

HUGHENDEN VALLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING

held on Tuesday, 2nd December 2014 at Hughenden Small Hall

CONFIRMED MINUTES

		Action
	Janet welcomed Cllr David Carroll, District & County Councillor, and Sarah Cormack who has volunteered to be the new HVRA Secretary.	
1.	PRESENT: Janet Idle (Chair), Angus Idle (Co-Chair), Sarah Cormack, John Dockett, Sara Hamilton, Rosemary Hewitt, Daphne Hicks, Louise Jones, David Sharp, Geoff Wright and Cllr David Carroll.	
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Clare Atkinson, Al and Christine Bowyer, Anna Burniston, Heather Dempsey, Karen Dynes, Virginia Foster, Alison Geiler, Jerry Morley and James Perkins.	
3.	CONFIRMED MINUTES OF 7TH OCTOBER 2014 were formally signed off by Angus having been circulated and put on the website. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 4TH NOVEMBER 2014 were read and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendment: 12. 1. "Affinity" should be "Infinity".	
7.	VISITOR - COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Cllr Carroll thanked the HVRA and the community for their continued support despite the difficult economic times. He congratulated the residents involved with the Hughenden Valley Drainage Improvement Group (HVDIG), and praised the progress it has made with the cascade communication structure that is in place to alert the relevant agencies e.g. Thames Water, the Environment Agency and BCC, which is now a template for other sewage-affected areas in Bucks. An on-going survey is being carried out in the village and the ditch near the pumping station needs to be dug out. He was pleased that every two to three months they all get together so that residents can ask the Agencies what have they been doing? He thought the HVDIG article in the recent HVRA magazine was excellent. He supported the Village Shop and the proposed Cabin for which he has donated £1,000. He was delighted to accept Louise Jones' invitation to attend the launch of <i>The Cabin</i> at 4pm on Sunday, 14 th December. He had spent a lot of time lobbying BfT to get the roads resurfaced and apologised for the challenge that the road closures had caused. At the moment Hampden Road is closed for patching-up and works to Perks Lane will be carried out next year. In response to his request for questions, Janet reminded him that Valley Road (A4128) needs attention because its surface is very noisy and above EU levels. On the question of the overgrown hedge at the top of Perks Lane the Local Area Technician (LAT) has written to the householder requesting it be cut back but if it is not then BfT will carry out the work and send them the bill. Linda Derrick who represented the residents of Hughenden Valley on the Parish Council had resigned and a replacement is now sought.	
4	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES	
	4. MATTERS ARISING	
	7c. Senior Citizens Event – As Rosemary had not heard back from the Lamp House Singers she sent a reminder on 28 November and is awaiting a response.	RH
	12 (c) Trees Road Concrete Gully - New Ref: 478487 - Rosemary had chased up the Local Area Technician (LAT) several times as the blocked gully still remains a problem and awaits a response.	RH
	13g. Neighbourhood Action Group	
	3. Camera signs Rosemary has submitted locations for 6 signs: 4 in Hughenden Valley and 2 in Bryants Bottom.	
	13h. North West Chilterns Local Area Forum, Re-instatement of Footpath Scheme James Perkins has joined the Local Area Forum (LAF) on behalf of the Parish Council and is championing this initiative as he believes there is some money available.	JP

5.	TREASURER'S REPORT – In the absence of the Treasurer see the Treasurer's report at the end of these minutes	
6.	VACANCIES	
6a.	Secretary - Janet was delighted that Sarah Cormack had volunteered for the role of Secretary. A meeting with Sarah is to be arranged in the New Year to pass on details of the role.	
6b.	Road Rep for Valley Road (Boss Lane – Surgery, both sides) This still remains vacant.	RH JI
8.	EVENTS	
8a.	Village Hall Bazaar Tombola – Feedback Sara thanked all the helpers very much indeed. She was pleased that the tombola was very busy although there were slightly less items this year with takings of £150, down on last year's of £180. Unfortunately, the Village Hall Committee did not advertise the event. It was felt that the format needed to change and become more of a Christmas Market/Craft Fair. Louise suggested the website marketstall.com as a way of contacting craft people, and Rosemary will pass on Bridget's details to Daphne because she had asked if she could hold a craft stall. (An unknown lady who was interested in having a stall at the Bazaar)	SH
8b.	Cabin Furniture Painting, 6 and 7 December, 10am – 4pm Louise acknowledged receipt of the £500 cheque from the HVRA and one for £2,500 from the Village Hall Committee for which she was immensely grateful, and reported that the shell of <i>The Cabin</i> was already up. She detailed the programme of works to be carried out over the following days, with a painting party over the weekend of 6 and 7 December. Martin Richardson is installing the electrics free of charge, B&Q are giving a discount on the floor and James Aitken will be laying it etc. Buildbase will be supplying the wood for the ramp and any supplies needed. As all the furniture will be stored in her garden shed she will need help to carry and load it into her trailer. Gill Graham and the scouts have offered to help too.	
8c.	Christmas Tree Lighting & Carols, Sunday 14 December plus proposed Cabin Launch – subject to planning permission. Louise said the Christmas tree lights will be off until Sunday 14 th December. The launch will commence at 4pm when the lights will be switched on and the children from Hughenden Primary School will lead the carol singing, after which <i>The Cabin</i> will be formally declared open. Janet will write, on behalf of the HVRA, to the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee to thank them for their donation of £2,500 each, and to Cllr David Carroll for his £1,000 donation which collectively has made this project possible for the benefit of the community. Also, help will be needed to sweep out and keep <i>The Cabin</i> clean and tidy and perhaps Road Reps might be able to provide this ongoing help.	JI Road Reps
9.	INITIATIVES & UPDATES	
9a.	Temporary Cabin – Please see 8b & 8c above.	
9b.	Sports Facilities and Cycle Path To date Bev has got 30 people interested in playing bowls at the Magnolia Sports & Social Club but needs many more to make it a viable proposition. Janet to write to other Residents Associations to enlist more people, and she asked us to pass on the names of anyone who might be interested. The news of a Cycle Path is getting round to Wycombe District Council (WDC) and the National Trust that we want one, and WDC has asked that we leave this initiative for a while.	JI All of us
9db.	Allotments James has written an article in the HVRA magazine about the Charity, Allotments for Labouring Poor, (AfLP). Janet and Angus have written on behalf of the HVRA to the Charity Commission (CC) and the Secretary of the AfLP with their concerns, and have received a reply from the CC with numerous attachments detailing the background to this complex issue which dates back to 1855 and 1862. The Scheme will not change the ownership of the land because it has always been owned by the Charity and not Hughenden Parish Council. Angus is pleased that there will now be a minimum of 4 Trustees but he is not happy with the administrative structure of the reformed AfLP and a meeting will be held with Janet, Rosemary and David Sharp to discuss an appropriate response to progress this matter.	AI JI RH, DS
9d.	Footpaths Please see 4. 13h. above. Rosemary reported recently seeing two teams of yellow clad men cutting back the overgrown footpath leading to Chenies Manor and Garden Centre. In Aylesbury BfT sometimes use people who are carrying out their Community Service. James is now negotiating with the North West Chilterns Local	JP Page 2

	Area Forum to get, as a priority, the routes to school tackled first. Rosemary hopes the footpath to Church and onwards will be cut back too as it has narrowed considerably in places, and speeding traffic passes by very closely.	
9e.	Winter Salt Winter gritting salt is available to buy from Buildbase. HVRA will reimburse us provided it is not for our personal use but for the benefit of our residents. Geoff Wright has put a supply at the bottom of Trees Road.	
10.	PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT	RH
10a.	Wright's Roof. An application is being submitted, hopefully by this week. Concern was expressed at the roof being a bright white colour.	
10b.		
10c.	The Unauthorised Stables at Bryants Bottom. An application should be in by this week. Ref: 482425: Two blocked drains at the bottom of Coombe Lane have been reported and .they are being investigated by the LAT.	
10d.	Ref 483465: Road Works signs and directional signs Rosemary has complained to BfT that these signs have been littering the pavements and verges and misleading motorists for weeks now, and also that the Contractor's vehicles have churned up the grass verges on Wedgewood Drive and at the bottom of Cryers Hill. These complaints have been passed on to Kate Rolfe at BfT.	RH AI
10e.	Jeancote, Warrendene Road The application to demolish the bungalow and erect a semi-detached property with three storeys has been permitted (although the public notice stated it was not in accord with Policy) on the grounds that there are exceptional circumstances, perhaps because the property is at the lower end of the market.	RH
10f.	Others To keep a watchful eye on the land surrounding Fleet Farm as a consortium was interested, and also a property in North Dean with 10 acres.	All of us
11.	COMMUNICATIONS	
11a.	Hughenden News John Dockett was delighted that although his deadline for copy was 9 th November, which got stretched a little, his first edition went out by 28 th November for distribution by Road Reps. He thanked Angus for his help and support. Everyone congratulated John and his editorial team for producing such an excellent magazine and thought the transition was seamless. He said they would learn from any mistakes made.	
11b.	Website – Nothing to report.	
11c.	Correspondence 1. In response to a recent letter from the Parish Clerk about funding for the HVRA, Al Bowyer asked for more money for the magazine. This was accepted by the committee. 2. When Al Bowyer paid the Chiltern Society's annual subscription recently he asked if one of their speakers could speak at our AGM next May. Janet suggested that we ask who the speaker will be as their topic of expertise varied considerably. 3. Angus wrote to Kate Rolfe, BfT, thanking her for the resurfacing of Coombe Lane but queried when will the cats' eyes be reinstated there & on Cryers Hill? NB. Janet reminded all that any official HVRA letter must be copied to the Chair & to the Secretary.	AB
12.	ROAD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS 1. .Daphne complained that the footpath on both sides of Cryers Hill had narrowed considerably in places by the encroachment of grass etc and Rosemary confirmed that she is dealing with the matter. Please see 4. 13h above. 2. Bryants Bottom Village Trust has received advice that the Inspector has written to BCC to say that Village Green status should be granted but the Trust will have to wait until March when the final decision will be made. 3. Angus reported that the Conservation Group has found a pit over the far end of the playing field where a chalk strata has been exposed running across the site. They have cleared off all the vegetation and have asked Jill Ayres, a local geologist, to take a look as it could be of local geological importance.	JP AI
13.	OTHER REPORTS	
13a.	Road Safety - Nothing to report.	
13b.	HPC – No report available.	

13c.	The Village Hall Committee AGM was held last night and following the correct procedures all the Officers had to be re-elected. As Dory Morgan is no longer the HVRA liaison member, Angus is her replacement. Their finances were very good this year and they are well in pocket.	
13d.	Village Shop - Volunteers are very much needed and please get in touch with Louise if you, or anyone you know, wish to help in any way possible.	All of us
13e.	Neighbourhood Watch – John Dockett had got in touch with Andrea Hulley to find out more about the scheme she co-ordinates in Fleet Close and discovered that there are only 6 active schemes involved. As a village we are not very well covered although most residents do keep a watchful eye on their neighbour's property when they are away. To be carried forward.	All of us
13f.	NAG - Rosemary needs volunteers to help with the Community Speed Watch as well as someone to be responsible for the Mobile VAS which is sitting in Dave Mynors' garage at the moment waiting to be installed on a post somewhere appropriate in the village.	RH JP
13g.	HVDIG – Angus has attended all the meetings to ensure the Residents Association is involved.	
14.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Last Sunday the Police Forensic Collision Team was at the scene of the recent fatal accident to carry out further investigations. It is believed that a young man stepped out in front of an oncoming vehicle.</p> <p>Janet and Angus wished everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year and they were thanked for the mince pies.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.45pm</p> <p>The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 2nd February 2015 at 7.30pm.</p> <p>Signed.....</p> <p>Date.....</p>	

**Hughenden Valley Residents Association
Treasurers Report
02/12/2014**

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Deposit Account			
Statement 31st October 2014	£	2,058.55	
Transfer to/from Current Account			
Total At	02/12/2014	£	2,058.55
Current Account			
Statement 31st October 2014	£	3,593.47	
Transfer to/from Deposit Account			
Total At	02/12/2014	£	3,593.47
Cash & Cheques in hand			
Cash Held	£	96.39	
Cheques Unbanked	£	160.00	
Total At	02/12/2014	£	256.39
Total Overall Funds			£ 5,908.41
Uncleared Cheques			
Chiltern Society	100299	£	35.00
Turville Printing	100300	£	1,707.00
Community Shop - Coffee House Donation	100302	£	500.00
			-£ 2,242.00
Uncleared Payments in			
	03/11/2014	£	100.00
	12/11/2014	£	180.00
			£ 280.00
Other current known unpaid liabilities			
Available Funds			£ 3,946.41

Notes & Highlights:

Advertising Revenue received for 2014 so far	£	2,964.00
Subs received so far for 2014-2015	£	1,570.00

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