

**MINUTES OF THE HVRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022 IN THE SMALL HALL**

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

**WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Peter Spence, Chairman Designate, and introduced him to those members he had not met before.

<b>1. PRESENT</b>			<b>ACTION</b>
Peter Cannon	<b>(Chairman)</b>	Peter Spence	<b>(Chairman Designate)</b>
Andrew Capey	<b>(Vice-Chairman)</b>	Rosemary Hewitt	<b>(Secretary)</b>
Jill Armshaw	<b>(HPCllr)</b>	Angus and Janet Idle	
Elaine Merrilees		Brenda Morris	
Rebecca Rycroft			

- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Paul Woodford, Treasurer, Cacs Hinds, Janet Howe, Nancy Pomfret, Derek Ransom and Michael Sole who was stuck in Fuerteventura due to EasyJet planes being cancelled.

**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 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2022** had been circulated, read, approved and were signed as a true record of the meeting.

- 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2022.**

**9. ROAD REP REPORTS, 3<sup>rd</sup> para.**

PC asked Cllr Armshaw what were the results of the Parish Questionnaire that many residents completed. AC, who was a Parish Councillor at the time, confirmed that that speeding was of major concern in our catchment area although he was unaware of any action by HPC. This needs to be chased-up.

**PC/HPC**

**11. PLANNING ISSUES**

**a) Orchard Caravans Ref: 21/066498/CLE** – As RH had not written to the Planning Officer about the precise meaning of the Certificate of Lawfulness, she will do so asap. EM had spoken to one of the occupants of the caravans who confirmed that he had accepted an offer from the owner of the site to buy him out.

**[UPDATE:** Confirmation has been received that the Lawful Use of the Land as a Caravan site refers to the whole 1-acre site.]

**RH/Planning**

- a) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Item 6, 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet point.**

With reference to Bob Hawkins' **recommendation** that the HVRA ceases to bank with HSBC and switch to another Bank because of the punitive bank changes imposed on non-profit making organisations, like the HVRA, to the tune of approximately £100 pa, and the fact that the bank is still operating in China, a country with poor human rights and a lack of opposition to Russia's War in Ukraine, **Paul Woodford, Peter Cannon and Peter Spence have agreed to meet and explore the terms of several other banks**, e.g. Metro, Lloyds and report back with their proposal.

**PW/PC/PS  
SWITCH  
BANK**

- 5. COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

- a) Buckinghamshire Coucillor – None**

**Boss Lane** - PC had received a complaint from a resident in Boss Lane that the small refuse truck used to serve the 6 dwellings at the end of lane, instead of the large one that cannot access the narrow stretch by the property known as Narita, has failed to collect their "bagged" refuse. PC emailed Simon Kearey about this, who in turn referred it to Cllr David Carroll, who then passed it on to the Officer concerned. Hopefully, the problem will soon get resolved.

**b) Hughenden Parish Council**

Although Cllr Armshaw had been away on holiday for the past 3½ weeks she gave a brief update of the current position. She had seen the provisional draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May. There are currently 10 Councillors out of a possible 15. Hughenden Valley still has two vacancies which she hoped will soon be filled because we are under-represented. There are two locum Clerks; Karen Crowhurst works one day a week, and Nina Villa is working 4 days and spending more time in the Parish office. An Extraordinary Council meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> May to appoint a new Clerk, Emily Ranahan, who will take up the post at the beginning of July. She lives just outside the Parish and as she has not previously been a Clerk she will receive some mentoring from the Clerk at Princes Risborough Parish Council for her first year. Although Cllrs Derek and Kearey have been Councillors before, and Cllr Armshaw was a Council Officer for 7 years, she believes the Council as a whole is in a learning phase and hopes everything will sort itself out over time. She also hoped that two people could be found in the not-too-distant future to fill the vacancies in this ward so that everyone can learn together.

She believed it would be a good idea for both Peter C, Peter S, RH, David Carroll and herself to walk around the village and identify where there is a need and draw up a list of tasks that can be dealt with over time when everyone has bedded in.

As a result of her role as Deputy Clerk, she is mindful that this is an unusual Parish covering 8 different settlements, with different needs and priorities that are very difficult to balance.

She was pleased that the bus shelter at the bottom of Cryers Hill was installed at the end of May but disappointed to learn that the HPC grant to the HVRA has not been paid and will chase up.

**JA/HPC  
Grant HVRA**

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Report attached**

In the absence of PW, PC reported that up to the end of May £10 had been received in subs and recommended that Road Reps can start collecting their subs from now onwards. £288 of advertising revenue had been received. Outgoings have included the printing and distribution costs of the magazine @ £1,455, insurance of £407.97 and plants and planters @ £332 which Brenda is creating to great effect. We have also made our first grant of £100 to a Ukrainian family who are arriving on 8<sup>th</sup> June and staying with John and Vanda Bromwich in Warrendene Road.

As PC is aware that there are 3 more host families providing a home for other Ukrainian families, he expects to offer the same grant to them.

The closing balance in the Current A/C is £1,470.25 and there is £8,380.66 in the Deposit A/C.

Upon hearing that the HVRA is offering grants to Ukrainian families coming to this locality, Cllr Armshaw stated that the **Parish Council** can also offer a grant as well as the **Hughenden Community Support Trust**.

**Report**

**GRANTS >  
Ukrainian  
families**

**7. HVRA REPORTS**

**a) Magazine – Hughenden News**

AC and his team are now seeking articles for the magazine, photographs of the Jubilee period, and if anyone attended a formal event or function to write a report about it. News or views would also be most welcome. The deadline for copy is the middle of June and the **final date** is the end of June.

**Copy  
Deadline:  
15 June**

AI reminded the meeting that it was usual practice to include the HVRA AGM Agenda and Nominations Form in the Spring issue which would be distributed prior to the date of the AGM, thus eliminating the cost of printing separate leaflets. PC recalled the cost being £50.

**Reminder  
AGM  
Agenda/Mag**

**b) Chairman**

**Hughenden Surgery** - RH had previously raised with PC the concerns/complaints from residents of all ages, e.g., communication is very poor and the difficulty in getting telephone or face-to-face

appointments. As the surgery has a PPG that meets every 2 months and chaired by Elizabeth Carless, he wondered if the HVRA should send along a representative to pass on residents' concerns bearing in mind that as a result of the Covid pandemic going to the doctors has changed beyond all recognition.

Jl reminded the Committee that the Surgery covers a huge area and she had observed one of the doctors helping in the Pharmacy. PC asked for our views about seeking representation from the Committee. RR was concerned about the elderly residents in her road, and PC welcomed the Pharmacy's recent planning application for a 24-hour dispenser of repeat prescriptions, hoping that this may alleviate some of the long 5-day wait.

As a result of recent experience that Wycombe, Stoke Mandeville and Amersham hospitals appear to work independently of each other, Jl made a personal complaint and now they have someone overseeing the various treatments/activities etc provided to offer a more joined-up service.

AC believed that the surgery's problems were not clinical but managerial, and others agreed with this view. Accordingly, **it was agreed unanimously that PS and PC will meet with Elizabeth Carless to discuss the matter.**

**PS/PC/  
E Carless**

**c) Chairman's Welcome – Hughenden News**

Although PC's Chairman's Welcome is a work-in-progress he wished to seek the Committee's approval to write something about the Ukraine War and although the HVRA are giving a grant to each refugee family, he wanted to suggest that for those residents who may wish to offer further financial support, they can do so via the HVRA bank A/C and be assured that one of the Officers will make sure the money will go directly to each Ukrainian family equally. **It was agreed that PC adds this suggestion in his submission.**

**PC/Mag**

**8. HVRADIG – Report attached**

In the absence of PW, PC confirmed that RH had circulated the report for information.

**DIG Report**

**9. ROAD REP REPORTS**

- i) **Whitfield Road** – Jl was very pleased to report that a Ukrainian mother had arrived last week at the home of Keith and Helen Marshall, and when the father and son arrived a day or so later, it was heart-warming to see the little boy race across the lawn to greet his mother. Also, the Ukrainian family were invited to the Jubilee gathering held in Whitfield Road that was bedecked with bunting and everyone enjoyed the food provided by the residents to make the occasion most memorable.

She was also pleased that her next-door neighbours will be getting married soon and the residents look forward to "toasting" them.

- ii) **Coombe Lane** – Angus had recently met the new family who had moved into the home of the Philips's.

AC was pleased to report that the Hughenden Valley village sign at the top of Coombe Lane has been repaired with all its letters now in place.

- iii) **Salt Bins** – Reminder for **September** from Cllr Armshaw to ensure all Salt Bins are filled up.

**Fill up  
Salt Bins**

**10. OTHER REPORTS**

- a) **Community Speed Watch**

At a recent Speed Watch session in Valley Road, RH recalled that in a 1-hourly session 51 drivers were caught exceeding the 35mph limit set by the Sentinel video camera in a 30mph area ( $30 + 10\% = 33$ ) but that at another session in Warrendene Road with a 40mph limit, out of 271 vehicles that passed by, only 11 were captured on camera exceeding 46mph which is set for the road, ( $40 + 10\% = 44$ ).

She reminded everyone that during PC Lee Turnham's talk at a HVRA meeting last year, he stated that if drivers were caught by the police camera van going 50% above the speed limit, they **would not** be given the opportunity to go on a Speed Awareness Course but instead go straight to Court, e.g., 50% in a 30mph area is 45mph.

However, for the residents who walk along the narrow Warrendene Road pavement vehicles travelling at 45mph are not captured on camera. Residents who stopped to talk said they were frightened when walking with their grandchildren or their dogs because of the speed of the traffic. Over the years, the residents of Warrendene Road have expressed their desire to see the speed limit reduced to 30mph in keeping with the rest of the village.

**It was agreed** that RH seeks advice and help for the best way forward from Cllr Steven Broadbent who is now a Cabinet Member for Transport at Bucks Council. PS added that he had had recent experience in Cuddington of trying to get a 20mph limit and referred to the 20s Plenty Campaign, and the need to get the support of the Police. As speed is a problem throughout the village, JA suggested conducting a walking survey to see if there are sufficient 30mph repeater signs, that they are not dirty and in visible locations, as well as adding more planters and shrubs to create a village atmosphere. As the HVRA would like to install the yellow CSW signs on the village entry gates, Cllr Armshaw confirmed that they are the property of Bucks Council but that the maintenance is devolved to the Parish Council. Also, in a 30mph area, grass cutting and cutting back of encroachment of pavements is devolved to the Parish Council in a 30mph area, but in a 50mph area it is the responsibility of Bucks Council.

**RH/SB**

- b) **Village Hall** – Their June meeting the previous evening was the annual walk around the Conservation Area. PS joined them.
- c) **Village Store & Coffee Shop** – No report.

**11. PLANNING ISSUES**

- a) **Country Supplies – Application 22/05000/FUL – Update**  
PC had today learned from the Planning Officer that the Decision is awaited.

**12. FUTURE EVENTS**

- a) PC to make contact with Al Bowyer about holding the **Potter Quiz** in the Autumn.

**PC/AB  
Potter Quiz**

**13. AOB**

- a) It was noted that from 18<sup>th</sup> July Bucks Council will be charging £50 pa to empty the green bin.
- b) JA asked about the procedure for collecting subs and was informed that the membership year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June. Road Reps can collect by going door-to-door or residents can pay via bank transfer. Details below:  
Bank: HSBC  
A/C N: 31248081  
Sort Code: 40 09 29  
Payee: Hughenden Valley Residents Association  
To assist the HVRA Treasurer: **An abbreviated version of the Road with house number or name should be added in the reference field. Maximum characters = 18**

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Signed .....

Dated.....