

HRA

Minutes

Meeting	HRA Committee Meeting
Date	22 February 2024
Time	19.00
Venue	GLRFC
Attendees	Grant Bowden – Chair DiBs Bucknell – Treasurer Ian Pickup – Hon Secretary Chris Royce – Safety and Welfare Matt Selwyn - Waterways and Open Spaces Kate Subryan – Entertainment Wayne Subryan – Environment Kiran Emery – Internet/Portal Sue Steggle-Cole –, Investments, Internet Jen Caple – Apologies, Investments Mickey Thomas – Apologies, Tech support Jasmine Munford – Apologies, Open Spaces

1. **Minutes of previous meeting 18 January 2024**
Grant proposed acceptance, Ian seconded. Kiran will publish them on the portal.
2. **Declaration:** No one is aware that they have any conflicts of interest over items due to be discussed in this meeting.
3. **Opening Remarks:** The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. He gave thanks to everyone for attending the meeting which will be the last formal one before we have the AGM. He gave special thanks to Rob Mills for his detailed response to the planning document for Hill Farm; Steve Drew for his outstanding work on the Permal issue. He also thanked Jasmine, Jen and Matt for their work on the PO/shop survey. Finally, he thanked Ian for his work in recording and publishing the minutes. Note that Steve Drew is now standing down as an active member.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** The balance stands at £427.04. £100 is set aside for a social event. Grant has applied for 'Build Back Better' grant from Gloucestershire County Council via Pam Tracey.
5. **AGM Planning –** Grant advised that rather than each are giving individual reports he wanted a collective approach with groups as follows:
 - **Open Spaces, Environment and Rights of Way:** Matt will lead on this. Permal and our way of working with all interested parties being one of the themes.
 - **Investments, Internet, Portal, Safety and Welfare, and Entertainments:** Chris will lead on this.
 - **Highways and Legislation:** Dibs will lead on this.
The lead will spend between 10 and 15 minutes on the group topic with

inputs to the slide pack from the individual SPOC leads. Grant will provide a template slide pack outline.

In discussion two issues arose: The provision of Fibre to the property – available on the new build properties and fibre to the cabinet exists so why is fibre not available to existing properties? Sue said she would re-look into the issue.

The second issue discussed is the need to resurface Hempsted Lane. Pam Tracey has said this will be done once building at Hill farm is complete – i.e., about 5 years' time. The logic of this was challenged as one of the planning conditions for Hill farm is that all works traffic will approach from the traffic lights between Hempsted Lane and Secunda way. There should be no reason why the section of the lane from the PO down to the 'kidney' roundabout could not be resurfaced. Dibs will follow up with Pam.

The date of AGM is confirmed: 10 April 2024 at GLRFC, Meet at 18.30 for 19.00 start. A calling notice was in the parish magazine and is now also on the portal. Ian will publish another one on the HNVB FB page at the beginning of March.

Action: Grant will invite local councillors, the MP. **Action:** Chris will ask our PCSO (done).

7. **Discussion:** Village Shop Survey. There had been 112 responses which is considered a good representation. Most people rated the shop as good, but it does not look very good either on the inside or outside. The results have been shared with Thiva. **Action:** Kiran will pass the comments through ChatGPT to generate a summary report.
 8. **Parish Magazine articles:** Rob Mills provided the article that went into the March magazine. Ian will provide the calling notice for the AGM for the April magazine. Grant to provide executive summary of AGM for May's magazine. Kate will provide an update on planned entertainments for the June magazine.
 9. **AOB: Rights of Way:** Grant advised that Lioncourt home have a planned public right of way from their development to connect to an existing right of way around the tip. However the owners (tip operator) of a ransom strip are currently not allowing a path across it to join with the planned connection point.
Matt advised that a FB group – Hempsted Wombles - had been set up to encourage litter picking. He will add a note about this on the HNVB FB page under the HRA banner.
Dibs has done a site visit to the planned extension of the cycle lane along Llanthony Road down to the swing bridge and the changes around the junction with Severn Road. He also advised that grit would be provided by the contractors to allow the resurfacing of parts of the tow path through the woods by the canal.
 10. **Date of Next Meeting:** 10 April at 19.00 at GLRFC. There will be an informal meeting to walk through the agenda in advance of the AGM.
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