

# Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009 in Hughenden Small Village Hall at 7.30pm

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## Approved

1. **Present:** Angus Idle (Vice-Chairman), Al Bowyer (Treasurer), Jill Armshaw (Secretary), John Miller, Janette Saville, Daphne Hicks, Andrea Hulley, Rosemary Hewitt, Dory Morgan, Christine Bowyer, David Sharp, Phil Gomm, Jerry Morley, Geoff Wright, Janet Idle, Cllr Lin Smith.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Paul Cawte (Chairman), Edna Parker, David Johnson.  
The Vice-Chairman welcomed John Miller, representative for Burnham Road to the meeting.  
A letter has been received from Claire Ransom stating that due to her retirement she has decided to relinquish her position as HVRA representative for Bryants Bottom Road. The Chairman has written to Claire thanking her for her many years of work for HVRA and wishing her happy travelling and a long and enjoyable retirement.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009.**  
These were RESOLVED as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Vice-Chairman.
4. **Matters Arising.**
  - 8.1.2 **Cryers Hill.** Residents continue to monitor the situation at Evington regarding the parking of cars and ambulances.
  - 8.1.6 **Allotments.** The following response has been received from Hughenden Parish Council regarding dog fouling. *'On the allotment agreement taken out and signed by the tenant is a clause as follows: 16. Dogs MUST be kept on a lead and be tethered and MUST NOT be allowed to wander around the allotment gardens. Any excrement MUST be removed by the dog's owner. At Hughenden Valley a footpath runs through the site, which means it is not always tenant's dogs causing the problem. More notices will be erected and a reminder sent to all tenants of their responsibilities in this matter.'* **Action:** Cllr Lin Smith to investigate whether a dog toilet box might be positioned at the Whitfield Road entrance to the allotments.
5. **Treasurer's Report.**  
Total as at 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009; Deposit Account £5,047.77, Current Account £1,682.00, Cash & Cheques in hand £534.95, Total Overall Funds £7,264.72, Uncleared cheques £40.30, Available Funds £7,224.42. Subscription fees received to date £1,221.00. Subscriptions are still outstanding.
6. **Events.**
  - 6.1. **Potter Cup Quiz, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2009.** Catering arrangements were agreed and members volunteered to assist Rosemary Hewitt.
  - 6.2 **Senior Citizens Evening 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2010.** All arrangements as per previous minutes.
  - 6.3 **AGM, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010.** Janet Idle is awaiting a response from the guest speaker as to whether he can attend on the revised date of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010.
7. **Communications.**
  - 7.1 **Hughenden News.** The magazine will be ready for distribution 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009. Copy

deadline for the next edition is 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009.

**7.2 Website.** See previous minutes.

## **8. Reports.**

### **8.1 Road Representatives.**

**8.1.1 Trees Road.** A resident's committee has been formed to improve the road surface. The road sign on the north side of the junction of Trees Road with Valley Road is missing.

**Action:** Geoff Wright to contact BCC Highways On Call concerning the road sign.

**8.1.2 Valley Road.** A resident has reported seeing lorries with unsecured loads driving up Cryers Hill to Binders Yard. **Action:** Cllr Lin Smith to report to Hughenden Parish Council.

**8.1.3 Wedgewood Drive & Coombe Gardens.** Individuals collecting scrap metal have been knocking on doors, looking in skips and have taken items from private gardens without permission from the owner. Residents are warned to be vigilant and security conscious concerning these individuals.

**8.1.4 Bryants Bottom Road.** Following the resignation of Claire Ransom, a new representative is required. **Action:** Daphne Hicks to contact a resident and enquire if he would be willing to represent Bryants Bottom Road.

**8.2 Planning Sub-Committee.** Planning conditions at Oakleaf Farm state that the area of hard standing must be kept free at all times for vehicle turning. Residents are advised to remain vigilant and report any breaches of planning conditions to Wycombe District Council.

**8.3 Parish Council.** Jennifer Sole is the new Ward Councillor for Hughenden Valley. Hughenden Parish Council are holding a Public Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 at Great Kingshill School at 8pm, all Parishioners are welcome. The Parish Council donates a tree to Hughenden Ward every year. Suggestions were invited as to the sighting of the tree. Angus Idle suggested that a Hornbeam be planted near the pumping station on Valley Road. **Action:** Cllr Lin Smith to ask Cllr Sole to write an article introducing herself in the next edition of Hughenden News.

**8.4 Village Hall Committee.** Angus Idle attended the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009 and reported on the following issues: the AGM will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2009 in the Small Hall, Christine Powell is to resume her position as bookings secretary, a Walnut tree will be planted in memory of Eric Powell, Roger Hawes will organise Village Day 2010 and volunteers are required to assist, an organiser is required for the Christmas Bazaar to be held 21<sup>st</sup> November 2009, the floor in the Small Hall needs repair, concerns were expressed over lack of smoke detectors, current account £6668 and deposit account £17,853.

**8.5 Community Shop.** No report.

**8.6 Neighbourhood Action Group.** The NAG was the largest in the country covering Hughenden Parish, Chepping Wycombe and Princes Risborough. A new smaller NAG is to be formed representing only Hughenden Parish. The first meeting of the new NAG should take place in the next few weeks.

**8.7 Road Safety.** Concern was expressed by a number of members about road safety issues on Coombe Lane. In particular, the dangers faced by road users when exiting Burnham Road and Wedgewood Drive onto Coombe Lane and the danger to pedestrians crossing Coombe Lane near the roundabout with Valley Road. A discussion took place and a consensus was agreed that the speed limit on the hill stretch to Naphill should be reduced from 40mph to 30mph and that a pedestrian crossing might be installed at the bottom of Coombe Lane allowing pedestrians to cross safely to and from the Village Shop. It was suggested that opinion be canvassed among residents and allotments users and residents be encouraged to write to Pat Francis at Bucks County Council with their views. Rosemary Hewitt reported that she had raised these issues with Ken McLoughney of WDC Highways Department who suggested that NAG write to Hughenden Parish Council with their concerns and request a pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Coombe Lane. He also suggested that NAG write to Pat Francis expressing concern over the Burnham Road/Coombe Lane junction and ask BCC to look again at repositioning the 30mph sign. No decision was taken as to what action HVRA should take in this matter. Cllr Lin Smith agreed to pursue these matters with Parish Council and NAG.

**9. Any Other Business.**

**11. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 commencing at 7.30pm

The meeting was declared closed at 9.45pm.

Signed

Date