



Minutes of Holybourne Village Association Committee Meeting

held on 11th January 2006 at Holybourne Village Hall.

Present: Karen Bennett (KB) – Chairman
 Vickie Kemp (VK) – Treasurer
 James Bull (JB)
 John Honnor (JH)
 Phil Croucher (PC)
 Lynn Kelly (LK)
 Chris Everett (CE)

Ben Kemp (BK) – Secretary
 David Willoughby (DW) – ATC
 Steve Downes (SD) – Vice Chairman/Planning Officer
 Tom Yendell (TY)
 Nick Cane (NC)
 David O'Donnell (DD) – EHDC

Paul (journalist from the Alton Post Gazette)

1.0 Opening of meeting

The meeting opened at 20.03.

2.0 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from John Bound (JAB).
 Gavin Thackray-Jones (GT-J), Sam Cox (SC), Tony Lock (TL) and Jerry Janes (JJ) were also unable to be present.

3.0 Minutes of November 2005 Meeting

3.1 Agree Minutes

The minutes of the December 2005 meeting were agreed.

3.2 Matters Arising

PC said that more Ash trees had been felled adjacent to Howards Lane. DW said that in future, where there are obvious areas that offer habitat to wildlife, consideration should be given to making applications for Tree Protection Orders (TPO) to be put in place. DD will obtain and e-mail a map of locations of all trees in Holybourne with such orders in place.

Action: DD

DD will also write a short article for the Village Magazine on the subject of TPO's, and the protection they confer.

Action: DD

3.3 Signing of Minute Book

The chairman signed and dated the minutes of the December 2005 meeting.

4.0 Planning

4.1 Actions from Previous Meeting

4.1.1 Public Village Meeting to Discuss Chandos Lodge Development Proposals

This meeting was held on 17th December at Eggars. SD reported that it was well-attended with a good mix of people engendering productive discussion. In broad summary, the meeting would support the building of the Theatre on the Balloon Field, provided that it does not set a precedent for future building work, that any such building would be in keeping and sympathetic to its surroundings, and that issues surrounding the access road can be resolved in a satisfactory manner.

DD then explained the next stages in the process. East Hampshire District Council have postponed their meeting on the subject until March 28th as they are now in consultation with Hampshire County Council on the various issues raised at the Eggars public meeting. DD described this as a 'good thing' as it is due to the Public Meeting and Alton Town Council input, which has made them think again and re-evaluate the situation.

DW asked if HCC would be looking at a traffic solution integrated with the Mill Lane retail unit development. DD assured him that HCC are. DD also mentioned that things are moving fast and that there are now two developers interested in site. However, he was keen to stress that the local planning authorities are not interested in 'quick planning' decisions, rather the right planning solutions. It was agreed that this item would now be deferred until the March HVA meeting.

4.1.2 Village Design Statement

KB outlined the purpose and scope of the village design statement, and circulated a copy of Beech's Village Design Statement, completed in 2001. As Holybourne is part of Alton it was queried whether it was "eligible" to hold a VDS, but DD was able to state that Holybourne is in fact a parish and therefore is. There remains, however, a requirement to work in partnership with ATC – previously referred to as "the concordat". It was suggested that the town clerk of Alton, Steve Parkinson, be written to, requesting his endorsement.

Action: KB

The meeting will be held in Holybourne Village Hall, 12th January at 19:30. Posters advertising the meeting have been placed round the village.

4.2 New Planning Applications

There were no planning applications brought to the meeting.

5.0 HVA Members' Forum

5.1 Actions from Previous Meetings

5.1.1 Lower Neatham Mill Lane

5.1.1.1 Letter of Support for residents

Letter sent to the Environment department at HCC and cc'd to Tony Ludlow. Complete.

5.2 Open Forum

5.2.1 Allotments

Although the Alton Herald recently reported that the HVA had "scotched" plans for allotments to be sited in Holybourne, this is most certainly not the case. It is assumed that a previous stance on the subject has been relayed to the Alton Allotment Association and thence to the press. It was agreed that the HVA need to contact the AAA to ensure they are aware of the current feeling.

Action: BK

There are no objections to allotments in Holybourne, however the depth of desire for allotments is so far unquantified. This comes in scope of the Village Design Statement, however a more instant picture needs to be obtained. It was suggested that an article be put in the Village Magazine to gauge the depth of feeling. KB will approach Richard Cutts.

Action: KB

The Alton Herald also needs to be corrected. BK to write to them.

Action: BK

One of the potential sites is "The Depot" baseline site. However, it was felt that the land here is largely laid to tarmac/concrete and possibly also contaminated due to the nature of the business on the site.

5.2.2 Christmas Present Wrapping Competition

Louise Clarke from Year Two was declared the winner. It was agreed that a £10 book token would be awarded as the prize.

6.0 Treloar Action Group Survey

6.1 Action from Previous Meeting

6.1.1 Leylandii encroaching onto the pavement outside the Old Post Office.

KB yet to speak to the owner. Carried forward.

Action: KB

6.1.2 Overhanging hedge outside Tudor Cottage

PC spoke to the owner and the hedge has been cut back. Completed.

6.2 Discuss Findings

No-one from TAG present, so deferred until next meeting.

7.0 Transfer of Secretary's Effects

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

Carried forward.

Action: JAB

8.0 Holybourne.com**8.1 Actions from Previous Meetings****8.1.1 Administration of payments**

Carried forward.

Action: VK

9.0 Treasurer's Update**9.1 Actions from Previous Meetings****9.1.1 Change of signatories**

Carried forward.

Action: VK/KB/SD

9.1.2 AGM Collection

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

11.0 Any Other Business**11.1 Friends of The Pond**

NC reported that the fallen log was removed on 9th January. Apparently some villagers are displeased by this, NC asked that if anyone had concerns they please contact him. In the course of the removal, the contractors have rather churned up the bank. It has been suggested that the natural process of frost be allowed to break down the ruts, and the Friends of the Pond will restore the bank in due course. There is a stand of four beech trees on the bank, which will be thinned down to two on 25th January. The PCC are funding this as it is in the confines of the Church Yard.

11.2 Remembrance Day

CE suggested that, as there are two war memorials in the Village, Holybourne could commemorate Remembrance Day with some kind of procession or other event this year. CE will contact the Royal British Legion

Action: CE

In the meantime could all consider what would be appropriate – maybe the local schools could be involved, also survivors, and relatives of the deceased.

12.0 Date of Next Meeting

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

13.0 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business to transact, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:40.