

HVA News

The following has been extracted and edited from the HVA meeting minutes for the **10th August 2004**:

HVA Members Attending

Present: Tom Yendell (acting chair), Nick Cane (acting secretary) , Steve Downes, John Honor, Antoinette Hookway, Dennis Nason, David O'Donnell, David Willoughby

Apologies from: John Bound, Karen Bennett, Christopher Everett, Paul Fitzgibbon

Note: The meeting was not quorate so decisions are not binding and need confirmation by the HVA at a quorate meeting.

Matters Arising

Councillor Attendance: DO'D pointed out that his agreement with the HVA is that he will attend at least 1 meeting per quarter and that he will attend others if he can, or if there is a specific requirement. DW said that he will attend if he can and that he will take input for the council meetings from the HVA at any time.

Planning

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Concerns that plans are afoot for a major expansion of housing in Holybourne – possible sites are Allison and Garwood and the land around the “strategic gap”. It was felt that this could extend to as much as a further 175 homes to add to the existing count of 560. The HVA is not aware of the precise nature of any plans and feels it needs both an urgent update from EHDC and also to draw up a set of proposals for what the HVA feel is acceptable. It was agreed that a special meeting should be arranged where the EHDC can present its plans and strategy for developments in Holybourne.

Action: Not Discussed - John Bound awaiting his reply from Keith Oliver.

Eggars Development

Development of ICT and Sports Hall on the school site

Action: None required

SCATS

Background - The HVA have been closely involved with a watching brief in this development proposal and as many Holybourne residents will be aware, demolition and clearance work on this site is well underway. John Day expressed concern that funds associated with the SCATS development which had been earmarked for the Village Hall are not going to be forthcoming.

D O'D reported that the Developers Contribution to the village for the SCATS development is around £12300 – payment of this to the Village Hall trust will be approved at the September council meeting

Action: None required

Open Space Projects

There is uncertainty over the precise status of proposed funds from EHDC for open space projects within the village. It was also felt that the HVA should consult the cricket club for their views on any use of such funds.

Action Outstanding: NC to draft letter to EHDC for JB asking for clarification of the status of these funds. NC to ask Simon Millard of HCC for a view on the use of any money.

The Village Sign – London Road Holybourne/Anstey

Described as residents either in or close to the “strategic gap” between Holybourne and Alton. Confusion is often caused as Anstey Road, Alton, becomes London Road, Holybourne within the area of the gap, this is not always clear, especially to delivery people, ambulances etc.

John Bound wrote to Alton Town Council. The Deputy Clerk of the council has passed the request on to EHDC who are responsible for signage.

Action. JB to follow up with EHDC

General

Village Pond

Background - several years ago the village contributed to a substantial piece of work restoring the village pond. Due to poor and faulty drainage on Brockham Hill, substantial amounts of silt have been washed into the pond. This silt needs clearing out and other minor tasks undertaken so a Pond sub-committee was formed to manage and organise these tasks, the leadership was through Chris Everett.

AH has investigated possible support for maintaining the pond and gave a document to NC. The Friends of the Pond initial meeting has still to take place

Action: NC to pursue options. PF to arrange initial meeting

Help for the Church/PCC.

PF has a list of projects for which the PCC needs some help – they are mostly general maintenance jobs around the Church. PF has also agreed with Jeremy Wood and James Croft to submit a proposal for improving the cover for the loo outside the Church.

Action Outstanding: PF to submit proposal for new loo cover to JW and to ask for help with Church maintenance projects.

Poop and Scoop Bins.

The discussion forum on the web site is up and running and has raised the question of the mess created by some dogs and their owners around the village. It has been proposed that Holybourne needs more “poop and scoop” bins.

Action Outstanding: Nick Cane to draft letter for JB to send to EHDC asking for assistance in this matter.

Road Cleaning and Anstey-Alton Footpath

JH raised the lack of road cleaning and AH mentioned the litter on the Anstey-Alton footpath (which has been cut back to make it useable).

Action: D O’D to report on current cleaning plans.

Christmas Tree

JY asked if Alton Town Council would be willing to fund lights for a village Christmas tree. Suggested locations are by the War Memorial or in the school grounds.

Action: DW will investigate. JY to talk to the school about the possibility of locating it in their grounds. AH to sound out Rowledge on how they manage their tree.

Website bookmarks

TY has had bookmarks printed (sponsored by FFF Brewery) to remind people to visit the village website.

Action: These will be distributed in the Christmas edition of the magazine.

Treasurers Report

There is a total of £476 in the HVA account and £2928 in the magazine account. This is before production costs of the August issue.

Next Meeting

September 14th 2004 at 8pm, Village Hall.

Edited Minutes from the HVA Meeting - Chairman, John Bound.