

# Holybourne Village Association

(Founded 1974)



## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at Holybourne Village Hall

Present: Karen Bennett (KB) – Chairman                      Ben Kemp (BK) – V.Chairman                      Nick Cane (NC)  
David Godfrey (DG) – Secretary                      Vickie Kemp (VK) – Treasurer                      Pat Lerew (PL)  
John Honnor (JH)                      Barrie Lawrence (BL)                      Phil Croucher (PC)  
David Willoughby (DW)                      James Bull (JB)                      Lynn Kelly (LK)  
Vernon Burford (VB)

### **1.0 Opening of Meeting**

The meeting opened at 8.06pm.

### **2.0 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from, David O'Donnell, Tom Yendell, Jerry Janes and Andy Maddock. Jill Robinson, Veerindar Western and Rebecca Hare were unable to attend.

### **3.0 Minutes of March 2008 Meeting**

- 3.1 Agree minutes of March 2008 meeting.  
The minutes of the meeting were approved following minor amendments. Copies will be sent to attendees, non attendees and the web site.
- 3.2 Matters arising from the minutes.
  - 7.1 Change Alton Town Council to East Hampshire District Council.
  - 8.1 Omit existing item and add: - Information was passed to the meeting advising that Alton and Petersfield were about to see an increase in public car parking fees. It was felt that these increases were designed to subsidise free car parking in other areas of EHDC. It was suggested that Holybourne residents would be particularly badly affected by these increases because most people need to drive to the town for shopping etc. due to the distance and lack of bus service and the Committee should write to EHDC to this effect.
- 3.3 Signing of the Minute Book.  
The March minutes were signed by KB – Chairman.

### **4.0 Pastoral Reorganisation**

- 4.1 Through miss-communication, James Croft had not been invited to the meeting. KB to write to James inviting him to the next HVA meeting. It was hoped James would be able to advise the committee on the contents of the possible formation of a single greater Alton Parish. A meeting on this subject is to be held in the Alton Assembly Rooms, April 30<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 7.30 pm.

### **5.0 Friends of the Pond update**

- 5.1 Several ducks have been causing noise disturbance in and around the village pond. Unfortunately, two of the three culprits have been involved in road traffic accidents; the remaining duck has been rehomed. It was hoped the noise levels would become more tolerable.
- 5.2 The small islands currently anchored close to the church footpath may require additional planting after the winter period.

### **6.0 Planning and Development**

- 6.1 Linden Homes update on 'The Depot' site.  
Archaeologists have carried out site surveys during the last month.
- 6.2 Chandos Lodge Development.  
Planning approval for this development was achieved 30-03-2008. There were several conditions attached requiring clearance prior to commencement on site.
- 6.3 The Priors  
There were mixed views regarding this application. The committee decided there were insufficient grounds to support an objection. However, several members decided as individuals, to object to the application.
- 6.4 Treloar Development  
There have been reports in the local press that Treloars intend closing the Froyle School and amalgamate with Holybourne. It is thought that a planning application, in due course, would be made for the combining of the schools with increased accommodation buildings. Concerns were expressed with regard to the infrastructure, traffic movement, effects on Compins and maintenance of public footpaths. Should this scheme proceed it is understood that a public consultation process would be carried out. It was agreed the HVA would monitor the situation.

- 6.5 SHIFT Update  
NC advised a draft report would be ready for the June HVA meeting. Analysing of data was now underway.
- 6.6 New Planning Applications  
One application received in current period for an extension to a property in Complins.

#### **7.0 Core Strategy**

- 7.1 EHDC have produced their 'Community Strategy and Core Strategy' documents. These reports are now available on the EHDC website. The strategy documents outline anticipated population growth, housing, economic growth, environmental issues to name a few. Questionnaires are also available on line where it is hoped residents of Holybourne will take the time to complete and forward their views on the future of this area.
- 7.2 NC to prepare draft answers to the questionnaire prior to next months HVA meeting.

#### **8.0 HVA Members Open Forum**

- 8.1 JH questioned how safe are the strategic gaps – public open spaces.
- 8.2 LK advised the meeting that the Spring picnic was planned for 25<sup>th</sup> May 2008. Volunteers would be welcomed in assisting with the organising and running of this event
- 8.3 With the pending Chandos Development LK questioned EHDC planning department's plans to reduce carbon footprint and street lighting.
- 8.4 NC/KB to send a letter to EHDC protesting about the introduction of Sunday car parking fees in Alton.
- 8.5 Volunteers were required to assist with the planned village clean up, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2008.
- 8.6 Further footpath widening and traffic calming information required by EHDC.

#### **9.0 Treasures Reports**

- 9.1 CPRE fee now due for renewal.
- 9.2 JB handed over advertising monies he had collected on behalf of the HVA. JB was thanked for the tremendous effort put into collecting these monies.

#### **10.0 Any Other Business**

- 10.1 There were no further items raised.

#### **11.0 Close of meeting**

- 11.1 The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

David Godfrey  
Secretary  
**Holybourne Village Association**