

**MINUTES OF MEETING FROM THE HUGHENDEN VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE HELD ON
5th January 2015 @ 2000HRS**

Present	Michael Sole Dylan Jones Christine Powell Judy Biggs Ian Stern Jill Graves Al Bowyer Roger Thyer-Jones Andrew Flint Angus Idle Louise Jones Bev Beveridge Tony Konieczny Neil Bellamy Diana Gibbons	Chairman Secretary Bookings Secretary MS Society Public Member Art Club Fund Raising Martial Arts Representative HAGA Residents Association Community Shop Project Manager Trustee Football Club Pre School
Apologies	Bob Hawkins Joan Steele	Treasurer Valley Friends

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<p>Item 1 – The Chairman’s Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
<p>Item 2 – Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were declared, acknowledged and recorded.</p>	
<p>Item 3 - Record of Minutes from the last Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held in November 2014 were discussed and agreed.</p>	
<p>Item 4 – Matters Arising from the last Meeting</p> <p>Michael was going to look at the possibility of relocation the notice boards to the foyer. He has investigated options again with Bev and there may be a possibility of a small notice board which will display current information.</p> <p>Michael and Bev will continue to investigate the options</p> <p>The speed bumps had now been removed and Michael asked for feedback. Ian informed the committee that the youths were now speeding into and out of the car park. We will continue to monitor the situation and fit more modern speed ramps if needed.</p> <p>Michael confirmed he had sent a letter to the National Trust to thank them for</p>	Michael

their help with the grass cutting.

The piano repair to the wood work would be carried out by a local joiner next week. Dylan has yet to purchase the piano cover.

Dylan

Item 5 – Chairman’s Report

Michael informed the committee that he has attended a couple of events over the festive period and as a result has noticed that the halls were looking old fashioned and tired. It was evident to him that the committee needed to invest some of the savings in updating the halls décor, consumables and cleaning equipment used by hall users.

Michael also highlighted that the Christmas decorations were in need of updating and the hall needed to look more festive and welcoming. Michael wanted users of the hall to be impressed with what the hall offered.

Michael requested that the committee email him with suggestions on how the hall could be improved and he would collate the ideas and possible form a subcommittee to push the idea forward.

All Committee

All present were in agreement with the proposal and agreed to email Michael their ideas.

Michael read a letter of thanks from the RA for the Halls financial support of the Cabin.

Michael also read a letter from Piers Horry who presented at the AGM on behalf of the National Trust. The letter thanked the committee for the donation and informed us that it would be put towards a log splitter to use with the Charcoal oven he spoke about.

Item 6 – Treasurers Report

With Bob absent, Dylan read out a report that had been prepared by Bob and passed around the accounts detailing transactions since the last meeting.

The report covered November and December due to the AGM in December. Several large payments had been made (donation for the Cabin and the speed bump removal). We had received a substantial income from the Xmas Bazaar and Christmas Dinner Dance.

- Virgin Money £70,783.53
- CAF Bank £7,195.59
- Total **£77,979.12**

Item 7 – Secretary’s Report

Dylan informed the committee that he was still chasing WDC for some feedback on the appeal against the building rates.

Dylan

Item 8 – Maintenance Report

Bev informed the committee that he was still waiting for the boiler room door.

Bev

No other maintenance issues were highlighted.

Item 9 – Booking Secretary’s Report

Christine advised the committee that the bookings were still good.

A local theatre group wanted to hire the hall for several days. Christine highlighted that we did not have an overnight charge and would need to create a tariff for this group.

Dylan suggested that instead of a rental cost we suggested we took a percentage of the ticket sales. However this was not seen as a manageable option.

Item 11 – Future Events/Fund Raising/Village Day 2014

Al informed the committee that the Xmas Dinner Dance and the Xmas Bazaar had raised £2500.

Diana and Al were thanked for their effort and support with these very successful events.

Al suggested that he would arrange a bingo night and horse race night in the coming months and will arrange something for the Summer at a later date.

Item 12 – Shop

Louise gave an update on the plan to redevelop the football club for the permanent shop (now known as the Pavilion). WDC has replied to the written request for planning advice and in short they do not believe the proposed building will impact the local environment, but as it will be in Green Belt there are specific requirements that have to be met. As a result of the feedback the shop committee will now re-establish the football clubs commitment to the project and approach builders for quotes.

Louise also updated the committee on the Cabin. It had been very popular during December and the visitors are increasing. A local running club will be using it weekly for their ‘end of run’ meet with tea and cakes. There has been a very positive feedback on the look and layout of the cabin.

Tony congratulated Louise and the team on how the cabin looked and bringing it to fruition. He had not been able to visualise to possibilities and agreed the Cabin was a great asset for the community.

Item 13. Football Club

Neil informed the committee that one of the fields was out of action due to badgers tearing up the turf to find grubs. The repair and treatment of the field was costly.

Any Other Business (AOB)

The following items were discussed as any other business:

Jill Graves asked for clarification on the insurance policy and whether it would cover an accident in the hall by one of the members of the Art club. Dylan confirmed that it would.

Jill also asked who was responsible for the switching on of the Xmas lights. Michael informed Jill that it was a community event and that each part of the community did their little bit. Dylan suggested that this Xmas the event was a little disjointed and that next Xmas the event would need someone to oversee it. A date of the 6th December was agreed for 2015 light switching on event and ideas for the event are already being formulated.

Louise shared a photo of several bags of rubbish left at the side of the shop bin following an event in the Hall. A discussion was held on whether the Hall should accept that taking rubbish away may not be the best option and that the Hall should consider charging a small fee for the rubbish to be collected. Michael agreed to look at the options as part of a wider review of the leasing agreement signed by users.

Bev suggested that he put signs in the car park requesting car users switch off their engines while waiting. Michael requested that he sees the template prior to placing the signs.

Angus informed the committee that the conservation team would meet this Sunday 11th Jan.

Item 14 – Date of Next Meeting

The next monthly would be the AGM on **Monday 2nd February 2015 @ 20:00hrs 2014**

Michael thanks everyone for their time this evening and the meeting closed at 21:00

Michael/Dylan

Bev