

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

CONFIRMED MINUTES

WELCOME

Peter welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He also welcomed Joe Watts, adding that he is the first resident to attend whilst he has been Chair.

PRESENT

Peter Spence (Chairman)	Paul Woodford (Treasurer)	Rosemary Hewitt (Secretary)
Jill Armshaw (RR & HPC)	Peter Cannon	Janet Howe
Janet and Angus Idle	Elaine Merrilees	Jerry Morley
Brenda Morris	Louise Jones (Shop)	Joe Watts (Valley Road resident)

- 1., **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Jane Boughton, Andrew Capey, Julia Grant, Cacs Hinds, Nancy Pomfret, Becky Rycroft and Michael Sole.. **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 7 FEBRUARY 2023** had been circulated and read. It was proposed by Janet Idle 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**

a) **Buckinghamshire Councillor** – None.

b) **Hughenden Parish Councillor** – Cllr Jill Armshaw

The Parish Council is still trying to recruit a permanent Clerk and as an interim measure the services of two locum Clerks have been employed. Louise Steel, an experienced Clerk and qualified accountant, will work in the Gt Kingshill office 2 days a week, and Elizabeth Howard, an experienced Deputy Clerk from Little Missenden Parish Council, will be manning phone calls and emails Monday to Friday.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in April, the date tbc. It is a statutory meeting and open to all electors in the Hughenden Parish who can raise any matter of concern. JA will send out a note of the date.

As a vacancy still remains for a Councillor in our Ward, please contact JA if you know of anyone who may be interested.

JA

HPC
vacancy

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

PW referred to his Report for February that had been circulated prior to the meeting and highlighted several entries. Looking at Income, he said the generous grant from HPC of £900 was gratefully received along with the receipt of £84 from the sale of tickets for the Potter Cup Quiz. On the expenses side, there were minor outgoings for planters and bank charges bringing the closing balance in the Current Account to £2,934.13. The closing balance in the Deposit Account is £8,397.40.

Bank Transfer - As the on-line process was rather problematic, PW asked PC to help with the closure of the HSBC Account that will take place by the end of this month when HVRA funds will be entirely with Lloyds.

Christmas Gift Bags – The North West Chilterns Community Board's (NWCCB) grant of £445.17 was received in early March and with donations of £550.00 to date from local businesses and organisations the total received is £995.17, but this is £43.01 short of £1,038.18 that the HVRA has paid out due to a pledge of £50 not being received. PC will chase up Lloyds Wines.

PC>LW

JA queried the cost of insurance of £407.97 and asked what the cover provided? PC explained that it was public liability insurance, up to £½M, that covered the legal liability of HVRA members, including the Committee whilst carrying out HVRA business. PW and PC will investigate the matter because Cllr Armshaw believed Gt Kingshill RA had different cover and was helped by the Parish Council on Fete days.

PW/PC
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6. HVRA REPORTS/UPDATES

Chairman

6.1 AGM, Friday 12 May – Guest Speaker

An approach was made to Jay Blades of the BBC TV's *The Repair Shop* but since becoming Chancellor of Bucks New University (BNU) he has ceased public engagements. Contact was then made with Jeremy Elkin who has confirmed that he is happy to speak about the Greatmoor Energy from Waste Facility and will require a screen for his audio visuals.

VH/screen

6.2 Village Day – Summer Fete on Saturday, 15 July

A core group has formed consisting of Louise Jones, Lisa Thyer-Jones, Karen Cawley, Paul Woodford, Simon Loring and Sarah Mustapha, with Peter S acting as the Facilitator. Plans are progressing well, but PS stressed that everyone must manage expectations because after a 5-year gap the team are starting from a low level that will hopefully build up in the coming years.

6.3 Branding of the HVRA

As a result of working with four 2nd year Graphic Design students at BNU on ideas for a logo, PS asked the Committee to look at their design boards at the end of the meeting, and mark with a cross or tick their likes and dislikes. When questioned about who had decided the brief for the logo, PS confirmed that it was his brief and that a copy of *Hughenden News* was given to the students as a guide.

6.4 Surgery Liaison Group

Having asked if anyone at the previous Committee meeting was interested, PS approached several Road Reps and as a result Jerry Morley and Cacs Hinds have agreed to join him when meeting 3 members of the Surgery. **All voted in favour, with one not in favour of one of the three members of the group.**

JM/CH/PS
Agreed

6.5 Walking and Cycling – Please respond by 31 March.

A note had been sent to Road Reps/residents reminding them to respond to Buckinghamshire's **aspirational plans** for the county and those for this locality that seek to improve walking and cycling, and the Greenway from Hughenden Valley to High Wycombe. The Spring issue of *Hughenden News* will carry a similar message that responses should be sent to the NWCCB via Jackie.Binning@buckinghamshire.gov.uk. The question to be answered is whether or not to support the principle of increased provision for cycling and walkways; to look at the very rough aspirational plans, and to give suggestions and ideas to help shape the proposal.

Respond
by
31 March

LJ has asked the Village Hall for replacement cycle parking stands near the shop and promoted the benefits that this aspirational plan will bring to the shop and the community. Some members praised the fantastic Phoenix Trail linking Princes Risborough and Thame and the trail in Waddesdon. JI added that the owners of Magnolia Park Sports Club are keen to have a route through their grounds. As the Committee were happy to support the aspirational plans, **it was agreed that PS would write in support.**

Agreed

6.6 Car Parking in the Village Hall

PS had received an email from MS asking if the HVRA would support the creation of a map that denoted places to park on some of the village roads when the Hall carpark is full to capacity. After much discussion, including possible overflow parking on the field at very busy times or hirers using Wycombe's Park & Ride scheme, **the Committee did not agree to the Village Hall's suggestion to create a parking map.**

Agreed

6.7 Future of the HVRA

PS referred to his Note on the Future that was recently circulated for discussion, and as he had only received 3 responses he was unsure of the Committee's views and expressed his concern about the future of the HVRA, e.g. who will take over from the Officers and Committee, some of whom are aging, and that we are not engaging with the younger generation. He asked if we needed to be identifying the need to find solutions, if there is an appetite to amend those solutions and whether or not this is an issue for the HVRA, and referred to the demise of *The Good Companions* and *Valley Wives*? Whilst it was agreed that it is healthy to reassess the current situation, following much discussion, it was felt wise to seek the views of the HVRA membership. A survey in the magazine or perhaps an individual flyer could achieve more success. JM believed that irrespective of the number of responses received this would be sufficient to identify the issues that residents cared about. Technology, HV FaceBook and local media should also be utilised more to engage a wider audience – to move with the times.

Seek views

7. **MAGAZINE – Hughenden News**

AC has circulated a pdf of the magazine for final proof-reading, observations and corrections etc. so that copy can be sent to the printers this Friday, back on 17th March for distribution over the weekend. Discussion arose about how other RAs produce and pay for their magazine, noting that production of the *Naphill Gazette* has no link with the Naphill & Walters Ash RA. There were also differing views about producing the magazine on-line or as a paper copy. JI believed producing our magazine quarterly would be advantageous in keeping more up-to-date with news and events.

8. **HVRADIG – No report.**

9. **ROAD REP REPORTS**

9.1 **Fleet Close** - 2 strong complaints were received about Gigaclear's failure to warn residents that they will be digging up the pavement, blocking residents' drives and working into the evening to install fast broadband.

9.2 **Trees Road** – A resident has received complaints that the owner of No 30, having demolished his bungalow, has over the past 4 days burnt, and is continuing to burn, all the roof timbers and other items on site. The Environment Agency has been contacted with a report made, and details of the Environmental Health Officer forwarded to him because it is not good practice to burn recyclable timbers or any that have been treated because of the carcinogenic toxins emitted into the atmosphere.

9.3 **South Maundin** – Similar complaints received as at 9.1 above.

9.4 **Whitfield Road and Burnham Road** – No complaints received from residents about Gigaclear.

9.5 **Burnham Road junction with Coombe Lane**

- i) AI complained about the roughness of the surface of the road repairs after recent works on the steep part of the hill.
- ii) AI was very happy that the temporary traffic lights installed recently for 4-way control at this junction for road works created the perfect solution in providing safety when entering and exiting Burnham Road.

9.6 **Warrendene Road** – Many more HGVs are parking up because the busy Spring season is approaching.

10. **OTHER REPORTS**

a) **Village Hall**

1. Car Park Resurfacing - continuing to apply for grants as project cannot proceed without some external funding.
2. Committee authorised expenditure of £2,700 on essential tree maintenance (10 trees around the hall & field).
3. Exploring installation of brown tourist sign "Village Hall" to be located on Coombe Lane verge opposite the hall entrance.
4. Following 2 recent noisy/unruly party events, committee considering options to limit weekend party hires.
5. Conservation Group meets every Tuesday to work on the bank. See recent HV Facebook postings. Volunteers very welcome.
6. Climate Group conducting a "seed swap" event this **Saturday 11 March 11am-1pm** outside the community shop.

b) **Village Store & Coffee Shop**

The shop is very short of volunteers.

They are hoping to run a Coronation Day Event on Saturday 6 May to incorporate a cream tea. The Village Hall have agreed that more tables and chairs can be set up and a television so that customers can watch the Coronation of King Charles III. Fingers crossed for a nice fine day.

- c) **Bryants Bottom Community Trust - The AGM** is being held next week. An Agenda item will canvass the views of residents about the placement of the War Memorial that had been removed from the Chapel.

Cllr Steven Broadbent and James Perkins are also very concerned about the speed of traffic through Bryants Bottom and are calling for something to be done to change the 60mph at the upper end of the road where it meets a 30-mph area.

11. PLANNING ISSUES

a) Orchard Caravans – Warrendene Road.

The owner of the Orchard site has just submitted a CLOPUD under Ref: **23/05400/CLP**. This is an Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Use or Development to increase the number from 3 to 6 caravans. The size of each unit is unknown but could be as large as a 2-bed Park Home, 65 feet long x 22 feet wide, as is their location within the site or any infrastructure proposed. This is not a planning application that would elicit scrutiny from the Local Planning Authority and agencies but is a mechanism that avoids going through the normal planning procedure. Neighbours and residents are urged to write and object.

b) 48 Trees Road

The unauthorised creation of a massive stretch of bunding that encircles the 2-acre garden plot has been reported to Enforcement. A response is awaited.

12. FUTURE EVENTS

a) Potter Quiz – Saturday, 1st April in the Village Hall

Al and Christine Bowyer are in charge of the Quiz. RH circulated a Help List and she thanked those members who added their names.

b) Senior Citizens – Hopefully there will be sufficient funds arising from the Potter Cup Quiz to organise something in the Autumn.

13. AOB

1. In response to a question from Al, RH confirmed that the Confirmed Minutes are always uploaded to the HVRA website, showing any amendments that may have been made.

2. EM reminded everyone that the Great British Spring Clean will take place between 17 March to 2 April, and she intends to carry out a **Great Hughenden Litter Pick on Sunday, 26th March**. Please let her know if you wish to take part.

**Litter Pick
26 March**

3. Eight trees have now been planted in the refurbished grass verge outside the Surgery.

4. The Perspex “glass” in the bus shelter at the bottom of Cryers Hill has been damaged.

5. Al noted the following dates for the **Village Hall**:

- **15 March – Wycombe Wildlife Group meeting**
- **4 May - Local Elections** – Polling to take place. However, it was pointed out that there are no Local Government Elections in Buckinghamshire in 2023, the next elections are in 2025. There are some local elections in other parts of the UK on 4th May.
- **24 June - HV Football Club’s AGM**

The date of the next meeting is on Tuesday 4 April in the Small Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

The Committee stayed on to look at the design boards of HVRA logos by 4 BNU students.

Signed.....

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