

**MINUTES OF MEETING FROM THE HUGHENDEN VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE HELD ON
4th January 2016 @ 2000HRS**

Present	Michael Sole Jill Graves Angus Idle Diana Gibbons Andrew Flint Dylan Jones Jill Thompson Judy Biggs Ian Stearn Bob Hawkins Tony Konieczny Neil Bellamy	Chairman Art Club Residents Association Pre School HAGA Secretary Village Shop MS Society Trustee Treasurer Trustee Football Club
Apologies	Roger Thyer-Jones Al Bowyer Christine Powell	Martial Arts Fund Raising Booking Secretary

ITEM	
<p>Item 1 – The Chairman’s Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year.</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 October 2015 minutes were agreed as a true reflection of the meeting albeit, Angus highlighted some spelling errors and pointed out Christine’s role was not Clerk but Booking Secretary.</p>	

Item 4 – Matters Arising from the last Meeting

The Dog Poo Initiative, Hall sign post and shutters on the small hatch no update as Bev is not present.

Bev

Michael has discussed the positioning of the bins with Bev and they now need to discuss the options with the shop committee.

Michael/Bev

Michael advised that the banks account for the MUGA will be delayed until the MUGA project has an accountant. In the meantime, any payments will be held in the Village Hall account.

The conditions of Hire had been approved and presented at the AGM for comment. The conditions of hire need one small amendment and can then be used for future bookings.

Michael informed the Committee that he would be Chairing the Village Day Committee as announced at the AGM.

Item 5 – Chairman's Report

Michael gave an overview of the successful events that had taken place since the last meeting and over the festive period. These included the Carol service and tree light ceremony, The Panto, (oh yes it did), the Xmas Bazaar, the dinner dance and another cinema night run by Parish Councillor Simon Kearey.

The Bazaar and Dinner dance combined raised £2420. Michael thanks Al, Diana and Vicky Bellamy for their hard work and dedication to the Hall.

Michael also highlighted that the Hall hire was very busy too. One private event resulted in a noise complaint to Wycombe District Council and a letter has been received informing us that the complaint is being investigated.

As Christine is not Present Michael inform the committee of 3 new repeat hiring's for the hall.

Tuesdays – Dance class

Saturday – Jazzersize

Sunday – Literacy classes.

Michael reminded the Committee of the need to invest some of our surplus into the building to plan for the future.

2015 saw investments in stage lighting, the guttering a fascia's and the website.

In 2016 we should consider ideas such as:

Expanding the hall to include meeting rooms and possibly the shop to make the hall the community hub of the village.

Additional entrance/exit, car parking, playground enhancements and possible relocation should also be discussed.

Item 6 – Treasurers Report

Bob advised the Committee that the numbers this month included an amendment to balance the accounts. This amendment should be visible on the next bank statement and the Committee should be mindful to check this detail next month.

Overall the accounts are looking healthy. The gas contract has been renewed and will reap a 25% saving on previous years. Bob showed the comparisons he had undertaken to choose the new supplier British Gas.

The business rates issue still remains unresolved. Bob visited the council to speak with someone from the rates department and after a difficult conversation was informed that 2014-15 we only had to pay 5% of the bill. 2015-16 we are required to pay 15% of the bill. Bob is challenging this and intends to copy in councillor David Carrol if he does not make any progress soon. Prior to this we did not pay anything.

- Virgin Money £69,274.16
- CAF Bank £15,140.95
- Total **£84,415.11**

Item 7 – Secretary's Report

Dylan informed the Committee that the accounts had been submitted to the Charity Commission.

Dylan also gave an update on the website which will launch in the next few days once some amendments have been made.

Item 8 – Maintenance Report

Due to Bev's absence there is no update.

Item 9 – Booking Secretary's Report

Due to Christine's absence there is no update.

Item 10 – Fund Raising

Due to Al's absence there is no update.

Item 11. Football Club

Neil gave an update on the football club xmas party which went very well.

Neil also showed photos of the changing room hut that has been donated to the primary school from the football club.

Michael asked Neil to give an overview of the MUGA business plan which he has just written for the Sports Committee.

Bob

Michael reminded the committee that the Sports Committee had initiated the MUGA and to date we have supported the idea but have made no commitments to planning or funding the project. We have however given our support to the creation of a business plan and studies into the impact a MUGA may have on the local area.

Neil gave a short overview of the current draft of the business plan and suggested that in February or March committee meeting he gives a more detailed presentation.

Item 12. Residents Association

Angus advised that the next HVDIG meeting would take place on Tuesday the 12th Jan and that some interesting advances had been made.

Item 13. Village Shop

Jill informed the Committee that the planning permission for the new wooden shop building had been passed by the Parish Council and Highways. Therefore, they were expecting a response from the planning department within the next week or so.

Michael again requested a copy of their submission for circulation to the committee

Jill also advised the Committee that adult volunteers are still required for the shop and that the shop Xmas party went well.

Jill

Item 14. Any Other Business (AOB)

The following items were discussed as AOB:

Jill Graves informed the Committee that the Art club would be celebrating 30 years next year and the club was still doing well with a healthy waiting list to join. The Art club Xmas party was a 60s affair this year and went well. The Art club AGM is Monday 11th January

Neil warned that cars had been vandalised in the village and to report any damage to police.

Andrew highlighted that due to the unseasonably warm weather Cherry Blossom was out on some trees.

Dylan informed the Committee that the Parish Council had highlighted that the company that empties the dog poo bins is complaining that the bin at the far end of the field is too far and the bin too heavy for them to safely continue emptying it. They have requested that it be moved closer to a vehicular access point.

Dylan

Following a discussion, the Committee request that Dylan replies to the Parish Council that we would like to keep the bin where it is as it is well used and that the new MUGA project may provide vehicular access to that side of the field in the near future.

Dylan informed the Committee that the Director who organised the Panto is keen to start the Hughenden Drama Group and is looking for a date for the initial meeting with those that are interested. She plans to put on a play in the Spring. Dylan suggested to the Committee that there were several

Dylan

meetings already in January and that we should push it back to February. All Agreed. Dylan to arrange.

Future events for the diary:

16th Jul – Village Day

Item 14 – Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be **Monday 1st February 2016**

Michael thanked everyone for their time this evening and the meeting closed at 21:04