received 30+ emails and letters from individuals including those from Bryants Bottom which she is processing and modifying the Report for the full Community Board meeting on 3rd November.

At this point in the meeting the three Bryants Bottom residents joined the discussion and **It was agreed that someone from this Committee or the community should speak at the 3rd November Board meeting, and to ensure that our 3 elected Councillors supported us.**

They queried:

- Why Highways and Thames Valley Police had not been involved. DA believed it is their responsibility to come up with solutions.
- Can members of the public join the 3rd November Board Meeting and speak? PC
- Why had Paul Nicholls, Chairman of the Parish Council, put forward ideas/proposals that had not been discussed or resolved at Full Council. AC explained that the Chair of HPC was also a member of the Community Board and related to the Board the Council's experience of resolving the parking issues at the top of Cryers Hill. The Petition had gone through to County and HPC did not have a view to express. The HPC Road Safety Working Group discussed the Report at their meeting on 5th October and all their comments will be discussed at **Full Council on 12th October.** HPC
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- **It was agreed to form a Sub-Committee** consisting of Peter Cannon, Elaine Merrilees, Rosemary Hewitt, Derek Armshaw and Derek Ransom plus other concerned residents. Form a
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- **It was agreed that the HVRA must take a position, prepare a statement and argue our case.**

c) **Housing Development at Gynswood** – RH and PC were invited by Inland Homes to meet in their offices in Old Beaconsfield to view and discuss their amended plans of the 50-dwelling estate that were a great improvement on the previous plans that had been refused several months ago.

12. **FUTURE EVENTS**

- a) **27th November – Christmas Bazaar.** Please see item **10 b) Social Events** above for more information.
- b) **7th December** – PC Lee Turnham will be attending the meeting to talk about Community Speed Watch and his new programme, *Decelerate*, that he is rolling-out in the Thames Valley Police region.

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- i) **AOB**
 AI reminded everyone that Major Glenn Ridgley will be holding a Remembrance Commemoration at the former Chapel in Bryants Bottom on Sunday, 14th November.at 11am..
- ii) As many Hughenden Valley residents had received a letter through the post from **Nextdoor**, the Committee discussed whether it was worth joining bearing in mind that *Hughenden Valley What's going on?* already exists for residents to post items. As it is a commercial App it is up to the individual to decide.
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iv) LJ warned that two people dressed as police officers had called on an elderly resident asking to look round her property to check that it was a habitable dwelling. Upon ringing 101 to check whether was legitimate, LJ discovered that no Police Officers had been sent to the property and that it was a scam.

AI raised serious a complaint about the difficulty in communicating with **Hughenden Surgery** as he believed the phones were not being monitored consistently, because on Monday he waited 3 - 4 hours before getting through. There were also complaints that appointments were being given weeks in advance when an issue could be very serious and missed being diagnosed, and although patients have a legal right to see a doctor face-to-face, it is almost impossible to arrange this. **It was recommended** that complaints be addressed to **PALS at Bucks Health Authority copying in the Practice Manager.**

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

The next meeting is on 2nd November.

The North West Chilterns Community Board Meeting via Teams is on 3rd November.

Signed.....

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