

HVA News

The following has been extracted and edited from the HVA meeting minutes for the **13th July 2004**:

HVA Members Attending

Present: Christopher Everett, Tom Yendell, John Honnor, Dennis Nason, Paul Fitzgibbon, John Bound (chair). Antoinette Hookway, Karen Bennett

Apologies from: Steve Downes, Nick Cane

Planning

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Concerns that plans are afoot for a major expansion of housing in Holybourne – possible sites are Allison and Garwood and the land around the “strategic gap”. It was felt that this could extend to as much as a further 175 homes to add to the existing count of 560. The HVA is not aware of the precise nature of any plans and feels it needs both an urgent update from EHDC and also to draw up a set of proposals for what the HVA feel is acceptable. It was agreed that a special meeting should be arranged where the EHDC can present its plans and strategy for developments in Holybourne.

Action: John Bound has written to Keith Oliver inviting him to the village to outline planning strategy for Holybourne. We are awaiting his reply.

Eggars Development

Development of ICT and Sports Hall on the school site

Les Jackson provided the meeting with an update on the status of the proposed development at Eggars. The local government ombudsman has responded to Les' complaints and has asked for a further round of input from both Les and HCC. Les is awaiting the conclusion of this round of input and consideration. HCC have made concessions on the times of usage for the Sports Hall which are now 0830 – 2130 Monday through Saturday and not at all on Sunday.

Action: None required

SCATS

Background - The HVA have been closely involved with a watching brief in this development proposal and as many Holybourne residents will be aware, demolition and clearance work on this site is well underway. John Day expressed concern that funds associated with the SCATS development which had been earmarked for the Village Hall are not going to be forthcoming.

Action Outstanding. HVA secretary to ask JD for an update.

Open Space Projects

There is uncertainty over the precise status of proposed funds from EHDC for open space projects within the village. It was also felt that the HVA should consult the cricket club for their views on any use of such funds.

Action Outstanding: NC to draft letter to EHDC for JB asking for clarification of the status of these funds. NC to ask Simon Millard of HCC for a view on the use of any money.

The Village Sign – London Road Holybourne/Anstey

Described as residents either in or close to the “strategic gap’ between Holybourne and Alton. Confusion is often caused as Anstey Road, Alton, becomes London Road, Holybourne within the area of the gap, this is not always clear, especially to delivery people, ambulances etc.

John Bound has sent a note to the Town Council expressing the views of the HVA with respect to the village sign and is awaiting a reply.

Action. Not Required

General

Village Pond

Background - several years ago the village contributed to a substantial piece of work restoring the village pond. Due to poor and faulty drainage on Brockham Hill, substantial amounts of silt have been washed into the pond. This silt needs clearing out and other minor tasks undertaken so a Pond sub-committee was formed to manage and organise these tasks, the leadership was through Chris Everett.

An article has been drafted for the village magazine asking for those interested in being part of “friends of the pond”, to make themselves known. At that point we will hold a meeting to establish what to do going forward. A large Ash tree has fallen into the pond and needs to be removed; a plan is in place to examine the options.

Action: PF to set up the inaugural “friends of the pond” meeting.

Village Notice Board

Currently sited outside of the White Hart

Chris Everett notified the meeting that the relocation of the village notice board has been postponed for a year pending completion of alterations to the front of the village shop, at which point the project will be reconsidered.

Action: None Required

Help for the Church/PCC.

PF has a list of projects for which the PCC needs some help – they are mostly general maintenance jobs around the Church. PF has also agreed with Jeremy Wood and James Croft to submit a proposal for improving the cover for the loo outside the Church.

Action Outstanding: PF to submit proposal for new loo cover to JW and to ask for help with Church maintenance projects.

POOP AND SCOOP BINS.

The discussion forum on the web site is up and running and has raised the question of the mess created by some dogs and their owners around the village. It has been proposed that Holybourne needs more “poop and scoop” bins.

Action: Nick Cane to draft letter for JB to send to EHDC asking for assistance in this matter.

Next Meeting

August 10th 2004 at 8pm, Village Hall.

Edited Minutes from the HVA Meeting - Chairman, John Bound.