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| Meeting | HRA Committee Meeting |
| Date | 24 April 2025 |
| Time | 19.00 |
| Venue | GLRFC |
| Attend. | Grant Bowden (GBo) – Chair DiBs Bucknell (DiBs)– Treasurer Ian Pickup (IP) – Hon Secretary Chris Royce (CR) – Safety and Welfare Wayne Subryan (WS) – Environment Kiran Emery (KE) – Internet/Website - Apologies Sue Steggles-Cole (SSC) – Investments & Internet - Apologies Jen Caple (JC) – Investments Alex Kirby (AK) – Community Champion - Apologies Gemma Bate (GBa)– Green initiatives and Open Spaces - Apologies John Byron (JB) – potential Active Member Gareth Steer (GS) – Active Member shadow Hon Secretary |

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| 1 | <p>Minutes of previous meeting: 27 Feb 2025 Grant proposed acceptance; DiBs seconded. Approved. Kiran will publish them on the new website.</p> <p>Minutes of AGM 9 April 2025 Wayne Proposed, DiBs seconded. They will be published on the HRA website along with slide pack from the meeting.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Declaration No one declared any conflict of interest.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Opening Remarks Grant welcomed everyone to the meeting, the first since the AGM on 9 April. For this new committee year, he wants our focus to be on Community Engagement. He thanks Alex Kirby for the splendid Easter party attended by 100 children and many parents. We will look at putting on another event in August. Grant also thanked Sainsbury's for donation 50 Easter eggs leading to £200.00 being available for the next event. Grant also mentioned £305.00 had been raised for Medical Research for Children. He thanked GLRFC for the provision of the club for the AGM including refreshments and Easter party as well as providing squash for the children, all FOC (Free of Charge). Grant introduced 2 new people to the committee: Gareth Steer an active member who will be shadowing the Hon Sec with an interest in taking on the role in September, and John Byron who is interested in developing activities for young people in the village and was endorsed as an Active Member from this committee meeting. Grant indicated interest to co-opt Gareth on to the committee at the next meeting. In terms of future events Wayne advised Kate would be able to put together a quiz given 2 months' notice.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Confirmation of Actions from AGM: Agreed this would be carried out by the Execs.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Treasurer's Report The bank balance stands at £710.42 including £40.00 from Lloyds after DiBs raised a complaint against them. The Easter party expenses were £175.00 for the entertainer, and £201.00 for the Easter eggs. £220.00 had been spent on new batteries for the Village Hall Defibrillator. £250.00 is ring fenced for moving the GLRFC defibrillator from inside the building to an outside wall. £200.00 is also ring-fenced for the next party. This leaves about £260.00 in the kitty. There is a need for another fund-raising event. Grant thanked DiBs for his report and for the effort in moving the bank account from Lloyds to Virgin banking.</p> |
| 6 | <p>Project Reports 1. Highways – DiBs:</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Following the AGM an email had been sent to Highways advising that 9 out of 10 Hempsted Lane residents would be happy to have speed bumps outside their homes. b. Regarding the closure of the Hempsted Swing Bridge, DiBs asked all committee members to write to our MP and to ask their neighbours to write as well. <p>2. Environment and Open Spaces – Wayne Subryan and Gemma Bate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Wayne has agreed to get together with Jag and Charles Hardiman in May to discuss next steps towards a Neighbourhood plan. b. Gemma highlighted an interest in hosting a litter pick. Action – GBoo will contact the Wombles to arrange an event. c. It was discussed that the HRA may want to be involved in the Eco-Fair held in the first week of October – GBa will investigate options <p>3. Media and Website – Kiran Emery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Kiran sent his apologies. Grant urged committee to look at the website and suggest what else could go on it. Kiran is looking into setting up or creating a forum on the website to enable discussions: https://hempstedra.co.uk/ <p>4. Planning and Legislation - Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. No Planning matter to discuss b. Hillside farm build access and near miss was discussed, GBo to continue engagement <p>5. Safety and Technology – Chris Royce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. There have been a couple cars ‘broken’ into which were unlocked and there is no CCTV coverage. <p>6. Technology – Sue Steggles-Cole</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sue sent her apologies. <p>7. Easements – Ian Pickup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. This is the new term for rights of way aka footpaths, including the towpath. Ian had nothing to report but advised his aim was to get up to speed on the canalside camping issue. <p>8. Development – Jen Caple:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Whilst she had been away much progress had been made on the Poo bin mapping and replacements have started. A tree destined for planting in the new Bellway Park is in Jen’s garden. Action – GBo to seek landowners permission to plant <p>9. Community Champions Alex Kirby</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Alex sent his apologies but provided a comprehensive report: b. Kids Easter Party - Thank you to all those who supported the event by helping or sharing the Facebook posts. We had 100 kids and plenty of adults in attendance. The good weather meant we were also able to use the outdoor space for Egg and Spoon races and Tug of War. The entertainment, provided by Stephens Family Castles Ltd was superb and kept the kids active and busy for 2 full hours! As a result of the community's generosity at the Quiz Night and Sainsburys kind donation, we were able to provide every child with a high-quality Easter Egg as they left. I'd also like to thank Gordon League who were able to open the doors and staff the bar for the afternoon for us. c. Football Team Enquiry - At the AGM, I was approached by a resident who is keen to begin a Football Team in the village using the pitch across from Sylvanus Drive. I have seen several Facebook posts on this subject since I became resident, so I believe that this could gather interest d. <u>My next steps are:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Establish what happened to the now folded team and see if any residual kit and or equipment remain. (if anyone has a name, please let me know) |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Support the resident in gathering interest/numbers for viability (my experience says you need 20+ committed people to launch a team effectively) iii. Liaise with Gordon League on use of the facilities iv. Establish which leagues would be appropriate to enter to team if viable. <p>e. Hempsted Village Family Fun Day - A large number of attendees from both the Quiz Night and Easter Party have voiced their desire to support more community events. Speaking with Grant on Sunday, I am keen to organise a Family Fun Day at Gordon League this summer. Whilst very early days, I am thinking of food trucks, inflatables, tug of war, beat the goalie etc, with tickets to be sold at a nominal price to cover costs.</p> <p>f. <u>My next steps are:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Put a FB post out for volunteers - litter pickers, gate staff, general support ii. Form a committee to organise the event iii. Request dates from Gordon League iv. Liaise with Heidi from Stephens Family Castles for inflatable costs etc. |
| 6 | <p>AOB – All</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wayne has registered to attend a session at the Guildhall on 30 April about creating a 10 year 'culture plan' for the city. He will report back at next meeting 2. Grant is proposing we have 'Tommy' signs made. He has had a quote from Men in Sheds for the wood and paint of £175.00 for 9, DiBs thought this was a bit much given our current finances. Chris suggested we ask a local building company for the wood, John offered black fence paint. Options will be explored to reduce the production cost. Wayne also mentioned clay versions could be made – of course much smaller – Kate has the facilities. 3. Chris will produce coasters for VE day event. |
| 7 | <p>Parish Magazine articles</p> <p>10 May (June) Easter Party report and look forward for the rest of the year – Alex</p> <p>10 June (July) Laptop refurb – Steve Davies (Action - DiBs will ask him)</p> <p>10 July (Aug) Speeding in Hempsted – DiBs</p> |
| 8 | <p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>3rd June High Orchard – Action – Dibs to enquire</p> <p>17 July GLRFC</p> |