

Meeting	HRA Committee Meeting
Date	27 February 2025
Time	19.00
Venue	GLRFC
Attend.	Grant Bowden – Chair DiBs Bucknell – Treasurer Ian Pickup – Hon Secretary Chris Royce – Safety and Welfare Wayne Subryan – Environment Kiran Emery – Internet/Website - Apologies Sue Steggles-Cole – Investments & Internet Jen Caple – Investments - Apologies Alex Kirby – Community Champion - Apologies Gemma Bate – Active member – Green initiatives and Open Spaces

1	Minutes of previous meeting: 23 January 2025 Grant proposed acceptance; DiBs seconded. Approved. Kiran will publish them on the new website.
2	Declaration No one declared any conflict of interest.
3	Opening Remarks The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting the last one scheduled before the AGM in April. He extended many thanks to Alex for a very successful Quiz night with significant contributions from Kate Subryan as Quiz Master and Wayne for coordinating the scoring and generally helping. The quiz had raised £500.00 which will be used to support a children's Easter Party being organised by Alex. Grant advised that Matt Selwynn had resigned from the committee with immediate effect due to personal reasons. Grant thanked him for the work he had done over the past 2 years: Coordinating a significant response to the Permali issues and constant coordination with the Canal and River Trust, our PCSO Suzanne Sexton and our councillors about issues with canalside dwellers camping in the woody area of the canal bank. He has said he will continue to keep a watchful eye on this ongoing issue. However, the remit of Waterways and Open Spaces is vacant, and Grant is hopeful that Gemma might pick up the role. Grant will discuss with her offline from the meeting. Combining the role with Eco matters. Gemm will consider the role. At the upcoming AGM Ian has signalled he wants to step back from the role of Hon Secretary. A call had already been put out to the committee and Grant re-iterated this. In the meantime, Grant had identified an individual who had expressed some interest in the role. Ian agreed he would work alongside them for a few meetings after the AGM to ensure a smooth handover.
4	Resident's Complaint: Grant had received a personal complaint about how the HRA had dealt with an issue. A resident had complained about potentially out of control dogs on land not regarded as a public right of way. Grant had advised her this was not a matter for the HRA – if the resident was concerned about the dog's behaviour she should contact the police.
5	Treasurer's Report The bank balance stands at £1342 of which £72 is held in cash. Planned expenditure: £500 for the Easter Party, £292 for new batteries for Village Hall defibrillator and £300 towards movement of defibrillator from inside GLRFC to a publicly accessible outside wall. The remaining balance will be carried forward to the next committee year. Pam Tracey is offering funds for a community project. It is proposed that we should run a laptop refurbishment scheme. The money would enable new software licenses to be purchased covering each refurbished machine ensuring they were up to date. The cash will need to be applied for. Grant has the details.

	<p>Sue suggested that funds could be used to finance dog poo bins on Hempsted Pitch, but the committee felt that HRA should not be paying for things the council are responsible for. Her other suggestion was for a life safety ring to be placed alongside the canal on Quayside Way. The committee felt that this was a better use of funds in conjunction the with the Canal and River Trust. Sue will put together some words to bid for funds.</p>
6	<p>SpoC reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waterways and Open Spaces – See above in chairman’s welcome. Gemma reported that a Teracycle bin was now in place near the church. This is for any kind of plastic pot or food tray. It has not been used much but it is early days. 2. Investments – Sue Steggles-Cole <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Having completed the monumental task of mapping all the poo bins in the village Sue presented the findings to Pam Tracey who responded with a set of forms to be completed so bins can be moved and or updated. Sue has not had time to complete these forms but should be able to get on to this the week after next. 3. Environment – Wayne Subryan <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Wayne agreed to get together with Jag on the Bellway Estate. He will keep us posted on any developments. 4. Rights of Way – Ian Pickup <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nothing to report 5. Highways – DiBs Bucknell <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The good news is that Highways are now contacting HRA before work starts so that we can communicate to members in good time. b. DiBs advised that he going to write to Alex McIntyre (MP) and each of our councillors to complain strongly about the poor state of the Hempsted swing bridge. Resident have been complaining about the dangerous state of the decking on this bridge for over 2 years and still nothing has been done apart from restricting access to some parts of the narrow bridge. 6. Community Champion – Alex Kirby: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Alex has provided an update on plans for the children’s Easter Party: the Gordon League are providing the room for the event on Easter Sunday at 13.00. Heidi and husband will provide entertainment. Kate has identified parents to help run the event. Still to be decided is whether to charge a nominal £1.00 ticket fee or a zero-charge registration – Eventbrite can facilitate both. All ideas to Alex. Main thing is to get commitment from parents to show up. b. The question of Insurance for events we put on will be investigated by DiBs. Action Ian to provide DiBs with what had been set for the Hempsted Wine Circle and Social club since mid 2024 c. Sue asked if we had any plans for events older children as there appears to be nothing for teens in the village. 7. Legislation & Planning – Grant Bowden: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bellway have not yet started work on Hawthorn Park (was planned to start 8 Feb). It maybe that concerns have been raised over access which might have to cross oil pipeline – not allowed by the owner. Grant is following up with Bellway about the delay. b. On the Lioncourt estate at the other end of the village access to the tip road to enable a footpath to join the Glevum Way has not yet been achieved. 8. Website – Kiran Emery and Steve Davis: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Website is now on a WordPress platform which is far more flexible than the previous ‘portal’. We need to enable committee to add content. b. Signed copy of Constitution is now on the website – note however when viewed via smart phone only the first page of the document is displayed. Could committee members review the content to ensure it is up to date. 9. Safety and Welfare – Chris Royce:

	a. Llanthony Priory suffered a burglary – many old stones were stolen from a corner of the state. ‘Cameras’ now in place to provide better security.
6	AOB – All 1. Canal dweller and dog: DiBs reported a canal dweller who had moved up to Quayside before Christmas from Quedgeley was the keeper of an aggressive dog who was often found wandering off lead. The owner did not pick up poo after his dog and could be quite aggressive when asked to control his dog. The understanding is he and the dog have moved back to Quedgeley. 2. Laptop Refurbishment scheme: DiBs reported that this had started during the pandemic and been very successful. The committee agreed it should be revived (already started). A call would go out for laptops to be refurbished, and Steve Davis would, if possible, do the work. Kate would act as the conduit to recipients. The scheme will be launched at the AGM.
7	Parish Magazine articles 10 Mar (April) Ian to provide calling notice for AGM on 9 April including need to fill role of Hon Secretary. 10 Apr (May) Grant to provide summary of AGM meeting. 10 May (June) Easter Party report tba
8	Date of Next Meeting AGM 9 April 19.00 hrs @GLRFC, Next Committee meeting 24 April at GLRFC at 19.00