

**MINUTES OF THE HVRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2023 IN THE SMALL HALL**

CONFIRMED MINUTES

WELCOME

Peter welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and for tuning out on such a cold evening.

PRESENT

Peter Spence (Chairman)	Paul Woodford (Treasurer)	Rosemary Hewitt (Secretary)
Angus and Janet Idle	Janet Howe	Elaine Merrilees
Jerry Morley	Brenda Morris	Nancy Pomfret
Michael Sole (Village Hall)	Kate Messenger (Primary School)	

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Peter Cannon, Andrew Capey, Cacs Hinds, Becky Rycroft and Jill Armshaw (HPC). **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 6th DECEMBER 2022** had been circulated and read. It was proposed by Paul Woodford and seconded by Jerry Morley 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. **COUNCILLORS' UPDATES** - None

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

PW reported little financial activity during the month of January with only £15 of subs collected. The grants from Hughenden Parish Council and the North West Chilterns Community Board are still awaited and PW will chase up. The transfer of banking and all monies from HSBC to Lloyds is now completed. The HSBC bank account will remain open for a couple of months.

**PW>HPC/
NWCCB**

6. **HVRA REPORTS/UPDATES**

CHAIRMAN

a) **Proposal to Beautify the Village**

- i) **Planters** - EM, JM and PS formed a group, and by walking the length of the village they now envisage having 6 new rolled-topped galvanised water troughs, similar to the ones that can be seen in Gt Kingshill.

So that consistency in appearance is achieved these are their recommendations:

- 1) **Village entry gates** There will be new 5 troughs measuring 4' long x 1.6" wide and 1.4" in depth.. Two will be located by the surgery, one as you enter Valley Road from North Dean, one on Hampden Road as you enter Warrendene Road and one on entering Bryants Bottom, prior to reaching *The Gate* public house.
- 2) A larger galvanised trough, perhaps 6' or 10' long, will replace the 3 tubs/planters opposite the Village Hall, by the entrance to Boss Lane.

**Report
EM/JM/PS**

A Report will be produced that will show the costs. They thanked Brenda and very much appreciated all the hard work and effort she has made over recent years, and as they do not wish to burden her with more work they will have a team who will water and care for the plants.

- Brenda queried what will happen to the existing tubs as the HVRA had paid for them. It is hoped they will be utilised elsewhere in the village.
 - MS asked if authority is required from Bucks Council. PS reassured him that this will be considered when their Report is submitted to the Parish Council to seek grant funding.
 - To continue the debate when the Report is produced.
- Continue debate**
- ii) **Benches** - The group looked at suitable places to locate a bench and ruled out the grass verge adjacent to Deeters because Bucks Council believe excavation works to create a base could interfere with the utility pipes and cables beneath. Aware of these problems, BM had suggested the grass verge on the opposite side of the road as a more suitable location.
- BM/PS**
- iii) **Dog Bins** – Having reviewed the village, the group could not find a suitable location for another dog bin bearing in mind the substantial cost of maintaining/emptying them.
- b) **Patient Participation Group (PPG) and Hughenden Surgery**
 PS wrote to the Surgery and had a very positive meeting with the Practice Manager, one of the doctors and the Patient Liaison Manager that resulted in a wish to form a liaison between three HVRA patients of the Practice and three members of the Surgery. There is a PPG in place but as relationships have broken down completely, the Practice want some engagement with the community that is of benefit to them and us. A team will be put together and it is hoped to achieve a good outcome by getting answers to the problems.
- HVRA PATIENT'S TEAM**
- c) **Re-instatement of Grass Verge, Footpath and Installation of Barriers outside the Surgery**
 Following a site meeting last October with the HVRA, HPC, the Local Area Technician James Tunnard, and Cllr David Carroll, remedial works commenced on 30th January to make good the mess and degradation that was created by parking on the grass verges. Our thanks go to Cllrs Carroll and Armshaw for bringing the parties together and **it was agreed that the area now looks very tidy and in keeping with the AONB.**
- With 40 parking places on the Surgery site, it was queried why only 1 space remained available to park when 8 patients were in the waiting room and, say, 15 members of staff were in the building. To be investigated as it is thought people other than patients are parking there.
- Parking at Surgery?**
- d) **Hughenden Primary School**
 Continuing his engagement with the school, PS had a meeting with Katherine Mann, the Headteacher, earlier in the day. They discussed the *Young Enterprise Scheme* that is aimed at children of primary school age, when a class is given £5, and by making products to sell, they turn it into more than £5. The children need access to craft people and PS hoped a stall at Village Day would be a good opportunity to fulfil the aim of the scheme. He also wishes to engage with parents, and especially all those who live in the village.
- Find craft people**
- e) **Christmas Gift Bags for 2022**
 PS thanked the team who organised this initiative which was very successful indeed, and going by all the letters and cards received, was very much appreciated by the recipients.
- f) **Branding of the HVRA**
 PS and AC will be visiting Bucks New University to work on a “live-working” project with the students on “Branding of the HVRA”, at no cost to us.
- PS/AC**
- g) **Village Day Summer Fete – Heroes & Heroines - Saturday, 15 July**
 About 30 people have identified themselves as wanting to help, and about 20 different people have attended the two meetings in the Village Shop. A special web/communications site, WiX, has been set up to share information and comments between the group although only 18 have signed up to date. RH was mystified that 28 messages/comments arising from the website had ended up in her SPAM box. PS to inform AC about this.
- PS>AC**

As there has been a 5-year gap since the last Village Day Fete, and the previous organisers no longer wish to lead or be involved in the organisation, a new, novice team have taken on the challenge, and as it is a learning process for almost everyone, PS believes the expectations of Village Day need to be managed carefully and properly, and not be too ambitious. PS stressed that he is not the Chairman of the Village Day Fete but the Facilitator.

It was agreed that the HVRA will run a Pimms Stall, with soft drinks, coke cola and water.

Team/help

PS expressed concern that if there is to be a Parade commencing at Hughenden Primary School and finishing in the King George V playing field, then someone needs to lead, to own it, and at this point in the meeting, Kate Messenger arrived. She will take this message back to her Headteacher.

KM>KMann

h) HVRA AGM

Guest Speaker: Jay Blades, of the BBC TV's *The Repair Shop*, was suggested because he has a close association with Bucks New University having taken his degree in 2001 and then becoming its first Chancellor in May 2022.

PS/RH

- Alternatively, Jeremy Elkin, Waste Awareness & Education Manager at the Greatmoor Energy-to-Waste Plant near Calvert in Bucks, is a very interesting speaker. Contact will need to be made. Also, a date needs to be set sometime in May.

**RH
PS**

7. MAGAZINE – Hughenden News

Articles are arriving at a gentle pace and if anyone is thinking about submitting an item, please let AC know. Kate Messenger hoped that some poems/essays by year 6 children on *Chalk, Cherries and Chairs* might be included in the magazine.

KM>AC

8. HVRADIG – No Report.

9. ROAD REP REPORTS

a) **Whitfield Road** – JI spoke about the number of residents who are bereaved and lonely living in her road and Coombe Lane, and asked everyone to be aware of those who are in a similar position where they live to call in and check they are ok or need help.

ALL OF US

b) **Valley Road** – EM queried why a resident held a protest board each morning on the pavement outside his house. RH to speak to her outside the meeting. KM was aware of the contents of the boards and the children in school have been told that the gentleman is making a peaceful protest. Meetings have been held with the Police and Bucks Council, and the school is not in a position to say anything.

10. OTHER REPORTS

a) Village Hall

- MS reported on the Hall's first meeting after their AGM. All the Officers were voted in to serve for another year, although MS advised them that this will be his last year as Chairman and that a successor needs to be found.
- Concern was expressed that as a consequence of the re-instatement of the verges and barriers installed at the Surgery, displacement parking could occur at the Village Hall car park.
- They were hoping to raise some funds to renew the surface of the car park and to apply for various grants as the cost, circa £50,000, is considerable.
- On-going issues with the playground equipment still exist and they are engaging with HPC.
- They have a new hirer, *Creation Station*, which is a mother and baby art group.
- They are in the 3rd stage of a Tree Maintenance Plan that will focus on the trees at the front of the Village Hall at a cost of £2,700.

b) Village Store & Coffee Shop – No Report.

11. PLANNING ISSUES

a) Orchard Caravans – TPO

As a result of the concerns of nearby residents, a Tree Preservation Order has been placed on trees of whatever species that lie within the curtilage of Orchard Caravans, Warrendene Road. Nearby residents have been encouraged to write and support this TPO by 17th Feb and RH has written on behalf of the HVRA in support. The owner of the site can appeal.

Another TPO has been placed on a large Fir Tree on a plot at the end of the track leading to the site, and consideration is being given to place a Preservation Order on the adjacent woodland that lies to the rear of several properties in Warrendene Road.

12. FUTURE EVENTS

a) Potter Cup Quiz – Saturday, 1st April

Al and Christine Bowyer have kindly agreed to organize and run the Quiz once again but not the catering, promotion of the event or printing etc. As it falls to the HVRA to organize this, PS has booked the Hall and RH will organize a team to discuss food and help needed. It was queried what the profit arising from the event will fund. RH stated, pre-Covid, it funded the Senior Citizens' Party for many years.

RH/Team

b) Senior Citizens Event

This was discussed but as the HVRA is organizing the catering etc for the Quiz, and running the Pimms stall at the Village Day Fete, nothing was decided. It was queried why: Senior Citizens? RH said this was an old argument, but this term was considered a polite way to refer to old people.

c) Coronation of King Charles III – 6 to 8th May

It was agreed that the HVRA would not organize any event but leave residents and clubs etc to "do their own thing". Perhaps some will have a street or garden party, or even carry out some volunteering.

13. AOB

a) Due to ongoing cable laying/road works for the Data Centre at Saunderton, Angus is very happy with the consequences of having traffic lights set up at the Burnham Road/Coombe Lane/Wedgewood Drive junction because he can now exit Burnham Road safely, and believes this would be the solution to the daily problem of coping with this hazardous location.

b) JH wanted to know who to contact regarding the maintenance and replacement of the red and green studs that edge the A4128, along the Valley Road stretch adjacent to Hughenden Park and NT land. Fix My Street was advised.

JH/FixMy Street

The Meeting closed at 8.59pm

The date of the next Meeting is 7th March 2023 in the Small Hall.

Signed.....

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