



Minutes of 36th Annual General Meeting

Held on the 13th October 2009

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was opened at 20.04 hrs with 49 members signed in. A full list of those attending the meeting (names only) can be obtained from the secretary.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Vickie Kemp, Ben Kemp, Andy Maddock, Ernest Strangeways and Phil Croucher.

3. Minutes of 35th Annual General Meeting held 14th October 2008

3.1 Agree Minutes

The minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting were agreed.

3.2 Matters Arising

Item 4, Rev'd James Croft advised no further progress to report.

3.3 Signing of the minute book

The minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting were signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Treloars

- 4.1 Mr C. Engert, Treloars Services Director explained the reasons why they (Treloars) had to amalgamate the school and college (Froyle and Holybourne). Treloars Trust own and manage the land of both establishments; however, Froyle is no longer sustainable. Declining student numbers, large capital expenditure in refurbishing the out of date buildings has brought about the decision to combine the school and college in to the Holybourne site. Several questions were asked regarding the recent planning application differing so much from their proposal twelve months ago; in particular the current plans seriously affect Complins and Howard's Lane residents. Mr Engert attempted to answer many residents concerns regarding flooding and heavy traffic, but failed to offer any solutions of compromise.

5. Annual Reports

5.1 Chairman's report.

Karen Bennett (KB) presented her report outlining the progress that had been made in the bringing together of the Anglican and Methodist churches. KB thanked the committee for their support and in particular those who had given their time beyond the call of duty. The cricket and HVA teams combining in bringing together another successful picnic and fun day along with the carol singing and litter pick days were thanked for their time and input.

5.2 Treasurers Report.

Copies of the Treasurers report were distributed to the audience. Unfortunately Vickie Kemp (VK) was unable to attend this evenings meeting and therefore unable to personally deliver her report. VK stated that the year had been relatively quiet with the accounts remaining firmly in the black. Advertising from the magazine and the Holybourne website were the main contributors of income and thanks were extended to James Bull and Dave Budd. VK recorded her appreciation and thanks to Mr David Matthews, our Auditor and recommended that he be adopted as the Auditor for the coming year. Voting unanimous.

5.3 Friends of the pond report.

Nick Cane (NC) stated that the pond and its surroundings were in good condition, requiring limited maintenance.

5.4 SHIFT Report.

NC advised that the final report was now 95% complete and due to be circulated to all residents by the end of this year.

5.5 Magazine Editors Report.

Barrie Lawrence (BL) thanked his team for their invaluable support over the past year. BL stated that the magazine could no longer be produced as a thirty six page document and would be reduced to thirty two pages. In order to keep costs under control it may also become necessary to change the current A4 format to A5.

5.6 Street Watch

David Godfrey (DG) outlined the purpose and benefits of the formation of Street Watch in Four Marks some two years ago. Holybourne was the second Street Watch area to be established. Although our village is seen as a relatively quiet area with minimal antisocial behaviour, Street Watch helps prevent crime by increasing the visibility and maintaining a caring and cohesive community. Street patrols increase the feeling of safety by promoting a sense of security and community spirit, patrolling streets and public footpaths, the grounds of the church, The Lawns, Treloars and private homes when residents are absent. Currently membership stands at 31 with some 15 regular patrollers.

6.0 Planning and development

- 6.1 James Bull (JB) stated that planning applications over the last twelve months had largely been for extensions and other minor plans. This was probably due to the poor state of the housing market. The two exceptions being Tesco and Treloars.

7.0 Andrews Endowed

- 7.1 Mrs M. Lloyd, Head Teacher from Andrews Endowed, informed the meeting that following her appointment in January 2008 she had many issues to deal with including the ever increasing problem of traffic congestion in London Road and adjoining streets along with outdated and poorly maintained portable classrooms. Mrs Lloyd explained that she was working with EHDC and their engineer in trying to find ways of controlling the traffic problem. With regard to the new classrooms Mrs Lloyd explained the reasons why the new build classrooms would be closer to the Paddock Close boundary, the temporary rooms could not be demolished until the new rooms were built.

8.0 Election of Committee.

- 8.1 Lynn Kelly and John Honnor advised the committee they would not be standing for re-election. Nick Cane was prepared to stand and was proposed by DG seconded by VB voting unanimous. The Standing committee members are re-elected, voting unanimous.
- 8.2 Register of committee members available from the Secretary if required.

9.0 Election of Chairman

- 9.1 Karen Bennett was proposed by Nick Cane, seconded by Vernon Burford and stood unopposed, voting unanimous.

10.0 HVA Members Open Forum

- 10.1 David Willoughby advised the meeting of the South of England in Bloom awards. Holybourne could put forward various categories in the village for next year's competition.
This item to be placed on the HVA agenda.
- 10.2 The new Alton Community Centre proposals in conjunction with the Holybourne Theatre in principle had the HVA's support.
- 10.3 The new 'church bells' service held last Sunday was attended by a full house. Installation works were now in progress with practice ringing planned for the coming weeks. A further service would be held to commemorate the completion of the new eight bell assembly on the 15th November 2009.
- 10.4 Referring back to the Treloars planning application, it was noted that the scheme extended beyond the development boundary. Glynis Watts would check the full scope of the application but stated that only horticultural units such as greenhouses and a car park would be allowed. This scheme would not set a precedent for other developments to develop outside of the settlement boundary.

11.00 Any Other Business

- 11.1 No further subjects were raised.

12.00 Close of meeting

- 12.1 The meeting closed at 21-45 hrs for refreshments kindly provided by members of the committee.

David Godfrey
Secretary