

HOLYBOURNE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

(FOUNDED 1974)

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 8th August 2006 at Holybourne Village Hall

Present: Karen Bennett (KB) – Chairman Ben Kemp (BK) – Secretary Vickie Kemp (VK) – Treasurer
John Honnor (JH) John Bound (JAB) Phil Croucher (PC)
Lynn Kelly (LK) Chris Everett (CE) James Bull (JB)
Steve Downes (SD) Nick Cane (NC) David O'Donnell (DD)
David Willoughby (DW)

John Aldridge

Marion Aldridge

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 20:06.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Gavin Thackray-Jones (GT-J), Tom Yendell (TY); Jerry Janes (JJ) and Rebecca Hare.

3. Minutes of July 2006 Meeting

3.1 Agree Minutes

The minutes of the July 2006 Meeting were agreed.

3.2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3.3 Signing of Minute Book

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

4. Planning and Developments

4.1 Actions from Previous Meetings

4.1.1 Chandos Lodge Development Access Road

SD and NC reported on this – it seems a “done deal”. Despite the various appeals and suggestions, the preferred route emerges opposite Eggars School, running alongside the Grange Hotel. NC observed that this proposal was NEVER presented as an option at any of the meetings held about it, including the public consultation. DD emphasised that as at 16:00 on the day of this HVA meeting no planning application existed and that, despite impressions being given to the contrary, East Hampshire District Council are the planning authority and NOT Hampshire County Council.

The anticipated proposal is for approximately 200 houses, with 1.5 parking spaces per house, with no changes to enhance traffic exit from or ingress to Holybourne. It will probably be several months before an application is made at which point the “real” process begins.

In the light of the mistakes made with the Treloar Heights estate, it was suggested that a planning officer visits that estate to ensure that there is no repeat of these errors. DD will check with the Alton Forum.

Action: DD

SD and NC will liaise on a letter to Persimmon and Hampshire Highways after DD reports back.

Action: SD/ NC

The access issue will be discussed at the next HVA meeting.

4.1.2 Letter of Support for Residents of Howard's Lane (KB)

Completed.

4.2 Steering Holybourne Into the Future Together (SHIFT)

4.2.1 Ratification of SHIFT Constitution

The proposed constitution of SHIFT was unanimously accepted.

4.2.2 SHIFT Update

SHIFT held a meeting recently; the various groups and businesses in Holybourne have been consulted. The results are being collated. A questionnaire will be circulated during September.

4.3 Planning Applications

212 London Road – Dwelling either close to; or across, the stream. SD to obtain plans as there may be no issue dependant on the housing line. However concern was expressed about past developments over or across watercourses and the resultant flooding problems in areas of the village.

Action: SD

Diggers Field potential Development – DW asked for quick feedback from those present. This was overwhelmingly in favour of the development NOT going ahead

5. HVA Members Forum

5.1 Open Forum

No matters brought to forum.

6. Treloar Action Group

6.1 Actions from Previous Meetings

6.1.1 Update on Pavement Widening in London Road

This has been reviewed, is in plan, has been marked out on the road, and it is anticipated that work will commence in the next couple of months. There will probably be some localised parking issues, but this should have the beneficial effect of calming the traffic substantially.

6.1.2 Liaison with Alton Town Council re: Overhanging Hedges

KB has been to see Greg Burt. The matter is now in the hands of ATC.

7. Trees in Rakemakers Designated Open Space

LK reported that EHDC have surveyed the site and decided that these trees are safe. However, the residents of Rakemakers are entitled to cut trees back appropriately if encroaching on their properties, provided that by doing so it does not render the trees dangerous.

8. Remembrance Day Commemoration Update

Details of this will be in the Village Magazine, due imminently. Peter Sawyer will perform the reading. The plans to close the road have been dropped.

9. Litter and Fly Tipping

The fly tipping at the gates to the Oil Depot has been cleared by EHDC, however this is very much the "village hot spot" for this antisocial behaviour and it was felt that it will not be long before some irresponsible individual(s) will dump another load of rubbish that could just as easily be taken to the Omega Park facility. The possibility of a barrier being erected across the access road to the Oil Depot has been raised in the past, DW said that he would dig out the correspondence and pass it to DD for review.

Action: DW/DD

10. Friends of The Pond Update

It has been decided that it may possibly not be a good idea for the heavy rock moving to be undertaken by "amateur" volunteers. Accordingly, a quote from contractors has been sought, and this has come in at approx. £5000. The plans have been revised and expanded to all in 'one hit' by re-facing the island, implanting coir rolls (containing plants) and 'eco islands' (effectively floating pallets preloaded with suitable vegetation). The total cost of the works is projected to be c. £8200, meaning that there is presently a shortfall of about £6000. Various fund raising initiatives are in progress, including a charity cricket match and car boot sale, and an application to 'Awards for All (England)' which is one of the organisations which distributes National Lottery Funds. CE raised the point that the geese are very destructive, and not conducive to a newly laid down environment. NC said that the plan was to ensure that the vegetation was properly established before unleashing the geese.

11. HVA Deposit Account

Carried forward.

Action: VK

12. Anti-social Behaviour in Holybourne

A few villagers have asked for incidents late at night to be raised. There has been noise; stock has been stolen from outside the shop; the church has been vandalised (and indeed is now sadly locked to prevent a recurrence); people have been camping in the children's playground and generally causing a nuisance. DW said that the play area is owned by Alton Town Council and that if there are any problems then the council should be contacted in the first instance.

13. Any Other Business

There was no other business brought to the meeting

14. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 21:45.

15. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the HVA Committee will be on Tuesday 12th September at 8pm in Holybourne Village Hall. It would be greatly appreciated if any items for the agenda could be forwarded to the secretary by Friday 8th September. 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@hollybourne.com

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