

HOLYBOURNE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

(FOUNDED 1974)

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 11th July 2006 at Holybourne Village Hall

Present: Karen Bennett (KB) – Chairman Ben Kemp (BK) – Secretary Vickie Kemp (VK) – Treasurer
Jerry Janes (JJ)
Phil Croucher (PC) John Honnor (JH)
James Bull (JB) Lynn Kelly (LK)
Steve Downes (SD) Tom Yendell (TY) Chris Everett (CE)
Gavin Thackray-Jones (GT-J)

Mandy Wright John Aldridge Marion Aldridge
K. Ferguson

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 20:05.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Tony Lock (TL); Terry Fielder (TF); Nick Cane (NC); David O'Donnell (DD); David Willoughby (DW) and Rebecca Hare

3. Minutes of June 2006 Meeting

3.1 Agree Minutes

The minutes of the June 2006 Meeting were agreed.

3.2 Matters Arising

LK reported that she had received letters from Alton College and The Sports Field Trust expressing thanks for donations made from the proceeds of the Village Picnic.

3.3 Signing of Minute Book

The minutes of the June 2006 meeting were duly signed and dated by the chairman.

4. Planning

4.1 Actions from Previous Meetings

4.1.1 Letter re: Chandos Lodge Development Access Road (NC)

No reply from HCC, and various versions of the routing of the access road were recounted. CE suggested contacting the council to demand a reply. SD will liaise with NC on getting this done. Carried forward.

C/Fwd: SD/NC

4.1.2 Letter of Support for Residents of Howard's Lane (KB)

Not yet done. JH reported that the development based around 8 Howard's Lane has been turned down. There was some discussion on whether this is correct.

C/Fwd: KB

4.2 SHIFT Update

SD reported that hopefully the stage is being approached at which a questionnaire can be put together. He described things as being "on schedule". The publishing of a map delineating the boundaries in which SHIFT operates should be published was not discussed.

C/Fwd: KB/SD

4.3 Planning Applications

Complins – Alton Town Council have objected to both applications based on traffic and overdevelopment. This has now been referred to East Hampshire District Council.

Howard's Lane – two "executive dwellings" in the conservation area, next to the farm cottages. PC mentioned problems with water pressure, electricity supply and sewerage that already exist in Howard's Lane. It was felt that the plans need to be seen before deciding upon whether an objection should be lodged.

5. HVA Members Forum

5.1 Open Forum

5.1.1 Parking in Complins

Mr. Ferguson spoke on the issue of the positioning of cars in and around Eggars. There have been significant problems for the last 3-4 years which are particularly severe at the start and the end of the school day, mainly caused by parents double parking. An ice cream van parks on the path illegally. Many cars and taxis park illegally in the left hand filter lane at the Montecchio Way/London Road interchange causing nuisance. The forthcoming Chandos Lodge development will also have an impact on this. Several suggestions were made, including a "walking bus" and trying to persuade parents of children that live in the village to allow them to walk to school. CE proposed a sub-committee be set up to investigate this. To be discussed further.

6. Treloar Action Group

6.1 Update on Pavement Widening in London Road

No further update at present; TAG have heard from Tony Ludlow but is currently with Michael Rolfe.

C/Fwd

Mr. And Mrs. Aldridge queried the pavement widening and suggested that, instead, some of the hedges that overhang the pavement could be cut back. They passed around photographs of particularly bad areas. Although requests have been made via the Village Magazine and On Your Way there do appear to be those who ignore these requests. KB took possession of the photographs and agreed to mention it to ATC hoping that their influence will be greater than that of the HVA on these "transgressors".

Action: KB

7. Trees in Rakemakers Designated Open Space

LK reported that the letter to Stuart Gartside had only recently been written and there had not been time for a reply. Carried forward.

C/Fwd: LK

8. Remembrance Day Commemoration Update

CE reported that the services of a bugler have been secured – Neil Blandford. Sadly, Peter Prescott does not feel able to perform a reading. CE asked for suggestions, and several names were mentioned. CE will write letters of invitation.

Action: CE

There will be a wreath from the HVA. SD and CE will investigate road closure options, but it was thought that the grass verge area may be sufficient to accommodate all attendees.

Action: SD/CE

TY volunteered the use of his "studio" for the girl guides to put on refreshments.

9. Litter

There has been a spate of fly tipping around the village (curious as it is surely less effort just to go to the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Omega Park). The Oil Depot is in a state and the steps up to/down from the bus shelters on the A31 are "not great". BK will e-mail DD bringing it to his attention as EHDC are responsible for dealing with fly tipping

Action: BK/DD

10. Footpaths

10.1 Actions from previous meetings

10.1.1 Footpath through Meadow's End

KB reported this action completed.

10.1.2 Closure of footpaths by Froyle Estate due to maintenance

CE detailed the proposals as forestry operations will be occurring in Row Wood. One footpath will close permanently but a new route will be added in its place, possibly emerging onto the unmade part of Howard's Lane.

11. Friends of The Pond

BK passed on an update supplied by NC. There are some ambitious plans that require funding. A full account will appear in the forthcoming Village Magazine. LK said that Holybourne Cricket Club are having a car boot sale, charity cricket match, raffle, bar and barbecue on 26th August to assist in fundraising.

12. HVA Deposit Account

VK will now progress this.

Action: VK

13. Any Other Business

13.1 Tree Protection Orders

It was stated that EHDC wish to place TPO's on the trees at Rock Tor.

13.2 The Village Magazine

CE announced that he will be retiring from editing the Village Magazine at the end of 2007. He is also looking for a cover for the forthcoming issue.

13.3 SHIFT Open Day

12-3 on Saturday 15th July at The Village Hall. There is also an art exhibition.

13.4 Alton Live

TY thanked all who attended the Music Festival. Cheques are being written to all organisations in the village that contributed. TY was thanked for his efforts by the committee.

14. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 21:30.

15. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the HVA Committee will be on Tuesday 8th August at 8pm in Holybourne Village Hall. It would be greatly appreciated if any items for the agenda could be forwarded to the secretary **at least one week in advance** of the meeting. A final agenda will be issued a few days prior to the meeting. Please also forward apologies for absence, if necessary, to the secretary. E-mail secretary.hva@holybourne.com

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