

5.2 Holybourne Theatre

It was mentioned that Holybourne Theatre Ltd. are still agitating for a new building to be erected on The Chandos Lodge public open space. The general feeling is that there is strong advice that any building on this land would create a precedent and that the Theatre Group should heed this. Therefore the HVA cannot support this proposal. It was also mentioned that, should this new building be erected, it is unlikely that the land currently occupied by the Theatre would be returned to the village (rumours or covenants on the land notwithstanding) and that any money raised from subsequent development of the site will almost certainly also be used by the Theatre which is understood to be a private enterprise.

6. Pavement Widening in London Road

New marks were reported to have appeared on the pavement opposite the previous markings. No-one is entirely sure what these are or why they are there. It was suggested that this should now be incorporated into the overall traffic survey of London Road, as despite the previous assurances of Tony Ludlow, work is not going to be imminent. KB agreed to approach the local CPRE to see if something similar to the B3006 Selborne Road markings might be more suitable and to determine whether NC and TAG wrote letters.

Action: KB

7. Friends of the Pond Update

NC reported via e-mail. The first eco-island has been built and planted up. Originally topsoil was put on it, but this was too heavy so was removed and replaced by coir in the middle as well as all the way round. Native plants in the form of Forget-me-nots, yellow irises and grass have been planted. At a later stage, potted plants will be placed in the middle and the roots will grow through the coir. It has been covered with netting to keep the ducks - who love the island - off while the plants establish.

If all is successful, then in mid-July it will be moved to between the island and the church and a second, smaller, eco-island built to put between the island and the weir.

The rebuilding of the fixed island will be done in August – we cannot wait longer for the water level to fall, and we need to get it done otherwise the grant givers will wonder what we have done with the money.

The PCC have asked for planning permission for the fence and should get it in the next few weeks.

NC has also requested planning permission to pollard the willow on the island which is getting very big. The work will be done over the winter. The main grips (run-offs) on Brockham Hill have been cleared to reduce silt running into the pond. The wildlife is doing well, with lots of ducklings and moorhens.

8. Land between Rakemakers and the former Mapeys land

There is no progress to report on this. LK felt it likely that progress might be made after her commitments to the Charity Cricket Match (29th July) and Village Picnic (19th August) are fulfilled.

9. Any Other Business

There was some further discussion on Chandos Lodge which has been minuted under that item.

10. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 20:39

11. Date of next meeting

The next HVA Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 14th August 2007 at 8.00pm in Holybourne Village Hall. It would be much appreciated if agenda items could be forwarded to the secretary by Sunday 12th August. Anything after this will be held over until the next meeting. A final agenda will be issued the day prior to the meeting. Please forward apologies for absence, if necessary, to the secretary. E-mail secretary.hva@holybourne.com

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