

**HUGHENDEN VALLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes - unconfirmed

HELD ON TUESDAY, 4 JULY AT 7.30PM

IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL

WELCOME:

Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present

Peter Spence (Chair)	Andrew Capey (Vice-Chair)	Angus Idle
Michael Sole (Village Hall)	Jerry Morley	Jill Armshaw
Elaine Merrilees	Nancy Pomfret	Brenda Morris
Peter Cannon	Paul Woodford (Treasurer)	Joan Steel

1. Apologies for absence

Janet Idle	Rosemary Hewitt	Cacs Hinds
Janet Howe	Sue Grace	Louise Jones

2 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 April 2023 and the Meeting on 6 June 2023

These Minutes had been circulated and read prior to the meetings of 2nd May & 6th June but were not approved due to an omission in the Minutes of 7th March 2023 under item 6. HVRA Reports / Updates, Chairman 6.7 Future of the HVRA.

In response to a request by AI at the March meeting, the Chairman has circulated all the responses he had received from Road Reps about his Discussion Paper on the Future of the HVRA.

It was proposed by Jerry Morley, seconded by Peter Cannon, and agreed by the meeting that the Minutes of 4th April be approved and signed-off as a correct record of the meeting.

The draft Minutes of meeting of 6th June shows the date as 7th June. With this correction the Minutes were approved.

3. Matters Arising

Potter Cup, consideration of having a display cabinet in the Village Hall. MS & PS to develop a written proposal for the VH committee. **ACTION PS**

Verge outside surgery – this has now been largely restored following work by a utilities company.

Planters – Hughenden Parish Council has received our proposal, so we await their response.

4. Councillors' Updates

No Councillors from Bucks Council or HPC were present.

However, JA, who was until recently a Parish Councillor for Hughenden Valley Ward, expressed her concerns about the difficulty of getting people in HV engaged with HPC as there is now only 1 HV Councillor and 3 vacancies. This may have impact on work by HPC in the Valley and representation on the NW Chilterns Community Board. In the period since JA became a Councillor (April 2022) 5 councillors have resigned and Bucks Council have heard a case regarding breaches of the Councillors Code of Conduct. There has also been rapid staff

turn-over. These factors reduce the effectiveness of HPC and the benefits that residents could accrue – HPC has considerable funds to dispose of. JA regarded that this overall is a failure of Community, not of a single person.

An Open discussion followed regarding what HVRA can do to increase engagement within HV. PS reported that he has asked our County Councillors to intervene now!

It was agreed that HVRA should develop suggestions for the Ward. Due to current commitments this will be after the Fete. **ACTION – PS, All.**

5. Treasurer's Report

The balance sheet has been circulated and is available on the HVRA web site.

We are managing some of the expenditure for the Fete and expect to be reimbursed in due course.

There were no questions.

HVRA reports/updates

6. Chairman - Summer Village Fete on 15 July

PS's report concentrated on the Fete, which now has over 50 stalls!

Donations for the tombola are still required. **ACTION – All**, contact Al & Christine Bower

It was suggested that Road Reps insert a note about Tombola donations in the magazine & Fete programme before delivery to residents.

Concern was expressed over the most efficient means of delivering magazine, programme, selling raffle tickets, the request for donations to the Tombola and collecting subscriptions to HVRA. A Road Rep could visit their residents 3 or 4 times in a short period.

7. Magazine - Hughenden News

We expect delivery from the printer on Thursday/Friday (6th/7th July) for the Road Reps to deliver along with the programme for the Fete.

8. HVRADIG

No report

9. Road Rep Reports

No reports

10. Other Reports

10.a Village Hall

Ms reported:

- The oak tree on the path behind the shop is mostly on the footpath so falls within the responsibility of Bucks Council. They plan to do maintenance work in the Autumn.
- Re-surfacing the Car park - 3 applications for grants to assist with this work have been made.
- Playground equipment – continuing discussions with HPC, and carrying out risk assessments.
- Risk assessments for the installation new gazebos for the shop are under way.
- Members of the VH committee have been asked for any help they can provide with the Fete.
- The date for a walk on the bank describing the conservation work has yet to be set.

10.b Village Store & Coffee Shop

No report

11. Planning Issues

23/0627/FUL – Deeters have submitted an application for 'Change of Use' of their building from two apartments (residential) to the setting up of a Physiotherapy Clinic and Office for Deeters. There is ample car parking on site.

As Planning Officers refused application Ref: 23/05444/CLP (Certificate of Lawfulness for the Use of the land as a Caravan Site – to increase from 3 to 6 caravans (could be large mobile homes) the applicant has appealed to the Government Inspectorate under Ref. PP-11916966. The Wycombe-based Case Officer is Khawar Asif. We are experiencing difficulty in finding the Appeal papers and have been informed that the Appeal has not yet commenced, but will be informed when it does and then we can pass on any further comments, etc.

Ref. 23/06475/FUL – land adjacent to Woodstock Barn in Boss Lane. Householder application for construction of detached double carport on land South of Woodstock Barn, Boss Lane. As there are no car ports or garages located in the front gardens of properties in the village this would be a precedent.

12. Future Events

Afternoon tea for Senior Citizens – given time commitments this may be a simpler event than in previous years. The earliest date would be in September. **ACTION PS to discuss with RH & EM**

13. AOB

There were no items

The meeting closed at 21.00hr

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 5 September 2023 at 7.30pm