



Minutes of Holybourne Village Association Committee Meeting

held on 11th January 2005 at Holybourne Village Hall.

Present: John Bound (JAB) – Chairman
 Ben Kemp (BK) – Secretary
 Steve Downes (SD) – Planning
 Lynn Kelly (LK) – HCC Liaison
 David Tomlinson (DT)
 David O'Donnell (DD) - EHDC

John Honnor (JH) – Vice Chairman
 Vickie Kemp (VK) – Treasurer
 Nick Cane (NC)
 James Bull (JB)
 David Willoughby (DW) - ATC

Observers: Chris Everett (CE) – Magazine
 A.N. Other - villager who declined to identify himself despite repeated requests.
 Antoinette Hookway (AH)

1.0 Opening of meeting

The meeting opened at 20.06.

2.0 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Karen Bennett (KB) and Tom Yendell (TY).

3.0 Minutes of December 2004 Meeting

3.1 Agree Minutes

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted as correct. Voting – unanimous.

3.2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

3.3 Signing of Minute Book

The Chairman then signed and dated the minutes of the December meeting.

4.0 Progress on and actions from Christmas Events

4.1 Actions from previous meeting.

- 4.1.1 David Andrews' "Living Tree" donation – TY not present due to illness. Carried forward.
Action: TY
- 4.1.2 Application for financial assistance from EHDC or Alton Town Council – carried forward.
Action: JAB
- 4.1.3 VK reported that a donation of £43.48 had been made to The Salvation Army, this being the proceeds of the carol singing.
- 4.1.4 Overall progress for next year's event – JH said that he had spoken to Dave How who had agreed to co-ordinate the music again next year. It was agreed that a checkpoint on progress would next be discussed at July's meeting. BK to diary this.
Action: BK
- 4.1.5 A working party will convene to remove the Christmas Tree on Saturday 15th January at 10:00 at Andrews Endowed School.
Action: All volunteers
- 4.1.6 JAB will check on the disposition of the presents from the tree.
Action: JAB

5.0 Social Sub-committee

5.1 Action from Previous meeting: HVA and Holybourne CC "Joint Venture"

LK spoke to Mike Roberts of HCC. The cricket club are positive about a HVA/HCC collaboration. The suggested date is Sunday 29th May, which is the spring bank holiday weekend. The idea of a picnic was well received. There are several ideas being mulled over, including a village Rounders competition and possibly a battle re-enactment. However, suggestions are welcome.

The date of the 29th was queried, but the cricket club is committed throughout June as it is their 10th Anniversary year. The HVA will form a sub-committee and meet with the HCC social committee. JH said that he would set the wheels in motion with TY.

Action: JH/TY

5.2 Tsunami Appeal

AH suggested that a music recital be held in aid of the victims of the Boxing Day Asian Tsunami. Her suggested venue was a house, with a large drawing room and a piano. It was suggested that a public venue would be more suitable – such as the Village Hall, or the Church, or Bonhams Barn. It was felt that the idea needed further development, but the committee offered support on an *ad hoc* basis.

6.0 Magazine Update

6.1 Redemption of Magazine vouchers for Anstey Mill Lane

After additional discussion, it was decided that residents of this road should have the magazine delivered to them. These are on DT's delivery round and JH will adjust his distribution records accordingly.

Action: DT/JH

6.2 Delivery to Eggars

JAB to send a letter to Eggars with two copies of the magazine, and then two will be delivered henceforth. JH to adjust distribution records.

Action: JH

6.3 Speeding Stickers

NC said that he was disappointed that (a) few "30 mph" stickers were on display and that (b) those that weren't being used had not been returned to Holybourne Shop as requested in the magazine. It was pointed out that some were used on bins, and that some people were reluctant to fix the stickers onto the paintwork of their cars. Some have been displayed inside car rear windows using blu-tack.

Banners similar to that formerly displayed on the fence near Treloars are to be deployed at either end of the village at the "Holybourne" signs, and a replacement banner will be sited at the previous location.

6.4 HVA Committee in Magazine?

It was felt that there should be something about the HVA committee in the next magazine. It was decided that the Chairman and Secretary should have their names and contact numbers published rather than going into "overkill" and listing all members. BK to draft something.

Action: BK

7.0 Friends of the Pond

NC reported on the "Friends of the Pond" progress:

- The second meeting is to be held on Thursday January 13th. The discussion will also include the amount of wildlife that can be reasonably sustained on the village pond.
- The Ash and Willow on the island have been pollarded.
- A meeting has been organised with the Parochial Church Council to determine the changes needing to be made on the "Church" side (e.g. pruning of branches, tree felling if required, etc).
- It was mentioned that the usual "working party", marshalled by SD, could perform much of the work but that Tree Felling is too specialised for them and that professional help may be required.
- The next major priority would be the rebuilding of the island, which has been severely eroded.
- Considerable work has been carried out in the few weeks since the inaugural meeting, and regular updates will be issued to the village via the Village Magazine.

DW mentioned the possibility of help with funding and/or physical technical support from the Town Council. NC agreed to consider this.

8.0 Rights of Way

8.1 White Hart Car Park into Inhams Road (Former SCATS site)

DW said that this was not an official right of way, but that there were processes that could be followed if there was a reasonable belief that a right of way had existed. CE pointed out that the gate used to be locked overnight, therefore this pathway never attained the status of a right of way. No further action required.

8.2 "Amenity Land" between 159 London Road and 17 Rakemakers

DD said that a check with the land registry shows that East Hants District Council owns this plot of land and is therefore responsible for maintenance and upkeep. He also said that development on this land was unlikely. No further action required.

9.0 Village and/or HVA Logo

CE said that there was no official logo. A discussion ensued as to how to best get a logo designed. VK will speak to TY and write an article for the Village Magazine.

Action: VK

10.0 Village Noticeboard

CE said that Jill Sykes of 141 London Road has the key to the notice board. Either knock on the door and ask her to put notices on the board or put them through her letter box. CE will pass details to JH.

Action: JH

11.0 Litter

It was agreed that the situation had improved somewhat, but that there are still some problems. DD is visiting the Onyx site within the next ten days to discuss three issues: litter, lorries turning and light pollution. DD will advise JAB of the outcome as he is unavailable for the next meeting.

Action: JAB (for DD)

12.0 Parking

SD indicated logistical difficulties with his planned campaign over Christmas. The desire of people to park as close as possible to their front doors is understandable, but after discussion it was felt that the best way of proceeding with this was an article for the village magazine drawing people's attention to (i) the law and (ii) the difficulties and dangers caused by inconsiderate parking. NC will draft the article.

Action: NC

13.0 Planning**Hedgehog Cottage, 105 London Road**

An application has been submitted to convert this into a ground-floor dental surgery with a one-bedroom flat above. Concern was expressed that this may cause more cars to park on this narrow part of London Road as the existing spaces will be used as a car park for staff, and customers would require parking. The committee did not reach a conclusion on this, and may discuss this before the next meeting. All members will be asked to review any decision.

“The Depot”, London Road

As part of the Strategic Local plan, a draft plan from EHDC was circulated concerning possible development if Town and Country Cars and Allison and Garwood vacate their current locations. Several committee members expressed an interest in coming up with an outline proposal and guidelines as to how this land could be developed if, and when, it becomes available for development. It must be stressed that there are no plans at the moment and both the businesses occupying this site have not indicated any change in their circumstances. This document is part of the normal planning process of EDHC in assessing long-term development potential.

Withdrawal of objection to proposed house in the area of Rock Tor/Bethany.

Not yet done. Carried forward.

Action: JAB

Definition of what is covered by Grade II listed buildings status.

Not discussed. Carried forward.

Action: DW

Following on from the discussions re: Mapey's, it was felt that the legal status of the HVA should be clarified. The HVA is only a consultee on planning matters and therefore has no power of approval or rejection, merely the right to express an opinion. DD offered to confirm our rights and responsibilities as an 'interested group' and an 'official consultee',.

Action: DD

It was agreed that planing should be the first item discussed in future meetings. BK will ensure that this is item 4 henceforth.

Action: BK

14.0 Secretary's "Effects"

Minute book not yet passed to BK. Carried forward.

Action: JAB

15.0 Treasurer's Report

VK was unable to supply accurate figures as there have been no bank statements sent out during her tenure as treasurer. However, there is approximately £1300 in the magazine account and £300 in the HVA account.

NC asked whether the £350 from the Music Festival had been paid in. VK said that due to the lack of statement it may have been, but she will look out for it.

JH queried a report in the local paper that the HVA had donated an additional £100 to SUDEP after the cricket club quiz night. JAB said that he had covered it personally.

16.0 Any Other Business

16.1 Signage

Following on from 6.3 above, a query was raised concerning the signage of Holybourne at the west end of village, concerning 1-24 London Road, The Queens Head and The Grange Hotel, all of which are in Holybourne, but all "outside" the boundary implied by the sign.

There have been instances of ambulances not being able to locate these houses and considerable confusion for deliveries seeking The Grange, which then turn down London Road and into the centre of the village.

DD said that EHDC are responsible for signage and that a site meeting was due to happen within the next few days. At the time, no-one is certain what the outcome will be but something will happen. The HVA have already expressed their preference for a new sign indicating which direction the houses comprising 1-24 London Road are in, relative to the main village sign. EHDC is due to complete the process shortly.

16.2 Conservation/Settlement Boundary Plan

As things stand, this is still under copyright, so cannot be used at present. DD to ascertain if we can publish this on the village website.

16.3 CPRE

CE said that he is regularly sent literature from the Campaign to Protect Rural England and felt someone else on the committee should now receive it. NC volunteered to take this as part of the pond co-ordination.

Action: CE

17.0 Date of Next Meeting

The next HVA Committee Meeting will be at 8pm on 8th February 2005 at the Village Hall. Please forward any items for inclusion on the agenda, or any apologies for absence, to the secretary by 4th February after which a final agenda will be circulated. Contact 01420 549074, or e-mail secretary.hva@holybourne.com

18.0 Closure of meeting

There being no further business to transact, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 22:16.