

# Holybourne Village Association

(Founded 1974)



## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at Holybourne Village Hall

Present: Karen Bennett (KB) - Chairman      Phil Croucher (PC)      Ben Kemp (BK)  
Nick Cane (NC) - Acting Secretary      Steve Downes (SD)      John Honnor (JH)  
Vickie Kemp (VK) - Treasurer      Barrie Lawrence (BL)      Vernon Burford (VB)  
Pat Lerew (PL)      Lynn Kelly (LK)      David Willoughby (DW)  
Glynis Watts (GW)      Stephanie Bennett (SB)      Chris Everett (CE)  
Nick Bohane (Green Issues)      Miles Young (Martin Robeson)  
Philip Rust (Waterman Boreham)

### 1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 20.05 hrs.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from: - David Godfrey, James Bull, Tom Yendell, Pat Lerew and David Tomlinson. Jerry Janes and Andy Maddock were also unable to attend.

### 3. Minutes of March 2009 Meeting

- 3.1 Agree minutes of March 2009 Meeting.  
The minutes of the meeting were approved.
- 3.2 Matters arising from the minutes.  
None.
- 3.3 Signing of the minutes.  
The minutes will be signed by KB, Chairman on return of David Godfrey.

### 4. Tesco proposed development.

Nick Bohane (NB), Miles Young (MY) and Philip Rust (PR) presented the proposed Tesco development. Nick Bohane is from Green Issues Communications and is the first point of call for queries.

Miles Young is from Martin Robeson – a planning consultancy.

Philip Rust is from Waterman-Boreham – a transport planning consultancy.

MY presented the proposal – key points were:

- The Mill Lane site was the most attractive of a number of options in the town.
- Alton is 'leaking' significant retail business to other towns – particularly Basingstoke. 30% of food trips are lost.
- The Planning Application will be submitted shortly, with a decision in the summer and completion of the build (if approved) by Christmas 2010. The site is already approved for retail warehousing.
- The store is planned with main car parking (including disabled and 'parent and child') underneath with access to the store by a travelator. The store will have about 3500 sq m sales area and 284 parking places – this is about the same as Sainsburys. Sainsburys is heavily overloaded as a store.
- A dot com service is planned to be run from the store by picking product from the shelves rather than a separate warehouse.
- Tesco will request approval for 24 hour operation but will probably start with normal supermarket hours.
- The store will generate 320 local jobs, 50% of these will be full time.
- There will be 6-7 major deliveries a day (up a ramp to the store without interfering with the car park), plus sundry small deliveries (e.g. milk, bread etc). In addition, the dot com service will have 6 vans each doing around 5 trips a day each.
- The site will be mainly screened from Montecchio Way since the bank on Montecchio Way varies between 6 and 8 metres above the level of the car park, and the store will be 12 metres high. The vegetation along Montecchio Way will mainly remain since it is not part of the Tesco site.

PR presented the traffic plan – key points were:

- Peak traffic generated by the store is expected to occur after 4 p.m. on Thursday and Fridays and during the day on Saturday and Sunday. It is expected to be around 300 cars per hour.
- The plan is to 'signalise' the Mill Lane/Montecchio Way junction, and to widen Montecchio Way on the southwest side to provide a right turn lane from Montecchio Way into Mill Lane. The lights would be 'vehicle activated' which will reduce delays in Montecchio Way when there is little traffic on Mill Lane.
- The plan is also to provide a footpath and cycle way from Holybourne and a pedestrian crossing. A cycle route from Alton is also proposed via Anstey Mill Lane.
- There is also a plan for a bus stop and an extended bus service to Alton
- Tesco have to work on the assumption that the Chandos Lodge traffic plan (lights at the London Round/Montecchio Way intersection) would be implemented. However, PR pointed out that it might now be possible to consider a roundabout instead; this would require council action. DW and GW noted this.

Points from the subsequent discussion:

- SD expressed concern about the view on entering Alton. MY explained that the store would be largely screened from Montecchio Way but that there would be a cafe in the store looking out onto the road. The 'Tesco' sign would be in Mill Lane, where more trees will be planted.
- LK expressed concern over the Mill Lane/Paper Mill Lane intersection. PR said that not much could be done about that except signage on Paper Mill Lane and Wilsom Road warning traffic to slow down.
- DW raised the impact on Alton. MY argued that it would be positive because Alton would be seen as a more major centre. There is no plan to have a post office on the new site, somewhat protecting the village shop, and no plan to close the Tesco Express in Anstey Lane.

KB thanked NB, PR and MY for their attendance and openness.

## 5. Other Planning and Development

5.1 No new planning applications.

5.2 A31 Petrol Station and Hotel:

This development is supported by Whitbread. Andrew Lyndon-Skeggs has been invited to present it to the HVA at the next meeting. A planning request will be submitted shortly.

## 6. Streetwatch

6.1 A Streetwatch meeting was held on 8<sup>th</sup> April with 10 attendees. It was requested that more warning of meetings be given in future. SD to follow up.

6.2 There are still some volunteers who have not had their packages. SD to pursue. Those who have not yet been on their first patrol are encouraged to attend at 20:00 on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> at the White Hart.

6.3 In general it was felt that the village should take over running Streetwatch – KB to approach David Godfrey on this.

## 7. Shift

7.1 Nothing further to report at this meeting on the Shift report.

7.2 Over 400 people attended the meeting run by ATP to consider what Alton want out of the Core Strategy. Over 180 questionnaires were returned. ATP will be writing with the conclusions of this work (which is potentially impacted by the South Downs National Park decision). The key message will be that the amount of interest shown by Altonians means that continuing public consultation is mandatory as East Hants develop their strategy.

## 8. Friends of the Pond

8.1 There are 5 new moorchicks this week.

8.2 A number of attendees commented on how good the pond is looking.

8.3 CE asked about the dead tree in the corner of the churchyard and DW explained that the PCC plan to cut it down.

9. Seats on the down
- 9.1 DW said that ATC think that a seat on Holybourne Down would be desirable and asked for suggestions as to where this might be sited.
- 10 Treasurers report
- 10.1 It was agreed to continue membership of CPRE. A cheque for £32 was raised for the subscription.
- 10.2 James Bull has recently passed over £2140 that he has raised for advertising in the magazine. The committee voted to pass its thanks on the James for his outstanding work on this.
- 10.3 BL pointed out that magazine costs are increasing and a review is required. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 11 AOB
- 11.1 It was agreed that there would be a village clean up on May 16<sup>th</sup> – meet at White Hart at 10.00. LK will produce a poster to encourage participation by the village.
- 11.2 Some of the grass verges have been repaired but the one in London Road by Cranford Drive and the War Memorial still needs to be fixed by the gas board. DW will follow up with them.
- 11.3 GW said that the EHDC Community Forum will be held in the Village Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> June – everybody is welcome.
- 11.4 BL reported that the magazine is with the printers and will be out shortly.
- 11.5 LK announced confirmation of the Village Picnic date which is 21<sup>st</sup> June.
- 11.6 JH announced a quiz evening in the Village Hall in aid of the Cricket Club on 9<sup>th</sup> May.
- 12 Date of next meeting
- 12.1 Date of the next HVA Committee meeting is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May.
- 13 Close of Meeting
- 13.1 The meeting closed at 22:05.

Minuted by Nick Cane