

**MINUTES OF THE HVRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER 2021 IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL**

CONFIRMED MINUTES

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially the members of the public who had come to hear the talk on Community Speed Watch by PC Lee Turnham. Peter wished Nancy Pomfret a speedy recovery after falling heavily at The Harrow whilst delivering *Hughenden News* and badly damaging her left shoulder that required 6 hours of surgery to replace it. He also hoped Janet Idle's eyes would soon return to normal after her recent procedure.

1. PRESENT

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

Members of the Public: Bob Collins, David Mynors, Steve Pickersgill and Derek Ransom.

Guest Speaker: PC Lee Turnham of Thames Valley Police.

- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Julia Grant, Catherine (Cacs) Hinds, Janet Idle, Jerry Morley, Nancy Pomfret, Rebecca Rycroft, Michael Sole, Peter Wright and Naj Alikhan, a CSW volunteer.

Road Reps who do not attend meetings: Sam Booth and Paul Jenner.

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

- 3. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2ND NOVEMBER 2021** had been circulated, read and were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

4. TALK BY PC LEE TURNHAM ON COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH WITH A Q & Q SESSION

The report covering PC Lee Turnham's talk is attached to these Minutes.

**Report
attached**

5. MATTERS ARISING

Item 5. Hughenden Parish Councillor- AC confirmed that Cllr Gieler will continue to report on HPC matters despite not attending the face-to-face meetings.

Item 12. FUTURE EVENTS

27th November – Christmas Craft Fair – The HVRA sponsored a table @ £10 for Cerys Seys-Llewelyn who sold her animal inspired designs on mugs and cushions. Takings from the refreshments enhanced any profit made.

6. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- a) **Buckinghamshire Councillor** – No Report
- b) **Hughenden Parish Councillor** – No Report

The Chairman had contacted Peter Gieler about the 60mph speed limit along Four Ashes Road because he considered it dangerous as the Uplands development was approaching completion and residents had moved in. RH added that this issue had been raised at the last HNAG meeting when she had argued that the speed limit should be reduced to at least 40mph but the other Committee members did not agree because saying it was a rural road and there were other issues of a higher priority to spend money on.

7. CHAIRMAN

- a) **Welcome Letter to new Residents** – As the demographic of the village is changing with an influx of new residents, the letter had been circulated to Road Reps for consideration. AI believed it should be stressed that the £5 sub included 3 issues of *Hughenden News* in a year that would normally cost £7.50. PC agreed to amend the letter to reflect this.

b) Emails from J & A recapping on progress:

i) **Coombe Lane - AI** would like to see a more holistic approach to Coombe Lane as no progress has been made with the LA because of lack of funding. In agreement with the Chairman, Jerry Morley will, in future, take on issues relating to Coombe Lane where he lives because of the number of incidents that have occurred, with lorries/cars ploughing into fences and gardens etc.

ii) **Solar Bus Timetable** – This is an on-going issue, and PC's inquiries have revealed to his surprise that there is a Real-Time Passenger Officer. PC/AI

iii) **Road Reps** - PC confirmed that new Road Reps for Cryers Hill are being sought and PW has contacted his Trees Road residents twice but to date with no success. PC

iv) **Removal of Moss on Pavement, Failure of the tarmac in Whitfield Road and Blocked drain**
AI to report problems to FixMyStreet, although moss can be removed by various products, e.g., in liquid or powder form. AI/FixMy Street

c) **Path from Old Surgery to New Surgery** – AC has circulated photos of the mud-covered footpath from Chiltern Cars to the Surgery and around the corner. Everyone agreed that as a result of the excessive parking on the grass verge, due to the booster vaccinations taking place, the state of the path is atrocious and that pedestrians are in danger of slipping over in the quagmire of thick mud. AC will continue to impress upon TFB that this is a serious problem that needs to be remedied. AC

DM raised this issue at the Village Hall AGM the previous night and believed more could be done by the Village Hall to alleviate the continuing parking problem. It was suggested that cars could park on the field adjacent to the rear gardens of some Coombe Lane properties. This is an on-going problem.

PC also attended the VH AGM, and as this is effectively the only opportunity for residents to ask questions of management, a suggestion has been made that they have a Q & A session, and a response is awaited on Facebook. If a date and time is arranged, then RH could inform Road Reps that there is an opportunity to raise questions.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

PW gave a brief report covering the period 1st April to 30th November that saw an increase in Income by £650 to £6,660.31. This was due to the receipt of £450 in subs and £200 in donations. He was pleased that the figures were stronger than last month because JM, AI and RH had collected more subs which has raised the total to 73% of households. £200 was received in donations for the Christmas Gift Bag initiative and PC hinted that a further £400 is expected.

Looking at the outgoings, there has been an increase in IT to £215.85 in total due to the Zoom subscription and there was a £50 increase in the cost of postage, bringing total expenditure to £6,779.84. The closing balance of £3,112.97 has increased by £456 on last month, and the Deposit Account is up by 7p.

9. ROAD REP REPORTS

a) **South Maundin** – BM reported that an act of vandalism had taken place the previous Saturday night when the windscreen wipers had been ripped off her car and thrown on the lawn, costing £60 to replace. She assumed this could have been carried out by persons unknown coming up the footpath from *The Harrow* after a night out. She was advised to report the incident to the Police so that they can build up a picture of crime in the area. BM/ Police

b) **Warrendene Road Post box** – PC has finally tracked down the Postmaster, based in Cressex, who has confirmed that a new post box will be installed in January or early February to replace the stolen one.

10. **HVRADIG** – No report.

11. PLANNING ISSUES

a) Update on the Orchard Caravan Site - Ref: 21/06498/CLE

PC had written to the Case Officer who informed him that the CLEUD application is still under consideration.

b) Up-date – Warrendene Road Parking

The Action Group met last week when a number of actions were decided. DR has written to Jim Stevens, copying in Steve Broadbent about the lack of data in his Report and Presentation compared to the Cockpit Road Surveys, e.g.: traffic flow, the number of vehicle movements and air quality.

EM has received the Minutes of the 3rd November N W Chilterns Community Board Meeting and will circulate them to concerned residents. She reported that the bus stop has been damaged/is no longer in situ and has been replaced by cones. The Arriva Bus Company need to be informed.

EM

EM/Arriva

12. OTHER REPORTS

a) Village Shop

LJ expressed concern that the shop is desperately short of volunteers and badly hit by Covid. As almost all of the people who had helped that were furloughed have returned to their jobs, she asked that we let as many people as possible know that help in the shop is needed. Volunteers would not need to operate the till, but any help with washing up, clearing away and tidying up will be very much appreciated. As the situation is critical, she asked if Road Reps could distribute a flyer.

Help is
needed

LJ

b) Village Hall – MS had submitted a report and update of the Village Hall and King George's Playing Field Committee's AGM held the previous night.

Finances - A reduction in income was offset by Covid Grants from Buckinghamshire Council and payments from Hughenden Pharma resulting in a healthy bank balance of £95,000. 2022 will see planned investments totalling £55,000+, i.e., new hall lighting, installation of fire alarm systems and major repairs to the rapidly deteriorating car park surface.

Bookings – Achieved successful transition from the paper-based bookings' diary to the online bookings' system. Although a small number of hirers have quit due to Covid some new ones have been gained, and so the Hall is still very busy.

Conservation Group – Continues to do invaluable work on the bank, following their predecessors' efforts over many decades. John Moorby has recently hung up his shears after 25+ years of involvement, latterly as leader of the group.

Committee – The current Committee was elected unopposed for 2022, including Angus as the HVRA representative. They will meet in January to appoint between 2 and 6 Trustees, and if anyone is interested in becoming a Trustee, please contact secretary@hughendenvillagehall.co.uk.

13. FUTURE EVENTS

a) Christmas Gift Bags – Sunday 12th December – Small Hall at 9.30am

RH was pleased that all the numerous items had now been purchased and stacked on her dining room table. All the helpers have been constantly updated and packing, collection and delivery is organised for Sunday morning. PC is delighted that as a result of contacting Betsy Williams, who regularly places an advert in the magazine, she is very happy to donate £200 towards this initiative.

14. AOB

a) As Angus receives the British Astronomical Association Journal each month, he observed a photo of a very nice wooden memorial to Heather Copper who had died during the first lockdown. Some years ago, she attended a HVRA AGM and spoke about Astronomy. AI will submit an article about her for the next issue of the magazine as she lived in Loosely Row.

AI > Mag

b) PC will contact Geoff Wicketts about submitting an article for the magazine on Chiltern Venison.

PC > Mag

- c) Al queried why there was not an article in the magazine about Good Companions from Pat Furness who is hoping to have a meeting in January to see if there is enough interest in carrying on the club for our elderly residents? AC responded that they had not received any article but will invite Pat to send in copy for the next edition.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Dates of next meetings

There is no meeting in January.

The next HVRA Meeting is on 1st February 2022.

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