

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 1st September 2009 in Hughenden Small Village Hall at 7.30pm

Approved

- 1. Present:** Paul Cawte (Chairman), Angus Idle (Vice-Chairman), Jill Armshaw (Secretary), Edna Parker, Janette Saville, David Johnston, Rosemary Hewitt, Daphne Hicks, Janet Idle, Andrea Hulley, Geoff Wright, Phil Gomm, Sara Hamilton.
- 2. Apologies for Absence:** Al Bowyer (Treasurer), Dory Morgan, Lin Smith, David Sharp.

The Chairman welcomed Phil Gomm, representative for Valley Road (south) to the meeting.
The Chairman paid tribute to resident Roland Guiver, who died on 22nd August 2009.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2009.

10.2 Security Window Stickers: The third sentence should read, “ UV security marker pens were given to all households paying annual subscriptions to HVRA last year”.

The Minutes were amended as above and Resolved as a true record of that meeting and duly signed by the Chairperson.

4. Matters Arising.

7.1.3 Valley Road. The temporary illuminated 30mph warning sign is part of an initiative by the Neighbourhood Action Group to improve road safety. Valley Road and Warrendene Road have been designated as a priority for speed enforcement. Officers from Thames Valley Safer Roads Team operated a speed check between 7.45am and 10.00am on 25th August. Sixteen motorists were stopped at Valley Road; maximum speed recorded was 52mph in a 30mph limit. Eleven motorists were stopped at Warrendene Road, maximum speed recorded was 54mph in a 40mph limit. Future speed enforcement operations are planned.

5. Treasurer's Report.

The Secretary read a report sent by the Treasurer.

Total as at 1st September 2009; Deposit Account £5,047.18, Current Account £2,104.30, Cash & Cheques in hand £503.84, Total Overall Funds £7,655.32, Uncleared cheques £422.30, Available Funds £7,233.02. Advertising revenue received (2009/2010) £2,040.00. Parish Council donation to magazine £385.00. Subscription fees received to date £1,156.00. All outstanding subscriptions should be with the Treasurer before the end of September 2009.

6. Events.

6.1 Social Event, The Harrow, 12th August 2009.

The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Al Bowyer for organising this successful evening.

6.2 Potter Cup Quiz, 10th October 2009.

Road representatives were encouraged to organise teams of 8 players to enter the quiz. A poster advertising the quiz was circulated. The theme is ‘Our Great British Isles’. Tickets priced £10 per person include a cold buffet supper. Rosemary Hewitt agreed to organize the buffet. Paul Cawte agreed to be Master of Ceremonies. A copy of the poster is attached.

6.3 Senior Citizens Evening 2010.

Rosemary Hewitt played extracts from a CD by singer Sue Coombs. It was agreed that Rosemary would confirm Sue Coombs as entertainer and confirm the booking of the Village Hall for Saturday 22nd May 2010. It was agreed that Sue be asked to perform 2 x 45 minute repertoires, each differently themed. The entertainment cost will be £80.00.

6.4 AGM, 4th May 2010.

The Chairman is unable to attend the AGM on the agreed date. It was agreed to alter the date to Tuesday 1st June 2010.

Action: Janet Idle agreed to contact the guest speaker and reschedule them to the new date.

7. Communications.

7.1 Hughenden News. The next edition is due for publication by the end of September 2009.

7.2 Website. The Chairman summarized a meeting of the HVRA Website Sub-Committee held on Wednesday 19th August 2009. A copy of the Minutes from that meeting is attached.

8. Reports.

8.1 Road Representatives.

8.1.1 Bryants Bottom. Speeding vehicles continue to be a concern. A resident has attached self-adhesive vinyl stickers to their wheelie bins, which read, "Check 30mph Speed". The stickers serve as a temporary reminder to motorists to adhere to the speed limit. The stickers are available from www.safetysignsupplies.co.uk.

8.1.2 Cryers Hill. There appears to be fewer cars and ambulances parked at Evington. It is thought that the ambulances are now parked at Binders Yard.

8.1.3 Coombe Lane. Angus Idle reported that following investigation, mirrors placed at the junction of Coombe Lane with Burnham Road would be ineffective at improving road safety. There was a consensus that road safety at this junction is a priority but currently no practical solution has been identified.

Action: Paul Cawte to raise the matter with Hughenden Parish Council.

8.1.4 Valley Road. Concern was expressed at the danger faced by pedestrians crossing the road at Coombe Lane to get to the Community Shop. Rosemary Hewitt has contacted Ken McLoughney at WDC Highways Department, and he has agreed to assess the situation.

8.1.5 Fleet Close. Residents are concerned that individuals with mental disabilities are being cared for at Spring Valley Day Centre. The centre previously cared for those with physical disabilities.

8.1.6 Allotments. A footpath runs through the allotments, which is used by people walking dogs, as a result dog fouling has become a problem.

Action: Jill Armshaw to report this issue to Hughenden Parish Council.

8.2 Planning Sub-Committee. No report.

8.3 Parish Council. No representative was present but Andrea Hulley read notes sent by Councillor Lin Smith. Clearance of the plantation known as Little Burnham will take place as appropriate, probably during the winter. Chiltern woodlands Project will give advice on management of the plantation. There are no footpaths or rights of way through the plantation.

8.4 Village Hall Committee. The secretary read from notes made by Al Bowyer who attended the meeting held on 21st July. Barry Keats is unable to build a new village notice board. Al will ask Bev Beverage if he will build the notice board. The fitting of a new boiler is the first renovation work to be conducted. A grass-raking day was held on 28th August on the land adjoining the playing fields. The garage space is to be reorganised and a new door and lock fitted. Janet Idle reported that lights are often left on all night at the village Hall. Hughenden Valley received a Highly Commended Certificate in the Bucks Village of the Year Competition 2009. Concern was expressed at the proposal to disconnect the village hall telephone.

Actions: Jill Armshaw to write to the chairman of the Village Hall Committee concerning telephone and to ask the Committee to reconsider their decision. Angus Idle to attend next meeting on Monday 7th September 2009.

8.5 Community Shop. No report.

8.6 Neighbourhood Action Group. The group has adopted burglary as its revised priority. Since NAG covers a large area with differing priorities, a 'rural' subdivision may be created.

9. Any Other Business. The Chairman proposed that HVRA make a donation of £50.00 to the Village Hall Committee to purchase paint to improve the appearance of the two metal benches overlooking the playing fields. The committee unanimously agreed the proposal.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 6th October 2009 commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 9.35pm.

Signed

Date