

**MINUTES OF THE HVRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 2 APRIL 2024 IN THE SMALL HALL**

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

WELCOME

Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting and hoped they had enjoyed a good Easter.

PRESENT

Peter Spence (Chairman)	Andrew Capey (Vice-Chairman)	Paul Woodford (Treasurer)
Rosemary Hewitt (Secretary)	Peter Cannon	Sue Grace
Cacs Hinds	Janet Howe	Angus Idle
Elaine Merrilees	Brenda Morris	Clr Simon Kearey

ACTION

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Jill Armshaw, Jane Boughton, Janet Idle, Jerry Morley, Nancy Pomfret and Clr David Carroll.

2. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 5 MARCH 2024** had been circulated and read. It was proposed by Andrew Capey, seconded by Paul Woodford that they be approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

Item 6. HVRA REPORTS/UPDATES

Chairman

a) Planning for the Future

AI was still of the opinion that if the name of the Association and its Committee structure changed then the HVRA would have to be wound-up. RH assured him that this would not be the case. In confirmation, PC quoted from the Constitution, under **AMENDMENTS: "The Constitution may be amended by the Executive Committee as may be required from time to time and ratified at an Annual General Meeting."**

Item 6. HVRA REPORTS/UPDATES

Chairman

a) Planning for the Future: 1. 2. 3. and 4.

PS referred to the process detailed in the above-mentioned item when Officers would bring the proposals to this meeting with some recommendations. As the Officers could not agree with the changes to the organisation and as a straw-poll had revealed a 50/50 split at the March meeting, PS did not wish to proceed with anything that will split the HVRA in any way believing that there has to be a consensus. He had also approached several people asking if they would be prepared to put themselves forward as one of the four elected Members, but he could not get anyone to agree.

He then suggested that if anyone wants to join the Committee and return the changes to the new Committee after the AGM, they can then decide whether there is any appetite for making these changes, i.e. whether to continue with Planning for the Future or continue as we are.

Item 5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Para 1, line 4 - PC referred to the Treasurer's proposal to make things a bit simpler and this was put to the Committee who **unanimously agreed to change the financial year: "The financial year to run from 1st April to 31st March"** instead of from 6th April to 5th April.

New
year-end
agreed

The Treasurer also wished to make a minor change to the Constitution as follows: **Subscriptions fall due on 1st July each year to maintain Membership of the Association** instead of "Subscriptions are to be received on or before 1st July each year to maintain Membership of the Association. To be b/f to the May Executive Meeting and, if approved, to be ratified at the AGM.

b/f
proposal

4. **COUNCILLORS' UPDATES**

- a) **Bucks Clr Carroll** - In his absence, RH reported that DC had visited Boss Lane earlier in the day when several residents informed him that Thames Water (TW) tankers had been sucking up water in the lower end of the lane since last Thursday, 28 March and taking it away. His contact at Bucks Council is Thomas Broom.

DC was pleased that in recent weeks the lower end of Bryants Bottom Road had been patched in places, but JH stressed her disappointment that huge puddles still exist after heavy rain and believes drainage ditches should have been created to resolve the on-going problem because of the hazard caused to drivers who swerve to avoid them. RH to contact Cllrs Broadbent and Carroll about the problem.

RH/SB/DC

b) HPC Cllr Kearey

SK was unable to attend the Parish Council's March meeting when the comprehensive Land Management Plans put forward by Mike Deegan Consultancy, at a cost of £6,600, were turned down by Councillors despite Cllr Kearey having carried out a public consultation beforehand. As he is disappointed, he will go back to the Council about their decision especially as there are several other parcels of land that have various management plans proposed by Mike Deegan.

Dates to note:

Tuesday, 7 May - Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday, 21 May - Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

HPC decided not to put up the Precept but to leave it at the current level.

RH raised the issue of the unsightly overgrown grass verges surrounding the Cryers Hill roundabout as well as on both sides of Cryers Hill Road because the grass has not been cut since last April. An on-site meeting with Stan Jones had been suggested before Christmas, but as it has not taken place Cllt Kearey will raise the matter with him. RH was pleased that many overgrown hedges had now been cut back.

SK/SJ

PC asked if the Parish Council was coming up for election. Cllr Kearey will make enquiries, especially as there are vacancies in all the wards, and 3 in Hughenden Valley.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

PW's report to 31st March shows a closing balance in the Current A/C of £3,233.24. No subs were received, but a substantial amount of advertising revenue of £1,824 plus ticket sales for the Potter Cup Quiz of £810. The total amount of subs received is £2,695 which covers 76% of households.

Some expenses were incurred including the cost of printing the magazine @ £1,425 for 68 pages, a slightly smaller amount than for the Winter edition, £25 sub for the Wycombe Society and Small Hall hire of £25,74. The Deposit A/C is up a little @ £11,518.27 and the position at the end of the year is good.

6. HVRA REPORTS/UPDATES

Chairman

a) AGM – 29 May 2024

Just a reminder that the HVRA AGM will take place on **Wednesday 29 May** with Cheese & Wine to follow. RH looks forward to receiving some nominations for Officers too.

7. MAGAZINE – Hughenden News

AC has not yet received any feedback but looks forward to some positive comments. He stressed the need for more support with the compilation of the magazine, and if anyone has a robust PC and would like to help to please get in touch with him.

**HELP
with
compilation**

8. HVRADIG

PW referred to a recent meeting of DIG members who spoke about their experiences of the flooding that had occurred on 17/18th February, at the lower end of Valley Road and Boss Lane where sewage had leaked into residents' gardens. We also discussed the flooding round The Harrow and Warrendene Road area. Despite several requests on FixMyStreet, it is evident that Bucks Council have not been cleaning the road drains on an annual basis but only responded because of the recent *The Harrow* flooding. As residents are very concerned that the flooding that happened should not have happened again, they will be writing to the Chief Executive of Bucks Council to express dissatisfaction with the service provided and requesting that a Drainage Engineer meet them to try to ascertain what has happened and what can be done to remedy the problem in the future.

Ten years ago when flooding occurred, over-pumping units were provided by TW but since then the management has changed dramatically and there is no-one to talk to. As Hughenden Valley is neglected individual householders tried to make contact with TW but were informed that there is nothing they could do, nor offered any help.

Undeterred, two householders, whose gardens have flooded with sewage, tried again to get help and in the past few days TW have decided to do something by providing tankers in Boss Lane that have continuously been sucking up excess water/sewage. It is planned to write to the CEO of TW to ask that a Drainage Engineer visit the area, and also to discuss the leakage from the sewage junction just outside the Pumping Station.

9. ROAD REP REPORTS

- a) **Friars Gardens – BM** expressed concern that rainwater builds up at the entrance to Friars Gardens because the first drain of the left-hand side of the road collapsed several years ago. It was reported to FixMyStreet at the time, but nothing has been done about the problem.
- b) **Warrendene Road – EM** had previously reported a blocked drain to FixMyStreet and was informed the case had been closed, but in the last week or so the drains were all cleaned out. She also reported the dumping of cooking oil from a large number of cans into the ditch opposite *The Harrow* to FixMyStreet asking that the cans and screw tops be collected from car park opposite the pub.
- c) **AI** recalled his successful attempt to get the potholes on the sloping access approach to Sainsburys carpark fixed but reported that they are now failing again. He also complained, and others sympathised, that on a recent visit to the Surgery in Prestwood he encountered road closure signs because they were either misleading or took him on a very circuitous route.
- d) **Valley Road (middle) – RH** complained about the blocked gully across the entrance to Trees Road that creates a huge puddle in Valley Road along with mud, silt and stones that end up on the pavement and in the gutter blocking the road drain. She queried that perhaps it is the wrong type of gully with narrow gaps that trap so many stones. **RH** to report on FixMyStreet.

**RH/
FixMyStreet**

10. FUTURE EVENTS

- a) **Potter Cup Quiz – 6 April**
EM reported that to date 62 tickets have been sold @ £15 and that plans for the catering were going well. She hoped that if the Quiz is held next year, it would not fall during the Easter break because she believed many people were away on their Easter holidays. **PS** and **AB** apologized because they did not realise that Easter would fall so early this year.
- b) **Village Day Barn Dance – 29 June**
PS was pleased that Jayne Birkenhead had agreed to run the raffle once again, and she hoped that Road Reps/HVRA would help by selling tickets and perhaps collecting raffle prizes. Tombola items arising from last year's cancelled Summer Fete are being stored in **AI** Bowyer's garage, some of which could be used as raffle prizes.

The Barn Dance is being organised by Louise Jones and Lisa Thyer-Jones, and to please get in touch with them if you can offer some help.

**HELP
NEEDED**

11. OTHER REPORTS

- a) **Village Hall** – No Report because the meeting was not held, it being Easter Monday.
- b) **Village Store & Coffee Shop** – No Report

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) **EM** wondered if anyone can give Nancy Pomfret a lift to see her husband who has been in Stoke Mandeville hospital for the past 3 weeks.
- b) Although Hughenden Surgery is asking patients to join the Patients Participation Group, **JH** along with others, has tried to join by signing-in but without any success!

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed.....

Date.....