

**MINUTES OF THE HVRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2024 IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL**

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

**WELCOME**

Peter Cannon, as Acting Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1. PRESENT**

Peter Cannon – Acting Chairman  
Angus Idle *attended the meeting for a short while to say he is taking things easy after his recent admissions to hospital.*

Paul Woodford – Treasurer  
Jill Armshaw  
Brian McCollum  
Janet Howe

Rosemary Hewitt – Secretary  
Andrew Capey  
Elaine Merrilees  
Cllr David Carroll

**ACTION**

- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cacs Hinds, Sue Grace, Janet Idle, Jerry Morley, Nancy Pomfret and Cllr Simon Kearey.

RH conveyed Sue Grace's thanks for the lovely flowers that RH gave her on behalf of the Executive Committee on the last day of her treatment. Sue is looking forward to attending meetings in the New Year.

**Road Reps who do not attend meetings: Lyn Hawkins, Mary Wright and Geoff Wickett.  
Reports, written or verbal, are welcome from all members whether or not they attend meetings.**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 5 NOVEMBER 2024**

The Minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting, read and agreed that they be approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

**4. MATTERS ARISING – To be dealt with via progression of the Agenda.**

**5. COUNCILLORS' UPDATES**

**a) Bucks Cllr Carroll**

1. DC wished everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year and expressed his appreciation for what the Committee does for the community, e.g., the publishing of *Hughenden News*, the work of the DIG, the Christmas treats initiative for the elderly and the HVRA's support of the Green Belt and AONB that lies in and around the village.
2. DC and Cllr Steven Broadbent had responded to complaints about the poor surface of Orchard Close by having a site meeting, and DC is pleased that the road has now been patched by a new process.
3. DC confirmed a meeting in January with SB, James Tunnard, Local Area Technician (LAT) and PW to discuss drainage, engineering works and flooding issues. Bryants Bottom to be included in the discussions.

PC referred to the ePetition seeking to reduce the speed limit on the A4128, Valley Road and Cryers Hill from 50 – 40mph and his email to Jackie Binning of the Northwest Chilterns Community Board (NWCCB) asking for guidance and the number of petitioners required to take the Petition forward. RH to send out a reminder.

**RH**

DC stressed that the process is very complicated, and to date he and BMcC had joined a Teams meeting with Jackie Binning (NWCCB) and Cllr Carl Etholen (Bucks Council) as well as a meeting with Stan Jones, Chairman of the Parish Council and Suzanne Best, Headteacher of Gt Kingshill School. The proposal will require the support of HPC, and ultimately it will be about the funds that are available.

BMcC will add supportive evidence and photos from residents of near misses and other hazardous situations experienced. PC hoped, if a victory is achieved, that a 20mph limit could be imposed in the vicinity of Gt Kingshill School, and the speed limit on Warrendene Road could be reduced from 40 to 30mph. AC believed it was vital to identify the risks associated with speed and that the Local Authority should promote road safety.

4. DC expressed the concern of many people regarding the policy changes that will be coming into effect shortly to build 1.5M new homes over the period of the current Parliament and the target of 100,000 homes imposed on the county. He believed fighting the new planning rules will be a difficult challenge. DC is also concerned about the future for farmers of working farms.

**a) HPC Cllr Kearey – No Report**

1. PW reported that the £500 grant had not been received. JA noted in HPC's Minutes that the Widmer End Residents Association had received a grant of £800, and this sum is to be checked before raising the subject with HPC.
2. SK had sent EM, RH and PW a photo of a large stone planter but as this is not what had been discussed previously, EM is to ask for galvanised steel agricultural troughs. As Brenda will be giving up the planting and maintenance, EM and PW to decide how many troughs will be required as a first phase and, if successful, will return for phase 2. As the maintenance of the troughs is believed to be part of the job of the Parish Council's contractors, it was agreed that EM and PW should meet the new Deputy Clerk, Jason Wise, to discuss this matter further.

PW/HPC

EM/PW/  
JW

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Financial Report for the month of November had been circulated prior to the meeting. It showed the closing balance in the Current Account of £2,834.09, slightly down on last month. Receipt of a further £110 of subs brings the total to £2,405 which covers 69% of households. Expenses this month include £25.74 for the hire of the room, £22.48 on stationery, £211.60 for IT and £175.12 for Christmas Gift items. Unfortunately, Lloyds will levy bank charges of £4.25 per month from January 2025.

PW has been collecting the subs for Coombe Lane and Whitfield Road because Angus has not been able to do so. PW is very pleased that Julia Wright has agreed to take over as Road Rep in place of Angus and Janet Idle.

**7. MAGAZINE**

Some positive feedback has been received for the new look magazine and especially the colourful banding at the top of most pages, and thanks were given to Ken Chu for taking over the compilation of the magazine. It was noted that some articles are difficult to read because the text has been overlaid upon photos/pictures. It was suggested that photographers, keen or otherwise, could be encouraged to submit photos and the best one to be used for the front cover of the magazine.

**8. HVRADIG**

**a) Meeting – Tuesday 14 January 2025 in the Small Hall – Cllr Jilly Jordan**

PW has drafted a letter inviting residents directly affected by the recent flooding to a meeting on 14 January when he planned to give an update of the position in Hughenden Valley and Cllr Jilly Jordan will speak briefly about the issues, followed by a Q & A session.

NP has agreed to drop the letters off to residents in Valley Road from Matt Hopkins field to *The Harrow*. Letters will also go to residents in Warrendene Road and Bryants Bottom. Prior to the 14 January meeting, a meeting will take place at the beginning of January with Cllr Broadbent. Andrew Morseley is still continuing his work. It will be completed in January and eventually a plan will be drawn up, culminating in a Presentation being given to a wider audience in the Village Hall.

JA thanked PW very much for coming to her home for a coffee to discuss the issues, the exchange of emails that followed and the huge amount of work that he has put into these issues. The Committee agreed.

**9. FUTURE EVENTS**

**a) Christmas Gift Bags – 9 am on Sunday, 15 December in the Small Hall**

All the Christmas treats have been purchased as the result of a massive ransacking of several supermarket shelves. RH will circulate the Help List as a reminder for the morning of Sunday, 15 December. To date there are 130 recipients (to include 43 couples).

RH/  
Help List

- EM queried whether senior residents should be asked if they would like to receive a bag of Christmas treats as she had learned of a couple who did not wish to receive one. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that this question would not be asked because, in the spirit of festive cheer and a sense of community, the Committee would like the Christmas bags to be a surprise.

**b) Potter Cup Quiz – 1 March 2025**

- PC, BMCC and AC have had two meetings.
- As Daphne Hicks had sanitized the questions they were looking for someone to take on that role. JA suggested Andrew Flint's wife, Sylvia.
- A projector is required that links to a PC. EM suggested enquiring on FaceBook.

PC/SF  
EM>FB

- There is a large screen in the Village Hall.
- The Question Master will be BMcC and a microphone needs to be found/or acquired.
  - PW to pass on Bob Cook's phone number to BMcC because he may know its whereabouts.

PW/BMcC

**c) Summer Picnic – Sunday 10 August**

EM & PW

- PW hoped Sam Morrison did raise the issue of sharing the cost of the Summer Picnic for £500 at yesterday evening's Village Hall Committee meeting because their support would be much appreciated.
- The chargeable costs for activities have been identified, e.g., hiring a bouncy castle, face painting, disco/entertainment – all provisionally booked.
- The Village Shop will be offering free ice cream, as well as providing cream teas and snacks.
- The estimated budget is circa £700.
- The shop choir will sing.
- Cacs is working with the school to organise country dancing with the children.
- The school will lend us some games equipment.
- The PTA will provide parents to run several of the games and supervise the bouncy castle.
- PW has asked the Football Club if they will run a football activity.
- PC and Jane Birkenhead have offered to run the raffle.
- PW would like to confirm bookings and hopes Cacs will be available to organise the country dancing.

PW & CH

**10. ROAD REP REPORTS**

**Cryers Hill** – BMcC has learned that none of his residents are members of the Gt Kingshill Residents Association. Paul Nicholls, a former HPC Chairman, is organising a meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December in the Cricket Pavillion for local residents to discuss road safety issues in the village with a view to creating an ePetition.

**Bryants Bottom** – JA referred to the uncut grass verges – she had written to the Deputy Clerk of HPC seeking a meeting to progress the matter. It was held last week with the Contractor in attendance and success was achieved as the grass verges will be cut back next week.

- JA reported a new initiative going forward - Parish Councils will be linking up with Bucks Council's FixMyStreet to enable proper scheduling of jobs/actions.

**Valley Road** – The underground cable damaged by Gigaclear in January has not been repaired and the streetlights at the southern end of the village still remain unlit. PW is concerned that not only his car but some of his neighbours' vehicles have been broken into or stolen from their front drives.

**11. OTHER REPORTS**

- Village Hall** – In the absence of AI there was no Report.
- Village Store & Coffee Shop** – No Report
- Film Night** – PC now has a list of the next quarter's films and "Conclave" will be showing during January and February. The Film Club's cinema seats 140 and some membership is available.

**12. AOB**

Janet Howe who has served on the Executive Committee representing Bryants Bottom (upper) for the past seven years has decided to step down from attending meetings and collecting the subs, a task made difficult because a number of residents do not wish to join the HVRA, although she is happy to deliver the magazine and will help EM and RH when needed. She is unable to find a replacement.

- ❖ In recognition of the commitment and help Janet has given over the past 7 years, PC thanked and presented her with a beautiful orchid plant.

**DATE OF THE HVRADIG MEETING with Jilly Jordan: 7.30pm on 14 January in the Small Village Hall**

**DATE OF THE NEXT HVRA MEETING: 4th February 2025**

Mince Pies were passed round, and the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

**WITH SEASONS GREETINGS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Signed.....

Date.....