

MINUTES OF MEETING OF HUGHENDEN VALLEY RESIDENTS AND OTHERS

TO DECIDE ON THE FORMATION OF A HUGHENDEN DIG

Hughenden Parish Council, The Common, Great Kingshill, Bucks HP15 6EN

Wednesday 11th June 2014

Attendees:

Martin Hall (MH)	David & Debbie White (DW/DAW)
Bob & Lyn Hawkins (BH/LH)	Allen Beechey (AB), Chiltern Conservation Board
Matt Hopkins (MHo)	David Carroll (DC), Bucks CC and Wycombe DC Councillor
Debs & Iain Lemon (DL/IL)	Peter Hill (PH), Nation Trust
Sarah Mustapha (SM)	Angus Idle (AI), Hughenden Valley Residents Association
Mr & Mrs Palethorpe (MP)	James Perkins (JP), Hughenden Parish Council & HVRA

This meeting was called in response to the recent sewer issues affecting Hughenden Valley residents with the aim of establishing a Hughenden Drainage Improvement Group (DIG) modelled on that at Aldbourne which had similar problems. As well as improving the response to future sewage problems, it was agreed that the Hughenden DIG would like to find a cleaner way to pump waste water away from properties with a view to protecting the Hughenden Stream. The DIG would aim to provide a forum for local residents, to coordinate the communication and actions of the relevant agencies involved and follow on from the meeting set up by David Lidington MP between the agencies and residents on 25th April 2014.

David Carroll introduced the meeting and attendees introduced themselves.

		Action
1.0	Establishment of Hughenden Drainage Improvement Group	
	This was unanimously agreed as a way forward to address both the long and short term problems by Hughenden Valley Residents.	
2.0	Structure	
	Dave White: Chairman Vice Chairman: Matt Hopkins Sarah Mustapha/Debs Lemon: Secretary DW to investigate the steps needed to formally set up the Hughenden FUG and	

	email Peter Cannon (of Cannon Moorcroft Accountants and local resident who helped set up the village shop) to see if he will help with DIG for auditing purposes.	DW
3.0	Proposed Objectives	
	<p>Based on those of the Aldbourne DIG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish the causes of the sewer and groundwater flooding in the Hughenden area • Identify the range of solutions which could address it • Achieve the implementation of the measure or measures which will reduce the risk of future flooding, in terms of incidence and seriousness, to the greatest extent reasonably possible. <p>and in addition to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure responsible groundwater management and planning in the Hughenden area • Help where possible to conserve and promote the Hughenden Stream and ensure that any actions from the above objectives are consistent with this <p>It was agreed that the Hughenden DIG's remit would begin at Coates Lane and end at Warrendene Road.</p> <p>All to suggest any changes to these proposed objectives so that they can be formally agreed at the next meeting.</p>	ALL
4.0	First Formal Meeting	
	<p>The main aim of the next meeting is to collate information from all individuals who either attended this meeting or who have shown an interest in being part of the DIG to document what they have been doing to resolve their sewage problems. SM to contact all who have shown an interest in the Hughenden Valley DIG and circulate minutes (when approved) along with Aldbourne DIG document (it was requested that all attendees at the next meeting read this and provide comments).</p> <p>PH to provide a record of sewage problems and recent works carried out to properties at the entrance to Hughenden Manor to add to the evidence collection.</p> <p>DW to call Karen Fisher and Trevor Hennessy (TW engineer) to try and arrange for an inspection of manholes along Valley Road between Deeters and The Harrow to better understand the link between the sewers and the Hughenden Stream there before the next meeting.</p>	<p>DW/SM</p> <p>PH</p> <p>DW</p>

5.0	Other	
	<p>DW to contact David Liddington to let him know that the Hughenden DIG has been agreed and ask him to get buy in and attendance from relevant agencies for quarterly DIG meetings (Bucks County Council, Environment Agency, Thames Water, Wycombe District Council).</p> <p>DW to formally contact the Aldbourne DIG to let them know we are setting up our own DIG and share information</p> <p>AB suggested that DW also speak to Paul Jennings of the River Chess Association who have had similar issues to us, along with West Wycombe Parish Council.</p> <p>AB to give DW a contact at Affinity Water to discuss the future of the Hughenden Pumping station and its decommissioning.</p> <p>DW to contact Karen Fisher (Lead Flood Management Officer, Bucks County Council), Helen Page (Environment Agency Environment Management Team Leader) and Thames Water to arrange a presentation of the situation to date. In particular, we need TW to establish how adequate the sewer system is in Hughenden Valley, what the level of water ingress is into this system and how groundwater is being allowed to flow freely. DW to schedule quarterly meeting</p> <p>DW to contact to contact Richard Aylard of Thames Water to see where we are with investigations. AB to provide contact information.</p> <p>DC to investigate funding for Hughenden Valley DIG</p> <p>DL raised concerns over air pollution.</p> <p>JP was also concerned about the lack of notices around Hughenden Park and the surrounding areas to inform the public about pollution. AB outlined the problem that Thames Water and the Environment Agency had with this issue with the River Chess pollution. AB to provide details of the TW/EA issue so that DW can email Nick Crowe/David Liddington re the disconnect between the two agencies (TW and EA) regarding responsibility for this. AI said that his wife, who writes the community column in the Bucks Free Press, may be able to help with any communications.</p>	<p>DW</p> <p>DW</p> <p>DW</p> <p>AB</p> <p>DW</p> <p>DW/AB</p> <p>DC</p> <p>AB/DW</p>
6.0	Next Meeting	
	<p>Wednesday 2nd July 2014 7.30pm Hughenden Valley Parish Council Offices</p>	