

## MINUTES FOR HVDIG AGM

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.00pm

Attendees: Peter Cannon (Chairman, HVRA), Paul Woodford (Treasurer and Acting Chairman, HVDIG), Matt Hopkins (Deputy Chairman, HVDIG), Sarah Mustapha (Secretary, HVDIG), Simon Kearey (Hughenden Parish Council)

Apologies: Debs Lemon, Sam and Rebecca Morrison

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	Action
<b>1. Matters arising from last meeting</b>  After a special meeting in January 2021 with Peter Cannon, it was decided to integrate the HVDIG with the HVRA.	
<b>2. Look back at 2020/2021</b>  A BRAVA workshop arranged by Thames Water to discuss longterm drainage and waste water management plans was attended by PW and MH. Despite some chasing, PW has heard nothing from them since.  MH was invited to a meeting earlier in the year with BCC to discuss the improvement of ground water monitoring facilities – funding is in place but MH cannot find out what has been achieved since the initial meeting in terms of what is going to be monitored and where.  There are borehole monitoring facilities in North Dean, Piddington and one other where levels are measured.	<b><i>MH to try to attend a meeting with Karen Fisher to discuss later in the year.</i></b>  <b><i>MH to try to find an internet link to show where these boreholes are located and the levels that are measured.</i></b>

<p>Affinity Water have still not surveyed the pipes underneath the pumping station.</p> <p>At some points during the Spring of this year, the sewers were almost full. The situation was worse than last year but not as bad as 2014, however the sewers were not blocked and appeared to cope.</p> <p>Where the sewers join to go on to Wycombe there appears to be groundwater ingress which causes a problem. Thames Water are aware of this and have monitors in place.</p> <p>The DIG have arranged a Whatsapp group to clear the drainage grids at the bottom of Trees Rd. PW recently met with Jonathan Roberts (Transport for Bucks) who has suggested connecting some soakaways to the main drains and changing the camber of the road might alleviate the problem of rainwater collecting in this area and causing problems further along Valley Rd. Jonathan will continue to work on this.</p> <p>An audit of drains along Valley Rd was also carried out – these drains have been cleared out.</p>	<p><b><i>PW to write to establish a contact and get a date in the diary.</i></b></p>
<p><b>3. Future Direction</b></p> <p>PW felt that the HVDIG needed to expand its work to look at how the group could help the HVRA. Keeping the local chalk stream that feeds into the Wye clear is a priority. It was noted that when residents had to overpump in 2014, the EA took numerous water samples and found them to be clear.</p> <p>The stream, whilst not always visible is managed by the EA from Warrendene Rd to the pumping station and then beyond that by BCC. It was felt that our next priority should be the engagement of the local community to understand the watercourse in Hughenden, possibly by asking for volunteers to help clear ditches as happened in April along Valley Rd. This could also involve asking the Hughenden Climate Group to re-seed the area with wild flowers once clearing had taken place.</p>	
<p><b>4. DIG integration with HVRA</b></p>	

<p>The DIG has spent £71.50 this year and closed its account, transferring the £3.71 left to the HVRA bank account. The final accounts have been signed off by Bob Hawkins.</p> <p>The DIG website is now under the umbrella of the HVRA's website. Emails continue to pose a slight problem but PW is working on this.</p> <p>The new constitution was approved with the only change being that the DIG meets twice a year: once in June and then again in February unless any issues arise that require an additional meeting.</p>	
<p><b>5. Discussion on Ashdene</b></p> <p>On PW's recent tour of Valley Rd with Jonathan Roberts, the property known as Ashdene in Boss Lane was visited to discuss the problem with inadequate pipework there. It became clear that there was not enough room to resolve this with a larger pipe. It was suggested that overpumping could possibly solve the problem in an emergency.</p> <p>Jonathan suggested for a permanent solution, that subject to agreement with the field owner, a drainage pipe could be diverted through the field and back into the end of Ashdene's garden. Matt Hopkins indicated this might be acceptable subject to a commercial proposal from Bucks CC.</p> <p>Discussions also took place on the poor levels of the open ditch and culverts in Boss Lane. This needs to be surveyed, as the stream does not flow properly and silts up the pipework. Bucks CC need to engage with this.</p> <p>Jonathan agreed to do some research, look for surveys of the area and also consider possible solutions for this.</p>	<p><i><b>PW to follow up with Jonathan Roberts.</b></i></p> <p><i><b>MH to email James Tunnard (Transport for Bucks).</b></i></p>
<p><b>6. Election of Committee</b></p> <p>It was agreed that all positions be kept in place with PC charring meetings.</p>	
<p><b>7. AOB</b></p>	

No outstanding business	
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