

HOLYBOURNE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

(FOUNDED 1974)

Minutes of 33rd Annual General Meeting

held on 10th October 2006 at Holybourne Village Hall

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 20:05 with 57 members in attendance. A full list of attendees (names only) is available from the secretary.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Richard Kelly; Chris Everett; David Edwards; Rebecca Hare; Paul Taylor and Andrew Lyndon-Skeggs.

3. Minutes of 32nd Annual General Meeting held on 12th October 2005

3.1 Agree Minutes

The minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting were agreed.

3.2 Matters Arising

There were no further matters arising.

3.3 Signing of Minute Book

The minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Proposal to amend paragraph 4 (a) of the Constitution of the Holybourne Village Association:

The proposal to increase the limit on the number of adult committee members from twelve to fifteen was proposed by Nick Cane and seconded by Ben Kemp. Voting unanimous.

5. Presentation - "Holybourne: Much More Than A Place To Live"

A series of brief presentations were made to the attendees. This included John Bound speaking on this year's highly successful village picnic, Tom Yendell speaking on the Alton Live Music Festival, which raised just under £10000 for local causes, and on the first Holybourne Art exhibition, where 66 pieces were shown. Janet Cane then reported on the Village Magazine (including reading out a letter of resignation from the editor, Chris Everett). Karen Bennett presented "Manor Farm – The Inside Story" and Dave Budd talked on Holybourne.com (both the website and the e-mail address facility) and its sponsors. John Honnor gave a report on the Village Spring Clean, tree trimming, bulb planting and the Christmas Carol Singing. Steve Downes spoke on planning (including Chandos Lodge) and the SHIFT (Steering Holybourne Into the Future Together) initiative. Nick Cane outlined the progress from the Friends of the pond and the plans going forward and was able to report that a grant has been secured from The National Lottery. Vickie Kemp then gave the treasurer's report. Ben Kemp proposed and John Bound seconded that David Matthews be adopted as auditor for 2007. Voting unanimous. John Bound proposed and Nick Cane seconded that the accounts be accepted. Voting unanimous.

6. HVA Members' Forum

6.1 Funding for Church Walls

David Willoughby (representing the PCC) made a request from the vicar and the Church Warden for assistance in fund raising for the Church walls. Some years ago an "Open Garden" and Flower Festival in the church were held to raise funds for the church walls. However another of the walls has been surveyed recently and is in need of some repair. The PCC is in the initial stages of planning events and would be pleased to hear any suggestions – the mooted date is the weekend of June 23rd/24th. The total that is required will be between £80-100K. It is hoped to raise 10-15% of this sum from the village. Nick Cane pointed out that at a rough calculation this works out at around £30 per dwelling in the village.

6.2 Funding for the conversion of the "Old House" at Andrews' Endowed

As there were no representatives from the Andrews' Endowed PTFA present, David Tomlinson gave a brief outline of their plans to convert the "Old" house into a modernised school building. The total cost of this work is estimated to be around £220K. The school needs to raise around £10K in the next six months.

6.3 Remembrance Day Commemoration

Karen Bennett outlined the plans for a Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Roll Of Honour War Memorial on London Road opposite the end of Howards Lane. This will take place on 11th November. There will be a bugler, a one minute's silence, prayers and the laying of wreaths. This will start at 10:45.

6.4 Complins Traffic Issues

Pat Lerew of Complins Resident's Association spoke on the traffic issues facing Complins. Already suffering from the inconsiderate parking of parents dropping off and collection their children from Eggars, planning permission is being sought for houses on the land either side of the entrance to Complins. Both the HVA and Alton Town Council have opposed these applications on the issues raised by the residents, however one has been passed by EHDC and the other is as yet undecided although - based on the other application – it is suspected that it will be agreed.

6.5 Highways Surveyors outside Garwoods

Margaret Heppenstall had noticed Highway Surveyors working outside Garwoods and wondered if anyone knew what this was about. The only work that the HVA are aware of is the pavement enhancement to improve wheelchair access in the "dip" in London Road between Howards Lane and Church Lane.

6.6 Parking Restrictions around Carpenters Close

A lively debate took place on the subject of the proposed yellow lines extending 70m either side of Carpenters Close. This will make parking very difficult for London Road residents and Holybourne Shop and Post Office customers as these lines will stretch west towards Lower Neatham Mill Lane and east towards The White Hart. Sarah Goss suggested a compromise by shortening the yellow lines. Feelings are running high on this subject after a traffic accident in which the victim tragically died later in hospital.

6.7 Inconsiderate Parking

Olwen Edwards raised the issue of vehicles being parked in the laybys outside and near to Eggars School. It is felt that traffic is a generic problem and selfish and/or illegal parking is one aspect of this problem. SHIFT have undertaken to look at this as part of its brief.

7. Election of Committee

Nick Cane and John Honnor were due to stand down. Both were willing to be re-elected and were re-elected unanimously. John Bound stood down from the HVA Committee to concentrate on his business interests.

Sam Cox and Stuart Sharky will be the Treloar Action Group Representatives to the HVA this year. Frank Collett was proposed by John McClean, seconded by Mick Roberts and elected unanimously. There were no junior representatives proposed or elected.

8. Election of Chairman

Karen Bennett was proposed by Ben Kemp, seconded by many and stood unopposed. Voting unanimous.

9. Date of Next Committee Meeting

The next HVA Committee Meeting will take place at 20:00 on November 14th at Holybourne Village Hall.

10. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 21:45 for wine and "nibbles".

Ben Kemp
Secretary
Holybourne Village Association