



Minutes of Holybourne Village Association Committee Meeting

held on 14th February 2006 at Holybourne Village Hall.

Present:	Karen Bennett (KB) – Chairman David Willoughby (DW) – ATC John Honnor (JH) Lynn Kelly (LK) David Levene (Grange Hotel) Peter Stone (Holybourne Theatre)	Ben Kemp (BK) – Secretary Steve Downes (SD) – Vice Chairman/Planning Officer Phil Croucher (PC) Chris Everett (CE) John Priddle (Holybourne Theatre)
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1.0 Opening of meeting

The meeting opened at 19.40.

2.0 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Tony Lock (TL), Nick Cane (NC), James Bull (JB), John Bound (JAB), Vickie Kemp (VK), Tom Yendell (TY), David O'Donnell (DD) Gavin Thackray-Jones (GT-J), Sam Cox (SC) and Jerry Janes (JJ) were also not present.

3.0 Minutes of January 2006 Meeting

3.1 Agree Minutes

The minutes of the January 2006 meeting were agreed.

3.2 Matters Arising

PC said that still more Ash trees had been felled adjacent to Howards Lane. CE asked if the minutes could be produced in a condensed format.

3.3 Signing of Minute Book

The chairman signed and dated the minutes of the January 2006 meeting.

4.0 Planning

4.1 Actions from Previous Meeting

4.1.1 Village Design Statement

4.1.1.1 Town Clerk "Endorsement"

KB has contacted Steve Parkinson who is "quite happy" with the planning sub-committee's proposals and has contributed some thoughts and ideas. It was suggested that some kind of "formal" agreement – i.e. in writing – should be requested from Alton Town Council.

Action: KB

4.1.1.2 Outcome of Meeting of 12th January

The meeting was held to some degree of interest. SD felt that there are some good team members sitting on the committee. The next meeting of the sub-committee will be on 21st February. The raising of funds via a grant from DEFRA is being investigated.

4.1.2 Location of trees subject to protection orders

DD was unable to be at the meeting. Carried forward.

Action: DD

4.2 New Planning Applications

1 Smithy Close – an application has been lodged to build a double storey extension on the side of the house. Opinions both for and against were aired. A vote was taken and an objection will be lodged on the grounds of over-development of the site, inadequate parking and setting a precedent.

Action: SD

157 London Road – an application has been lodged to replace an existing porch and garage with a "improved" structure. It was felt that there were no issues with this.

5.0 HVA Members' Forum

5.1 Actions from Previous Meetings

5.1.1 Allotments

5.1.1.1 Liaison with Alton Allotment Association

KB has met with Bill Poulter, the AAA Chairman and explained the current situation. She has done a "walk around" of Holybourne to discuss potential sitings. Mr. Poulter then met with the Town Council who identified "The Depot" and the area adjacent to the Children's Playground as possible sites. Much discussion took place on this. It was felt that whilst siting allotments along the railway line side of The Depot is a good idea, locating allotments along London Road was undesirable. DW suggested that the HVA should identify potential sites and give a lead on this. Access and security will be of primary importance when choosing a site.

5.1.1.2 Article for Village Magazine

KB to speak to Richard Cutts and Jeremy Wood.

Action: KB

5.1.1.3 Inform Alton Herald of HVA Position

BK now able to write this following on from 5.1.1.1 above.

Action: BK

5.2 Open Forum

5.2.1 Chandos Lodge/Holybourne Theatre/Traffic Proposals

Although it had been decided to defer discussion of this until March's meeting, three non-committee attendees had observations or wanted updates on the situation. This will be fully discussed on March 14th.

Mr. Priddle requested a letter of support for the theatre proposal from the HVA. This was declined until plans firm up.

Mr. Levene had much information concerning the owners of the "Balloon Field", some of which Alton Town Council are aware. There are possibilities that the land would be donated for the Theatre with a caveat that no further building work could take place. There is also the possibility that land could be donated to facilitate the construction of a roundabout at the London Road/Montecchio Way interchange.

6.0 Treloar Action Group Survey

6.1 Action from Previous Meeting: Leylandii encroaching onto the pavement outside the Old Post Office.

KB yet to speak to the owner. Carried forward.

Action: KB

6.2 Discuss Findings

Again no-one from Treloar Action Group present. Deferred to next meeting, but it was suggested that TY speak to TAG.

Action: TY

7.0 Transfer of Secretary's Effects

7.1 Actions from Previous Meetings: Locate and deliver items to secretary

JAB unable to be at meeting. Carried forward. CE volunteered to speak to JAB to see if this can be hurried up, as things such as the Constitution Review are dependant upon having all the information to hand.

Action: JAB/CE

8.0 Holybourne.com

8.1 Actions from Previous Meetings

8.1.1 Administration of payments

VK unable to be at meeting. Carried forward.

Action: VK

9.0 Treasurer's Update

9.1 Actions from Previous Meetings

9.1.1 Change of signatories

BK was able to report on VK's behalf that the paperwork has been completed and submitted to the bank, however as yet there has been no confirmation from Lloyds. Apparently, however, it is "not unusual" for this to take some time and VK feels that there is no issue.

9.1.2 Handover of AGM Collection

JAB unable to be at meeting. Carried forward.

Action: JAB

10.0 Holybourne Village Magazine

10.1 Actions from Previous Meetings

10.1.1 Article on Grade II Listed Buildings

Carried forward. Will appear in next magazine.

Action: DD

10.1.2 "Environmental" Considerations Article

Carried forward. Will appear in next magazine.

Action: JAB

10.1.3 Article from Treloar Action Group

No-one from TAG present to report on this. Carried forward.

Action: GT-J

10.1.4 Village Logo Competition

Carried forward. Will appear in next magazine.

Action: TY

10.2 Magazine Update

CE reported that there is a magazine meeting on 24th March. JB has taken on the advertising. All contributions for the magazine will be welcomed; the deadline for copy is mid-March.

11.0 Remembrance Day

11.1 Action from Previous Meeting: Contact Royal British Legion re: commemoration

CE has mentioned this and hopes that it will "filter up" to the Royal British Legion. The proposal is for perhaps procession. He has also discovered four names missing from the War Memorial. Carried forward.

Action: CE

12.0 Any Other Business

12.1 Village Picnic

LK confirmed that this will be going ahead on a similar basis to last year's highly successful event. There will be advertisements in the Village Magazine and What's On.

12.2 Steps and Paths at Cuckoo's Corner

DW reported that overgrowth clearance has been performed by a Community Service Team, however, the rubbish remains as Highways were not keen on fires near to the A31. This was to have been removed by other HCC agencies, but it contains Japanese Ragwort, so may be burned after all. HCC is prepared to replace the damaged handrail as a health and safety issue. HCC have confirmed that the steps were under the highways ownership and that adequate lighting was their responsibility. An application for additional lighting would be supported on health and safety grounds, although this would now have to come under the budget for 2007-8. If agreed, HCC will cover half payment (the cost of installing two lights, as recommended, is approx. £2,000) if the other half was provided locally. DW is also trying to progress the fly tipping and bollards between the bridges, but the difficulty is access to the railway oil-yard. He is seeking advice from another HCC department, but in the meantime EHDC have been asked to deal with the latest dumping of tree roots etc. It was mentioned that the A31 has become very "littery" again. KB will ask DD to chase up.

Action: KB

12.3 Holybourne Spring Clean 2006

After the success of last year's Spring Clean, DW suggested that another one be organised after the next Village Magazine has been published, hopefully with an improved turn out. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for March's meeting.

13.0 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the HVA Committee will take place on Tuesday 14th March 2006 at 8pm, in the Village Hall. Please forward any agenda items, or apologies for absence, to the secretary by Wednesday 8th March after which the final agenda will be issued. E-mail secretary.hva@holybourne.com.

14.0 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business to transact, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:11.