

**MINUTES OF THE HVRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, 6th DECEMBER 2022**

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

WELCOME

Peter welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and especially Kate Messenger, Deputy Head of Hughenden Primary School who he met last week to discuss how we could work together. He had also had a meeting with Barry Stanton of Four Ashes Road who had expressed a wish to be a Road Rep for Cryer Hill, and he may attend this meeting.

PRESENT

Peter Spence (Chairman)	Paul Woodford (Treasurer)	Rosemary Hewitt (Secretary)
Jill Armshaw (HVRA & HPC)	Peter Cannon	Janet Howe
Angus and Janet Idle	Elaine Merrilees	Jerry Morley
Brenda Morris	Nancy Pomfret	

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Andrew Capey, Cacs Hinds, Louise Jones, Becky Rycroft, Michael Sole and Geoff Wickett. **ACTION**

Road Reps who do not attend meetings: Paul Jenner and Dave Mynors.

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

2. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 1 NOVEMBER 2022** had been circulated and read It was proposed by Paul Woodford and seconded by Elaine Merrilees that they be approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

All matters to be dealt with via progression through the Agenda.

4. **HVRA REPORTS/UPDATES**

- a) As J and AI had suggested that a member of the **Fire & Rescue Service** attends a meeting to talk about fire alarms etc., PS contacted the Service and, as a way of reaching a wider audience, they will be invited to attend Village Day with a fire engine and talk to village residents.
- b) About 5 completed **Wish Lists** had been returned but no-one had circled anything to lead.
- c) **A Book Exchange** has now been established in the Coffee Shop. PS had put a call out and 165 books were received, of which 40 are out on loan. About 70 books are on the shelves at any one time and he and his wife, Pauline, are managing it. They have a balance in reserve and books that are not in good condition will be moved on to charity shops.
- d) Gt Kingshill Hub are operating a **Community Swap Shop** of books & puzzles to be held in a bus shelter on the Common opposite the Spar Shop each month, commencing Sunday, 9th January from 10 -11am. PS believed the HVRA and the school could work on a similar project. **HVRA & School**
- e) Bucks Council have been working on their **Transport Strategy up to 2050** and PS has responded to their Consultation on behalf of the HVRA and included issues raised by Committee members and residents for an improved bus service to/from High Wycombe as well as locally, and to get rid of the "rat run" through the village.
- f) **NW Chilterns Community Board Grant** - PS held a Focus Meeting with EM, BM and JM about benches and robust planters, and plan to walk around the village to find suitable locations for them. Additional dog bins and the cost of emptying them had also been discussed. A report to be b/f to the next Committee meeting. **Report/ Feb mtg**
- g) As PS had received copies of the **High Wycombe Society Newsletter** and **The Chiltern Society magazine** he is happy to pass them on by creating a distribution list. Please email him if you would like to receive a copy as they contain lots of interesting information. **All of us /PS**
- h) As the communications' service from the **Hughenden Valley Surgery & Pharmacy** has been poor in recent months/weeks, PS has recently received two letters of complaint from residents, as well as one about the floodlighting along the boundary hedge.

He proposed to write to the Practice Manager, copying in the doctors, drawing his attention to the problems and asking how they can be resolved. He and PC started this process that has petered out but still needs addressing. Also, it would appear that the Patients Participation Group (PPG) does not exist, although JM confirmed that the WhatsApp group does and contains numerous negative comments, although his experience of the Surgery is good. AC has tried to join the PPG but has heard nothing back. PS believes the HVRA should be part of that Group and will submit a written report.

PS
Report

Jl praised the Prestwood branch of the Surgery for keeping comprehensive and up-to-date health records and that those held by the Hughenden Surgery fell short.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Although PW's Report for November had been circulated prior to the meeting, he briefly mentioned a small amount of income received for advertising of £87, plus £165 of subs. Outgoings of £1,625 for the printing of *Hughenden News*, £51.55 for planters and flowers, bank charges of £5.80 and the hire of the room @ £29.25, have brought the closing balance to £2,573.20 which is £1,487.65 less than in the previous month. There is £8,391.35 in the Deposit Account. To date, 75% of households have paid their subs amounting to £2,640.

Change of bank account – During the move from HSBC to Lloyds, PW had applied for the Switching Process which automatically switches payments over for a number of months but, unfortunately, this has been turned down because the signatories and the account holder's address have changed. As PW will now have to manage the payment transfers, PC suggested that he writes a cheque for circa £10,000 to pay into Lloyds Bank, and to leave the HSBC account open for stragglers.

PW

DIG REPORT

PW was pleased that the Trees Road WhatsApp Group have cleared the blocked grids at the bottom of the road but was unsure why Dave Mynors' and his name have been removed from the group's App.

Although PW has been chasing Affinity Water for 2 years, he has learned that the work to check the drains under the Pumping Station was carried out last May and that all blockages have been cleared.

6. ROAD REP REPORTS

- a) **Cryers Hill** – PW has distributed the magazine.
- b) **Warrendene Road/Hatches Lane** - On exiting Country Supplies, a huge third-party lorry drove up Hatches Lane and got stuck. The Police and a Fire Engine arrived but could do little to improve the situation. A Council lorry also arrived to help that resulted in the 300-year-old wall at Warren Farm being hit, which is an insurance issue. At around midnight, the huge lorry had to reverse all the way back down Hatches Lane. PS asked EM to write a report in case it is required as evidence in the future. Jl suggested inviting the owner of CS to a HVRA meeting to discuss lorry parking and RH stressed that proper scheduling of lorries that visit the site is how to mitigate against the need to park on Warrendene Road.
- c) **Steep hills and inclines in snowy/icy weather** - Al reminded everyone that at this time of the year BuildBase offer a discount to the HVRA for bags of gritting salt for use on our roads to keep them open but not for personal use on drives. An alert needs to be made to Buildbase.
- d) **Burnham Road/Coombe Lane junction** – As traffic travels at speed up and down Coombe Lane it is very hazardous to exit Burnham Road. As J & Al, AC and JM acknowledge that this is a danger spot and more measures need to be in place, PS asked JM to outline what the issues are so that a Report can be taken to the HPC's Road Safety Working Group. Al suggested the Police should be involved but JM warned that unless a fatal accident or serious injury are reported to Bucks Council and recorded, the Police will do nothing.
- e) **Friars Gardens** – PC reported that Sam Booth wishes to stand down as Road Rep and that the subs need to be collected. He is hopeful that another person will take over.
- f) **Valley Road** – RH expressed dismay that despite joining a meeting several months ago when Cllrs Carroll and Armshaw, PS and the Local Area Technician discussed plans to improve the grass verge and footpath outside the Surgery, the area still remained churned-up, muddy, slippery and hazardous for those on foot.

EM –
Report

Al

JM
Report

Subs

7. COUNCILLORS' UPDATES

Bucks Councillor - No Report

HPC Councillor - At the last Full Council meeting Seb Berry was co-opted to fill the 4th vacant seat in the Hughenden Valley ward. Having once lived in Gt Missenden for 20 years, Seb now lives in Bryants Bottom. He has experience of being a District Councillor and lots of knowledge of the area.

At a previous Council meeting, Marc Byrom, a Walters Ash resident, was unsuccessful in being co-opted to fill the Naphill vacancy but was, by a majority vote, parachuted in to fill a vacant seat in Hughenden Valley for a month of two. JA urged local residents to come forward by January.

Emily Ranahan, the Parish Clerk, has resigned because she feels she does not have the resilience to do the job under the present conditions. The next HPC meeting is on Tuesday, 13th December.

JA attended NW Chilterns Community Board (NWCCB) meeting earlier in the evening and learned about the creation of a huge 78,000 sq m Data Storage Centre on the former Molins site at Saunderton. The plans date back to 2008 and the go-ahead was given in recent years. Massive excavations works have been carried out at the site and the underground cables will run from Mop End, along the A404, through Holmer Green, via Cryers Hill Lane and down Cryers Hill, along Valley Road, up Coombe Lane to Naphill and on to Walters Ash en route to Haw Lane in Saunderton. Work commences 3rd January and will run until 28th September. Advisory letters to residents etc will arrive 4 weeks prior to the works as they progress along the route which will inevitably cause massive disruption for all road users. JA will pass on a map of the route. She is pleased that Bucks Councillor for Transport, Steve Broadbent, lives in Bryants Bottom.

JA map

8. OTHER REPORTS

- a) **Community Speed Watch Signs** – Please see the attached report that was circulated prior to the meeting.
- b) **Village Hall** – Please see the attached report that was circulated prior to the meeting.
 AI reported that at the previous night’s Hall meeting, HAGA had raised the high cost of hiring the hall and asked if there could be a discount. Also, the issue of the very bright exterior lights on the Village Hall was raised because they cause light pollution and a visual nuisance to nearby residents. To be investigated.

Report Report

V Hall lights

9. PLANNING ISSUES - The Full Planning Report is attached.

Report

- a) **Country Supplies – Ref: 22/05000/FUL**
- b) **Orchard Caravans, off Warrendene Road – Ref: 22/07158/CLP**
- c) **Deeters – Application No 22/07899/PNPCR for a Change of Use from commercial to residential for the creation of 20 residential units**
- d) **Floodlighting at Hughenden Valley Surgery along the front boundary hedge.**

10. FUTURE EVENTS - Please see the attached Report on each item.

Report

- a) **Christmas Gift Bag Initiative – CHANGE OF DATE – Saturday, 17th December from 9am – noon**
 [Up-date – The Village Shop has generously donated 100 vouchers for a free hot drink in the Coffee Shop]
- b) **Potter Quiz – Next March**
- c) **Village Day – Next July**

PS, Louise Jones and Lisa Thyer-Jones had decided to cancel their planned meeting for volunteers to gather in the Village Shop the previous evening because of illness with Covid and a clash with the England v Wales World Cup football match. However, the message failed to get through to everyone because PW, EM and RH turned up and waited in the cold in vain. Unknown to them, and PS, the meeting went ahead via zoom.

11. AOB

- a) **Strep A Bacterium** – JI read a paper detailing the symptoms that this infection causes to very young children and was asked to pass it on to the Secretary via email so that she can attach it to the Minutes. JI also added that only one pneumonia jab should be given during one’s lifetime.

JA/RH

The meeting closed at 9.08pm. Mince pies were handed out, and everyone remained a while to chat.



The date of the next meeting is 7th February 2023

Signed.....

Date.....

WISHING YOU PEACE AND JOY AT CHRISTMAS
AND A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR