

Holybourne Village Association

(Founded 1974)



Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 8th July 2008 at Holybourne Village Hall

Present: Karen Bennett (KB) – Chairman John Honnor (JH) Phil Croucher (PC)
David Godfrey (DG) – Secretary James Bull (JB) David Willoughby (DW)
Vickie Kemp (VK) – Treasurer Pat Lerew (PL)

1.0 Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 20.14.

2.0 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from: - Andy Maddock (AM), Nick Cane (NC), Barrie Lawrence (BL), Tom Yendell (TY), Lynn Kelly (LK), and Ben Kemp (BK).

Jerry Janes (JJ), Veerindar Weston (VW), Jill Robinson (JR), Vernon Burford (VB), Rebecca Hare (RH) and David O'Donnell (DO) were unable to attend.

3.0 Minutes of July 2008 Meeting

3.1 Agree minutes of June 2008 Meeting

The minutes of the meeting were approved with one minor amendment.
Copies will be sent to attendees, non-attendees and the web site.

3.2 Matters arising from the minutes.

3.2.1 Item 6.1 change 'Town Council Statement' to read Town Design Statement.

4.0 Friends of the pond update

4.1 Nothing to report this month.

5.0 Social Holybourne

5.1 K.B suggested once a month social event in the village would help to unite Holybourne residents. Better use could be made of the village hall during Autumn and Winter months with Spring and Summer months hosting events at the cricket field, weather permitting.

Members of the committee would organize the events if it was generally considered to be a good idea. J.H. suggested we commence with a wine and cheese evening on September 27th 2008. This and all events should cover their own cost.

5.2 The forthcoming SHIFT Meeting would be a good opportunity to canvas people on this subject.

6.0 Planning and Development

6.1 Linden Homes update on 'The Depot' site.

Show homes under construction, remainder of dwellings awaiting an upturn in the residential market.

6.2 Chandos Lodge Development

Persimmon Homes, developer of the site await commencement until improvement in the residential market.

6.3 SHIFT update

Two public meetings have been announced to advise the results of the questionnaire. These will be held on 19th and 23rd July 2008.

Attendees at these public meetings will be asked to give their priorities to the list that has been established as a result of the analysis of the questionnaire.

6.4 New Planning Applications

Treloars have applied for a new car parking area to the rear of No 36-38 Howard's Lane.

Mr. T Cooke resident of Howard's Lane attended the HVA meeting seeking assistance and support from the committee in objecting to this proposal.

Serious concern was raised with regard to the volume of traffic already being generated by the change in Treloars on site road traffic management system, further increase would become unacceptable.

There are no footpaths in Howard's Lane creating problems for parents delivering and collecting children from Andrews Endowed School, again an increase in traffic would be unacceptable.

The road surface as a result of recent developments has started to erode; further increased traffic would only serve to cause further deterioration.

6.5 South West Trains have erected a security fence topped with 3 strand barbed wire on the southern stretch of the railway lines from Neatham towards Alton. Questions were raised as to whether planning permission was required or had been granted.

7.0 Core Strategy

7.1 EHDC will hold a meeting on July 17th to commence outlining their 'Core Strategy' for the period to 2026. EHDC will be inviting representatives from ATC and ATP to this meeting, ATP has been largely responsible for drawing up the Town Design Statement.

At this early development stage, EHDC are 'touring' the larger centres consulting with local representatives. At a later stage HVA and members of the public should have a chance to comment on the proposals and see if the strategy aligns with the SHIFT results.

8.0 HVA Members Open Forum

- 8.0 JH notified members that he had recently used non emergency 101 telephone number to report acts of vandalism in the village. However, the system was far from straight forward allowing only one complaint per person.
- 8.2 DG raised the question of the poor quality surface of the public footpath leading from Howard's Lane to Anstey Park. "DW advised that footpaths are the responsibility of the HCC, but from the limited budget it appears they have no funds to finish the resurfacing of the path. DW will chase and also investigate the 'Countryside Access Forum Grants Scheme."

9.0 London Road

- 9.1 KB and JB attended the HCC meeting 26th June 2008, held on site. Main issues discussed were access to the village via the north side footway, overhanging hedges, positions of the street lighting, columns, footway and dropped crossing conditions and traffic speeds. Due to the costs involved in creating improved conditions HCC informed those present that funds were not available to carry out the majority of the works needed. A few minor items may be attended to, residents with overhanging hedges would be asked to cut back to an acceptable degree. It may be possible in the future to obtain developer contributions.

10.0 Treasures Report

- 10.1 Further income had been achieved through advertising payments.

11.0 Any other business

- 11.1 A crime and disorder meeting was to be held Tuesday 15th July 2008
- 11.2 The HVA August meeting would be held to discuss SHIFT Report.
- 11.3 It had been noted that EHDC were failing to collect general rubbish (green bins) on Mondays from Howard's Lane and Church Lane. There appeared to be no logical reason for this, apart from poor management control. Complains should be lodged with EHDC.

12.0 Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 12th August 2008 at 20.00hrs.

13.0 Close of meeting

Meeting closed at 21.14hrs.