

# Holybourne Village Association

(Founded 1974)



## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at Holybourne Village Hall

Present: Ben Kemp (BK) – Chairman	Nick Cane (NC) – Secretary	Phil Croucher (PC)
Tom Yendell (TY)	Lynn Kelly (LK)	Pat Lerew (PL)
David Willoughby (DW)	John Honnor (JH)	James Bull (JB)
Jerry Janes (JJ)	David O'Donnell (DD)	Barrie Lawrence (BL)
Vernon Burford (VB)		
Nicola Loweth (NL)	Dorothy Ryan (DR)	Joanne Ryan (JR)
Marianne Kilmartin (MK)	Jeff Kilmartin (JK)	Anthony Martin (AM)
Jeremy Wood (JW)	John O'Donovan (J O'D)	Jane Gibbs (JG)

### **1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting opened at 20:05

### **2. Volunteer to be acting secretary**

Nick Cane volunteered to act as secretary for the December 2007 and January 2008 meetings

### **3. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Karen Bennett (KB), Vickie Kemp (VK), Andy Maddock (AM) and Jill Robinson (JR).

### **4. Minutes of the November 2007 meeting**

#### **4.1 Agree minutes of November meeting**

The committee agreed to treat Ben Kemp's notes from the November meeting as minutes of the meeting with the correction to point 5.2 to read 'DD requested via DW'

#### **4.2. Matters arising from the minutes**

Item 9 – the committee confirmed that the amount voted for the pond is £400

#### **4.3 Signing of the minute Book**

The signing of the minute book was deferred until the chairman is available.

### **5. Planning and Development**

#### **5.1 Linden Homes – The Depot site**

John O'Donovan from Turley Associates and Jane Gibbs from Linden Homes, presented the plans for the Garwood 'Depot' site. The plan is to take the proposal to EHDC planning committee towards the end of January/early February. Tony Whitty is the EHDC planning officer. Assuming planning permission is given then the work will start in the spring and the development will take about 1 year. Working hours will be 08:00 to 18:00 weekdays and 08:00 to 13:00 Saturdays. Toxic waste mitigation strategy and an archaeological survey will be included in the plan. The application shows how the Suzuki garage could be included at a later date.

The application is for 32 dwellings and 4 business units. The 'affordable' housing is rental only through a 'Registered Social Landlord'. Allocation is done by the Housing Department of the local council and applicants must be on the housing list, and local connection is important.

TPO trees are protected in the plan, which has a 'village green' and a focus on landscaping, with 'bespoke' car parking solutions.

The housing provides the basic revenue for Linden Homes, and subsidises everything else including the business units.

A pedestrian refuge is planned opposite the police house. There was discussion about the value of this. ATC will oppose it, and HCC will review it. NC suggested that this be included in an end-end review of London Road traffic to be conducted with HCC and the police as part of the Shift work. DW will ask ATC to support this stance and request a financial contribution towards the eventual adopted scheme. DD agreed to set up the meeting with the police and HCC. **Action DD/NC/DW**

There will be a 'developer's contribution' to be used by ATC on public open space. It would be desirable for this to be used in Holybourne and Shift will look into the priorities for this **Action NC**

John O'Donovan said that the following had been the flavour of the public exhibition:

Business/Housing Balance is right

There should be a business/housing mix

Public open space balance is right

Concerns about sight lines and juxtaposition to other houses.

as a result in the new plan the boundaries had been moved and sight lines in London Road changed.

The presentation gave rise to a lengthy discussion:

AM express concern that the plan is not what was in the Development Brief, it contains more houses and less business units. MK asked why this was so. J O'D explained that the plan had been changed to reflect reality, and DD pointed out that a Development Brief is non-statutory (but will be part of the consideration when reviewing the plan), whereas Planning guidance is statutory.

AM stated that the houses are too close to his boundary in Vindomis Close, and requested that the HVA object. In response the committee suggested that this is an individual rather than a generic issue and should be pursued directly with J O'D, so the HVA would not object.

At the request of NL and DR, J O'D also agreed to look further into the relationship between the new development and the houses in London Road.

J O'D also stated that instant hedging would be planted as early as possible and that the business units will operate under a Class B1 restriction and could each be divided into three smaller units.

BK thanked J O'D and JG for attending and for their willingness to involve the local community.

#### 5.2.Shift Update

NC reported that the Shift committee meeting was scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> December and the first analysis of the results of the questionnaire should be available for that meeting.

#### 5.3 New Planning Applications

The committee has no objection to the extension planned by 5 Church Lane

No decision has yet been taken on the planning request for the Priory in Howards Lane, and it is not on the December council agenda. ATC have objected on the lines discussed at the last HVA meeting.

#### 6. HVA members open forum.

No items raised

#### 7. London Road pavement widening

Actions from previous meetings carried forward

Feedback from Tony Ludlow **Action JJ**

Raise inadequate lighting on wheelchairs at night as a TAG issue **Action RH**

#### 8.Friends of the Pond Update

NC reported that the turfing of the island is now completed and thanked PC and JH for doing this. The next action is to pollard the willow, and this will be done in the New Year.

#### 9. Late night noise outside the White Hart.

9.1Action from previous meeting: Suggest 'Please Keep Quiet Late at Night signs' **Action BK to pursue**

#### 10. Christmas carol singing/village Christmas tree/update/report

JH reported that a new and better tree supplier was used this year. JH, PC and village children decorated the tree, and David Scholes did the lights. VK did the organisation. The music for the carols was excellent and around 45 people attended, raising £61.18 for local charities.

Many thanks to all who were involved.

We will do a leaflet drop next year, and consider moving the date to after the schools break up.

#### 11. Prize for 'Best Wrapped Christmas Present' Competition.

There will be a prize for each age group. VK will select the winners and pass thanks on to the school. **Action VK**

#### 12 Activities for 15/16 year-olds in the village (non-alcoholic bar, joint Treloar College venture)

Carried forward.

JR offered to interface with Treloars and will source a contact. **Action JR**

#### 13. Vandalism in the Village

PL said that each incident should be reported separately to have an impact. This can be done by calling until the end of February. Any written communication should be copied to [Karen.dawes@easthants.gov.uk](mailto:Karen.dawes@easthants.gov.uk). We should put up posters informing the village of this. **Action No agreed actioner – carry forward**

We should get the community police to the next meeting. **Action KB**

#### 14. AOB

TY raised the issues of dog fouling and a van parked in London Road – no action was agreed

#### 15. Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 22:10

#### Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 20:00 on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Committee members please send agenda items or apologies to [nick.cane@holybourne.com](mailto:nick.cane@holybourne.com)

Minuted by Nick Cane .