

**MINUTES OF THE HVRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY 2022 IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL**

CONFIRMED MINUTES

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, the first of 2022 and that we were still having to wear masks as Covid had not gone away!!

ACTION

1. PRESENT

Peter Cannon (Chairman)	Andrew Capey (Vice-Chairman)	Paul Woodford (Treasurer)
Rosemary Hewitt (Secretary)	Janet Howe	Angus Idle
Elaine Merrilees	Brenda Morris	Nancy Pomfret
Becky Rycroft	Derek Ransom	Michael Sole

Members of the Public: Jill Armshaw and Sam Morrison

- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Julia Grant, Catherine (Cacs) Hinds, Janet Idle, and Jerry Morley.

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 7th DECEMBER 2021** had been circulated, read, approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting. The Report of PC Lee Turnham's Talk on Community Speed Watch had been verified by him as correct.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Item 7 b)

ii) **Solar Bus Timetable** - Still no progress to report..

iii) **Road Reps for Cryers Hill and Trees Road** are being sought although Janet and Angus have agreed to look after **Church Farm**. A resident living in Trees Road has sent a message via WhatsApp to see if anyone is interested in taking on the role.

Jill Armshaw kindly offered to be the Road Rep for the middle section of **Bryants Bottom Road**.

iv) Removal of Moss on Pavement, Failure of the tarmac in Whitfield Road and Blocked Drain

Despite Al's attempts to progress these matters, TfB have responded that nothing needs to be done. RH will contact Cllr David Carroll to request that James Tunnard meets with Al to remedy the problems.

Item 7 c) Path from Old Surgery to New Surgery – AC reported that the path is now clear, and a Parking Suspension is in place.

Item 14 a) Al is preparing an article on Heather Couper for the magazine.

b) PC had exchanged telephone messages with Geoff Wicketts about submitting an article but no outcome to date.

**RH/DC>
LAT**

Al/Mag

5. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- a) Buckinghamshire Councillor** – Both Cllrs Carroll and Broadbent had objected to the Country Supplies application Ref: 22/05000/FUL

- b) Hughenden Parish Council** – AC: Only three Councillors now remain because he had resigned the previous afternoon, and as the Council is inquorate it could no longer function legally.

JA added that Bucks Council will enact a S91 Order under the Local Government Act 1972 to appoint Councillors in the interim so that it can become quorate and, perhaps, David Carroll will be one of them. They can then meet and pay bills. The Clerk will be leaving on Friday, 4th February and the Deputy Clerk, Helen Hogan, will become the Acting Clerk. JA believed the situation will get sorted out very quickly and confirmed that three weeks ago 3 residents had put themselves forward as candidates: Debra Main - Gt Kingshill, Gareth Cadwallader - Widmer End and herself for Hughenden Valley.

The present position is:

Gt Kingshill: Paul Nicholls (Chairman) and 2 vacancies [NOTE: Paul Nicholls resigned on 7 February]

Hughenden Valley: Simon Kearey and 3 vacancies

Naphill & Walters Ash: 4 vacancies

Widmer End: Linda Derrick and 3 vacancies

Advertisements have been placed on Parish Notice Boards and the time scale has been extended. RH will also email all Road Reps asking candidates to come forward.

RH/Road
Reps

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Report ran from 1st April to 31st January. As we had not met since early December the figures presented included December and January. Advertising revenue at £4052.07 is up £255.47 from his last report, boosted by receipts of £213.87 in December and £41.60 in January. Donations of £600 have been received from local businesses to contribute to the purchase of items for the Christmas Gift Bags. Subs of £45 received during December and January bring the total received to £2,705 and increases household membership to 74%. Total income stands at £7,360.78.

Looking at Outgoings, the Winter edition of Hughenden News cost £1,444 and, together with the Spring and Summer editions, the total cost of printing and distribution came to £4,719.44. Providing the items for the Christmas Gift Bags cost £693.33 and after the receipt of £600 of donations (including the HVRA's cheque of £70 paid to the Childhood Tumour Trust) the HVRA funded the balance of £93.33. There were Bank Charges of £7.80. The closing balance is £1,625.15. The Deposit Account is up by 7p, and the closing balance is £8,379.57.

BM had asked in the last meeting if advertising receipts covered the cost of printing the 3 editions of the magazine. PW responded that the total advertising revenue amounted to £4,677.07 and the total printing costs were £4,719, so not quite.

PW explained for the new advertising year that 5 advertisers had dropped out, i.e., Full Circle had closed their Garden Department, SJ Flooring, Active Pest Control, Paul's Plumbing and Pilates with Pamela. PW will get in touch with Pamela to try and persuade her back. Presently, despite having 16 confirmed advertisers valued at £2,500, we will be down on revenue.

PW

PC enquired whether the HVRA had received a grant of £500 from the Parish Council. AC said it had not because the Finance Committee had not met since he had submitted the application.

7. HVRA REPORTS

a) Magazine – *Hughenden News*

AC: The Editorial team were canvassing requests for copy and have 16 contributors to chase. He will write an article about PC Lee Turnham's talk using RH's Notes plus other statistics because speeding was an element in a recent survey.

b) Chairman – Thoughts on Overflow Parking – Not discussed Christmas Gift Bags – Update

RH expressed her thanks to the team of helpers, including Andrew, who turned up to the Small Hall all wearing masks on 12th December and worked in unison filling Christmassy Gift Bags donated by the Shop – thank you Louise. Although 27 bags for couples and 41 bags for individuals had to be filled the team got through the task amazingly quickly. RH had bought sufficient items for **95 over 80s** e.g., 8 dozen boxes and packets of mince pies, panettone, shortbread, savoury biscuits, cheese truckles, Nancy's Marmalade and clusters of Clementines, plus other items. EM added that Nancy continued to make the marmalade despite sustaining a bad shoulder injury following a fall. Thank you Nancy! A team distributed the bags and it was a wonderful surprise to the unsuspecting recipients. Lots of lovely "thank you" cards and letters were received. Thanks are also due to PC and his wife who had contacted local businesses for donations, and one advertiser in the magazine, Betsy Williams, kindly doubled her donation of £100 to £200, and RH was able to detail the purchases she had made with the additional funds. It was a great success. AC wished to thank RH for taking the lead on the initiative.

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8. HVRADIG (PW'S REPORT IS ATTACHED)

PW briefly ran through his Report saying that not a lot has been going on although he is still chasing up Chris King of Affinity via email but has received no response. Today the DIG commenced an audit on the road drains through the Valley and it would appear that some have been cleared. A DIG Kick-start meeting is planned during February where the feed-back from the Agencies will be discussed to enable actions to be planned.

Flooding Training – Community Impact Bucks are offering **free flood resilience training for local residents in Hughenden Valley and Radnage on 8th March at 2.30 – 4.30pm** and full details are on the HVRA website via the blog. The training is open to anyone who would like to develop their community's resilience to emergencies such as flooding, snow and other severe weather events or utilities' failures.

JA reminded the Committee that 3 years ago 12 properties in Bryants Bottom Road were flooded or in danger of being flooded and despite mitigation, such as drainage ditches being created further along Bryants Bottom Road, they are still vulnerable. PW is to meet JA to discuss further, and AC has booked to attend the training meeting.

PW/JA

9. ROAD REPS' REPORTS

- i) BM believed that when the village gates by The Surgery were recently painted one of her flower planters had got knocked over. Also, the yellow bollards in the centre of Valley Road by the entrance to the Church and elsewhere were very dirty and required cleaning. TfB to be contacted.

RH/TfB

10. OTHER REPORTS

a) NAG & Speed Watch

After 15 years, the HNAG held its last meeting on 9th December due to lack of support from the Parish Council, Thames Valley Police and members of the Group. RH joined as a representative of the HVRA 12 years ago. **Community Speed Watch** will continue throughout the Parish when weekly sessions will be carried out at random times of the day. Anyone wishing to join the team to please contact RH.

b) Village Hall

Following the AGM in December, at the January meeting the following Officer of the Committee was duly elected: **Roland Wales as Treasurer** because Jonathan Hilder had stood down. Although the Village Hall can have up to 6 Trustees, 4 were also duly elected. 1 was new and 2 Trustees had stepped down.

- Plans are underway for a **BIG PICNIC IN THE KING GEORGE Vth FIELD** on Sunday, 5th June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Details to follow.
- Fire Alarm and new lighting to be carried out during the half-term period.
- Repairs to the carpark will take place in the summer and the contribution from the Pharmacy for the repairs was gratefully received.
- The Hall car park has not been used during the past couple of weeks for Vaccination Centre parking as the number of vaccinations had reduced considerably. However, the Hall remains very busy with Covid-cancelled hirings returning.
- Good Companions, supported by the HVRA, is at risk of closure as numbers are falling. RH has the names of 95 over 80s and will get in touch with the Secretary, Pat Furness, via AI.

RH/AI
PF

- c) **Village Store & Coffee Shop** – No Report

11. PLANNING

a) **Country Supplies – Application 22/05000/FU for New Access Road and Lorry Parking.**

This application is for **the creation of a new access road off Bryants Bottom Road, near the crossroads, with parking for up to 12 HGVs and 14 customers' vehicles** in a grazing meadow that lies outside the settlement of Hughenden Valley in the Green Belt and Chilterns AONB.

A meeting was held in the Village Hall on Sunday, 23rd January, for residents to discuss the matter and a way forward. Lots of ideas and help was offered. A flyer has been prepared, printed and distributed by a great team of volunteers, led by EM, to hundreds of homes here and the surrounding villages. Details of the application and the flyer have been posted on the HVRA website. A short video has also been created and posted on the Hughenden What'sOn Facebook page.

The deadline for comments is 14th February [NOTE: now extended to 25th February] and it is very important that as many residents as possible submit their comments to the WDC portal or directly to the Case Officer, Sarah White at sarah.white@buckingshamshire.gov.uk if they are experiencing difficulty. It is recommended to write comments/objections as a Word document and cut and paste it to the portal as it is lime-limited, or as an attachment to the Case Officer, always quoting Ref: 22/05000/FUL Residents can now sign up to the CS Action Group's special gaggle email set up by Derek Armshaw: gaggle.email/join/country-supplies-action-group@gaggle.email

As of this evening there were 31 objections, including from the Chiltern Society and Dr Mike Stubbs of the Chilterns Conservation Board, with 3 in support. Cllrs Carroll and Broadbent had also registered their objections and requested the application be "called in" if the Officer is minded to approve, but we are yet to hear from Cllr Clive Harriss.

It was noted that no Pre-application advice had been sought by the applicant who referred, instead, to the N W Chilterns Community Board Meeting of 3rd November 2021. Following that meeting, the Parking Team at Bucks Council were looking at solutions relating to the Highway Code, e.g., double yellow lines around the crossroads and other measures but in view of the planning application they are deferring a decision. Residents are concerned that during March and April the business will get busy with more HGVs arriving and the associated parking issues will arise.

Sam Morrison experienced difficulties gaining access to the WDC planning portal and. RH had helped him and numerous others. RH to send DR the explanatory email from DA. **RH/DR**

- It was queried if the data from the MVAS opposite Deeters could be utilized for vehicle movements. RH to follow up. **RH**
- PC had contacted a former WDC Planning Officer, Mark Spragg, who recommended that lots of letters of objections should be submitted.
- A small Steering Committee will meet later in the week to discuss progress so far and to plan strategy.

b) Update on Orchard Caravan Site – In response to Cllr Carroll's request for an update from Jenny Ion, Case Officer, she stated: *Following a consultation with Legal Services there are some outstanding points to resolve before a final decision is made. I am hoping that these may be resolved in the next few weeks.*

c) Housing Development at Glynswood to build 50 dwellings on a valley slope that had its Green Belt status removed by WDC in 2019 was given the go ahead at the West Buckinghamshire Planning Meeting on 12th January because the developer, Inland Homes, had taken on board the criticisms regarding their earlier scheme by coming up with a design-led approach in keeping with its sensitive location lying the Chilterns AONB, and surrounded by National Trust parkland and Green Belt countryside.

i) MS enquired about the status of the planning application to demolish *Silver Birches* under Ref: 21/07627/FUL. A decision is still awaited.

ii) AC drew attention to the planning application under Ref: 22/05090/FUL for a large Prescription Dispensing Unit located in the porch area of The Surgery that would issue prescriptions 24/7 in the same way that an ATM dispenses cash. As AC was unhappy with the size, signage and lighting RH will look at the application. **RH**

12. FUTURE EVENTS

Please see 10b) above - Sunday, 5th June – BIG PICNIC ON THE FIELD

13. AOB

- i) **Communications** – RH had emailed all Road Reps calling for a meeting a very short notice for Sunday, 23rd January but its reach was limited because not all Road Reps have the email addresses of their residents. It is vital that we have them because it is the only way to get important messages out quickly. RH stressed that there could be other contentious planning issues or unplanned events on the horizon that residents will need to respond to. Some members expressed concern about GDPR, but AC reassured them that if email addresses and phone numbers were given knowingly and assured that they would only be used for HVRA communications and not revealed to others without consent, then that is ok. Each Road Rep would be responsible for the safekeeping of their residents' email addresses.
- ii) PW believed we should be thinking about asking residents to set up a SO to pay their subs annually, mindful that a brief ID reference is given to enable him to cross-reference with his lists.
- iii) Al confirmed that he and Jerry Morley will be working together to deal with road traffic events and issues relating to Coombe Lane, adding that he will not relinquish his interest in the road. PC thanked him for his help.
- iv) **Good News** – Former HVRA Committee member and Past-Secretary, James Perkins, returned home from hospital about a week or so ago after being in the John Radcliffe Hospital for at least 7 months. The Committee were pleased and wished him well.

The meeting closed at 9.22pm

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 1st March 2022.

Signed.....

Date.....