



Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 11th April 2006 at Holybourne Village Hall

Present: Karen Bennett (KB) – Chairman
Vickie Kemp (VK) – Treasurer
Lynn Kelly (LK)
James Bull (JB)
John Bound (JAB)

Ben Kemp (BK) – Secretary
Nick Cane (NC)
John Honnor (JH)
Tom Yendell (TY)
Chris Everett (CE)

1. Opening of Meeting

The chairman opened the meeting at 20:03.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Jerry Janes (JJ), David O'Donnell (DD), David Willoughby (DW), Steve Downes (SD), Gavin Thackray-Jones (GT-J), Terry Fielder (TF), Tony Lock (TL) and Mandy Wright. Phil Croucher (PC) was also unable to be present.

3. Minutes of March 2006 Meeting

3.1 Agree Minutes

The minutes of the March 2006 Meeting were agreed.

3.2 Matters Arising

KB stated that she, LK and Julie Bull had formed the "Holybourne Amblers" and will endeavour to walk the local footpaths, armed with pairs of secateurs, so action can be taken where necessary. CE will walk with them and will compare his map with the existing routes.

3.3 Signing of Minute Book

The minutes of the March 2006 meeting were signed and dated by the chairman.

4. Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence brought to the attention of the committee.

5. Planning

5.1 New Planning Applications

155 London Road – single storey extension to rear of property plus an additional garage on end of existing block. No issues were perceived with this.

It was also noted that permission for the extension to the side of 1 Smithy Close had been granted.

5.2 SHIFT update (Steering Holybourne Into the Future Together)

NC reported that a grant had been obtained from DEFRA which is conditional on a level of HVA funding. DEFRA require some further information concerning what is defined as "the parish". The EHDC North West Area Community Group have also made a grant. NC stressed that both DEFRA and EHDC have been "very helpful". A request for funding has been made to Alton Town Council for funding; NC will attend a meeting on 26th April to try to secure this. There is a need to canvass all sections of community in the village (clubs, associations, small businesses, etc.) to get input to a questionnaire. A meeting will also be held with Alton Town Council to attempt to agree boundaries as these vary depending upon purpose. It was proposed that SHIFT should attempt to include the whole Chandos Lodge development as part of Holybourne.

5.3 Chandos Lodge Proposals

At the recent public meeting a number of issues were raised concerning both the proposed Theatre building and access. The conclusion was that the Developer guidance proposals were voted through. This means that the current recommendation is that the access road will be through the "Balloon Field" and that the proposed Holybourne Theatre will not be included. Those present were deeply concerned about current proposals for the access road; it was

decided that NC would compose a letter (signed by KB) clearly detailing our concerns whilst expressing our continued support and co-operation.

Action: NC

6. HVA Members Forum

6.1 Open Forum

There were no matters raised by HVA Members

7. Treloar Action Group Survey

7.1 Pavement Widening in London Road

NC and Councillor Tony Ludlow have met at the site and Councillor Ludlow has given his endorsement to the planned objective. However, there are the usual budgetary constraints. NC has drafted a letter for the Treloar Action Group to sign and requires photographs of the wheelchairs attempting to negotiate the pavements in support. NC will meet TAG again.

In progress – Action: NC

8. Treasurer's Update

8.1 Actions from previous meetings

8.1.1 Administration of payments for 'holybourne.com' e-mail addresses

VK has implemented system to track these payments. Complete

8.1.2 Cheque for HVA CPRE membership

A cheque for the required amount has been issued. Complete.

9. Holybourne Village Magazine

CE thanked NC and Janet Cane for their assistance; there is lots of material on Chandos Lodge, the Village Design Statement/Parish Plan. JB is doing a good job with the advertising. Due to the lack of activity on the promised articles and features, CE asked for the 'carried forward' actions to be dropped. This was agreed by the committee. Accordingly, the actions "Article on Grade II Listed Buildings (DD)", "Article on Environmental Considerations (JAB)" and "Village Logo Competition (TY)" are henceforth deleted.

10. Remembrance Day Update

CE and KB met James Croft who was very positive about the suggestions. This will take place at the Holybourne War Memorial (opposite the end of Howard's Lane on London Road) before 09:30 on Sunday 12th November as the vicar needs to be in Froyle soon after. The flags cannot be removed from the Church. CE will be liaising with the Royal British Legion. It is possible that London Road will be closed for a few minutes to allow the event to take place.

In progress - Action: CE/KB

11. Litter/Holybourne Village Spring Clean 2006

11.1 Review of Village Spring Clean

JH expressed his thanks to all who turned up in support of this exercise. He said that there was a good turn out, and that the actual task was easier and quicker than last year. KB thanked JH for organising and TL for sponsoring the leaflets.

11.2 Update on EHDC progress with Onyx

DD unable to be present, carried forward.

Action: DD

NC raised the possibility of a visit to Onyx via the CPRE. A show of hands indicated strong interest from those present. NC will progress.

Action: NC

12. Friends of the Pond Update

NC reported that there is now "lots of water" in the pond. The willow on the corner of the island has been cut back, and willow pieces and six dogwoods planted on the island. It is hoped that these will grow. The big white duck was killed by a predator. A dead mallard has also been found (was reported to DEFRA but it is unlikely to be H5N1 Avian Flu).

A request for funding will be submitted to EHDC to allow for the facing of the island with limestone blocks. It is hoped that there will be sufficient funds for a conveyor. This would then leave water quality and the siting of duck perches (just below water level) as the only current tasks outstanding. For now, the ownership issue is not being progressed.

13. Rogation Walk (a.k.a. 'Beating the Bounds')

This will be on 21st May. Meet at 14:00 at the Holybourne sign at the intersection of London Road and Montecchio Way. All will be welcome. This will be in the Village Magazine and "What's On".

14. Changes to Incumbent's Position and amalgamation with Alton Parishes.

When the vicar leaves his position (note that this is NOT expected to be imminent) then Holybourne will merge with Alton and Froyle will amalgamate with Bentley and Binsted. There was disappointment expressed that the parishioners had not been consulted and their views taken into account. The effect on the village of losing the incumbent and the possible sale of the vicarage was discussed. This may have a bearing on the parish questionnaire.

15. Manor Farm Tour Offer.

CE said that he had toured Manor Farm with Sean Baddeley. There would be an article about this in the Village Magazine, including difficulties that Sean experiences with people throwing sticks into the crops etc. CE had suggested a tour for more people which Sean was open to. There was a good deal of interest in this. CE will circulate the details.

Action: CE

16. Any Other Business

16.1 Footpath between Lower and Upper Neatham Mill Lanes

CE said that a part of this path had got very "boggy". KB said that she would contact Alton Town Council and report this.

Action: KB

16.2 New Village Map

TY spoke on the New Village Map. The central portion will cost approximately £100; pictures of local scenes will then be assembled around the periphery. It was agreed to fund this, which will also appear in the magazine. Copies can then be sold on for fundraising.

17. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 21:40.

18. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the HVA Committee will be on Tuesday 9th May at 8pm in Holybourne Village Hall. It would be greatly appreciated if any items for the agenda could be forwarded to the secretary **at least one week in advance** of the meeting. A final agenda will be issued a few days prior to the meeting. Please also forward apologies for absence, if necessary, to the secretary. E-mail secretary.hva@holybourne.com

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