

**MINUTES OF THE HVRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 2 JULY 2024 IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL**

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

WELCOME

As previously arranged by Peter Cannon, David Mynors took the Chair and said that he was delighted to be chairing tonight's Executive Meeting and welcomed everyone, especially Elaine's neighbour, Ken Chu.

PRESENT

Rosemary Hewitt (Secretary)	Peter Cannon	Andrew Capey	Sue Grace
Catherine (Cacs) Hinds	Angus and Janet Idle	Elaine Merrilees	Brenda Morris
Nancy Pomfret	Ken Chu		

Ken Chu introduced himself and said how he is very much looking forward to, and excited about, being involved with the compositing of *Hughenden News*. The Committee was very pleased that he wishes to join us in this role.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Paul Woodwood, Jill Armshaw, Janet Howe, Cllrs David Carroll and Simon Kearey.

Road Reps who do not attend meetings: Lyn Hawkins and Mary Wright.

Reports, written or verbal, are welcome from all members whether or not they attend meetings.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2024**

The Minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was proposed by Andrew Capey, seconded by Nancy Pomfret and agreed that they be approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

Item 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, 3rd para

The Acting-Chairman, DM, asked if Road Reps for Cryers Hill and Frogmore Close have been found. CH did ask her nearby neighbours who had helped at several HVRA functions but they felt it was not the right time for them.

Item 3. MATTERS ARISING, Item 10 AOB c)

DM referred to the Street Association, and Anne Smart's wish to have every road covered by a WhatsApp to facilitate messages between neighbours as well as distributing the regular Street Association Newsletter. DM praised the pub lunches organised by Anne held in the *The Harrow* and the *Spindle & Thread* near Morrisons each month that are open to people of all ages, not just the elderly. JI reminded the Committee when she was Co-Chair most HVRA Road Reps signed up to become Street Association Reps for their road, but it would appear that this is no longer the case. DM regularly passes on the Newsletter, often about fraud and scams, to all his neighbours..

Item 9. ROAD REP REPORTS,

a) Bryants Bottom Road Flooding/Ponding

RH confirmed that she did get in touch with Cllr Steven Broadbent who responded that "Works were carried out during the patching completed recently on Bryants Bottom Road to re-dig and clear grips which are within the soil section on the road edge to allow the water to soak off the carriageway in the natural verges."

b) Warrendene Road

RH to check if Cllr David Carroll did have a meeting with the Police to discuss the continuing problem of the hazard caused to other road users, pedestrians and residents trying to exit/access their drives by HGV lorry parking along the road.

[NOTE: DC wrote to the Police detailing our concerns but to date has not heard back.]

RH/DC

DC/Police

4. **COUNCILLORS UPDATES**

- a) **Bucks Cllr Carroll** – Working with residents, DC was very pleased that the Government Inspector DISMISSED the Appeal by the owner of the Orchard Caravan site to increase the number of mobile residential homes to 6.
- b) **HPC Cllr Kearey** – None.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

PW's Financial Report for the month of June had been circulated prior to the meeting. It showed the closing balance in the Current Account of £4,553.59 that included advertising revenue of £479.00 and subs of £80. Expenses included £52.14 for the hire of the room, £29.65 for the AGM Cheese & Wine and £270.70 for plants. DM asked if there were any questions arising from the Report but there were none, although RH reminded everyone that subs fell due on 1st July.

6. HVRA REPORTS/UPDATES

a) Summer Barn Dance – Saturday 29 June

EM was pleased that the Barn Dance went really well despite only 38 tickets being sold. The band, *The Wick Trimmers*, were very good, the caller excellent and everyone who danced thoroughly enjoyed themselves. However, it was very disappointing that despite the HVRA picking up the event, usually organised and run by the Village Hall Committee, about 6 six weeks' earlier and advertising it widely, including on the FB pages of several nearby villages, so few tickets were sold. Thanks go to Peter C who did a magnificent job selling lots of raffle tickets, the prizes coming from the Tombola of last year's cancelled Summer Fete.

PW has drawn up a brief financial summary that shows after paying the band £330 and other expenses, a surplus of circa £147 was made. PC suggested that some of this be given to the Village Hall Committee, but it was agreed by the Committee that as no VH volunteers organised the event, then the HVRA should receive the surplus for the effort put in by the small team of EM, PW and RH.

DM expressed concern that the *Hughenden WhatsOn* FB page shows some people have still not been reimbursed the fee they had paid for a stall at the cancelled 2024 Summer Fete. This needs to be pursued with the VH Committee because it could damage their reputation.

RH/VH

7. MAGAZINE – *Hughenden News*

AC reported that copy had been sent to the team of proof-readers, will go to the printers and PC will assist with distribution next Friday.

AC is delighted that Ken Chu has expressed an interest in the compositing element of the magazine's production. Ken has been looking at the material for the summer edition and is aware of the Autumn timetable. With his help, AC believe his involvement will provide more resilience than was thought earlier in the year as it is hoped to take turns in the compositing of the magazine.

8. HVRADIG

PW's DIG Report containing interesting information was circulated prior to the meeting.

- DM expressed concern that the wide grill at the bottom of Trees Road is completely blocked resulting in mud, silt, stones and debris being deposited across the pavement and in the gutter of nearby properties in Valley Road. This situation is made worse after heavy downpours when the nearby drain can become blocked. After rain there is often ponding at the bottom of the road.
 - Residents of Avenue frequently clear a similar grill at the bottom of the Avenue.
 - Trees Road residents do not appear to have a system to clear the grill on a regular basis.
 - It was noted that the current situation is having a detrimental impact on Valley Road. Some discussion took place on the benefits of the road being adopted. Clearing this is something for the residents to consider. PW to discuss the current position with his road contacts.
 - AI agreed that a personal approach should be taken regarding Trees Road and referred to his successful contact with Sainsburys and the LA to get the cascade of potholes repaired quickly on the ramp into the supermarket's carpark. AI is disappointed that the repairs are breaking up again.

PW

9. ROAD REP REPORTS - None

10. FUTURE EVENTS

DM referred to the list of possible events given in the Minutes of 4 June 2024.

- JI believed the HVRA should be more imaginative and suggested holding a Car Boot Sale, and that a Barn Dance is more relevant during Harvest time than in mid-summer. This was noted.
- PC suggested that we all give this some thought during the summer break and to bring fresh ideas to the September meeting.

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- EM reminded everyone that whatever event we organise we need to
 - **plan well ahead, advertise widely and attract lots of volunteers.**
 - RH suggested having a banner strung in front of the Village Hall to attract a wider audience.

Banner

11. OTHER REPORTS

a) Village Hall

- AI said he is getting used to seeing lots of new faces and last night's meeting was chaired by Peter Gieler, arranged on a rota basis. They now have a Secretary. AI referred to the 2-years' notice that Michael Sole gave when he was going to stand down as Chair of the VH Committee and how shocked the VH Committee were to learn that the HVRA Chairman had stepped down at our AGM in May with immediate effect.
- Concern was expressed about the lack of volunteers from residents, say, below 60 years of age.
- The new Chairman of Hughenden Football Club wishes to have a dedicated HFC Welcome Pack for new families coming to the village. This could be passed to the HVRA Secretary and added to our Welcome Pack that includes HAGA and the Shop.
- The VH are very happy to have the carpark re-surfaced with a request that everyone should look after it.
 - RH's husband, who is a Chartered Civil Engineer, believes the tarmac carpark should have a final rolled tarmac topping layer to seal it. This concern to be passed on to the V H Committee.

RH/HFC

RH/VH

b) Village Store & Coffee Shop – None

It is recognised that the Shop desperately needs more volunteers to reduce the cost of paying staff. Every shift requires a paid qualified Supervisor to run the drinks & food side of the business.

12. AOB

- a) Concern was expressed that the overgrown hedge of a property at the northern end of Valley Road has encroached the pavement, narrowing it considerably for passersby. RH has a Notice taken from the Parish Council website that details what to do when hedges encroach footpaths and pavements. A copy to be passed on to DM. He will speak to the householder concerned. As RH has received letters about overgrown hedges and low-lying branches it was agreed that she sends our concerns to the Clerk of HPC about the lack of action in this respect, bearing in mind that the Parish Council has amassed circa £500,000 in the bank of taxpayers money.

RH/DM

**RH/HPC
Clerk**

b) Future HVRA Admin

- As previously suggested PC has organised the following rota for chairing future meetings:
 - September - Jill Armshaw
 - October - Cacs Hinds
 - November - Paul Woodford

The meeting closed at 8.32pm

The date of the next meeting is 3 September 2024 at 7.30pm in the Small Hall.

As RH will not be at the meeting, AC has agreed to take the Minutes.

AC

--o--o--o-- ENJOY THE SUMMER BREAK --o--o--o--

Signed.....

Date.....