

HOLYBOURNE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

(FOUNDED 1974)

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 13th June 2006 at Holybourne Village Hall

Present: Karen Bennett (KB) – Chairman Ben Kemp (BK) – Secretary Vickie Kemp (VK) – Treasurer
Jerry Janes (JJ) John Honnor (JH) John Bound (JAB)
Terry Fielder (TF) Phil Croucher (PC) David O'Donnell (DD)
David Willoughby (DW) Lynn Kelly (LK) Chris Everett (CE)
James Bull (JB) Tony Lock (TL)

Mandy Wright Rebecca Hare

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 20:07.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Tom Yendell (TY); Gavin Thackray-Jones (GT-J); Steve Downes (SD); and Nick Cane (NC)

3. Minutes of May 2006 Meeting

3.1 Agree Minutes

The minutes of the May 2006 Meeting were agreed.

3.2 Matters Arising

DW stated that there is now a possibility that the access road for the Chandos Lodge development will be sited alongside the railway line rather than cutting across the field.

3.3 Signing of Minute Book

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

4. Planning

4.1 Action from Previous Meeting: Letter re: Chandos Lodge Development Access Road (NC)

A copy of the letter sent to Steve Proctor (and cc'd to DD) was circulated. There has been no reply as of the meeting, but the indications are promising (see 3.2 above). A copy is attached.

Carried forward

4.2 SHIFT Update

KB reported that things are progressing well. Small businesses in Holybourne are being contacted to determine their perspectives. Funding is "going well" as grants have been secured from various sources including ATC and DEFRA. A suggestion was made that a map delineating the boundaries in which SHIFT operates should be published.

Action: KB/SD

4.3 New Planning Applications

A discussion took place on the likelihood of a Football pitch being permanently sited in Anstey Park. There is a public meeting due to take place at 19:00 on 3rd July at the Assembly Rooms. It was felt that this is beyond the agreed boundaries of SHIFT, hence the map request.

Outline planning permission is being sought for the construction of three chalet/bungalows at 8 Howards Lane - Kinfauns. There are a number of concerns raised by residents including, but not limited to, the position of the dwellings relative to the adjacent boundaries; safe access to Howards Lane in an already narrow area with poor visibility with a number of existing egresses to the lane; and the proximity to the conservation area and whether any development will be in keeping with the existing houses. DD said that Highways will be involved in any decision; but that it would go before the EHDC planning committee because of the number of issues, and will be discussed on 20th July. It was agreed to send a letter in support of the residents detailing these causes for concern.

Action: KB

Permission is also being sought for two new houses in Complins, opposite each other on the junction with London Road. These applications are completely independent of each other. The residents have made clear their intention to object to these. DD pointed out that these will be treated as separate applications by the planning authorities, i.e. with no effect on one another.

5. HVA Members Forum

5.1 Open Forum

5.1.1 Designated Open Space in Rakemakers

LK reported that the trees in the Rakemakers Open Space are becoming of concern due to their size – the developers planted some saplings when the estate was constructed which over the course of 12-15 years have grown quite large and are in danger of interfering with structures and undermining foundations. It was decided that EHDC as the appropriate authority should be contacted to see what tree management (i.e. pruning and/or removal) is possible. Stuart Gartside is the “tree man”; LK will write to him copying DD explaining the situation.

Action: LK

5.1.2 DD's house sale

DD reported that his house is up for sale; however he is intending to remain in the area and will be standing as the area district councillor at the next elections.

5.1.3 Litter Picking

JH informed the meeting that the summer “spruce up” working party will convene outside The White Hart on July 2nd at 10:00 to repeat the recent highly successful spring clean exercise. All volunteers welcome.

6. Treloar Action Group Survey

6.1 Pavement Widening in London Road

An e-mail has been sent to Tony Ludlow which has now been passed on to Michael Rolfe. This remains in progress.

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TF reported that an e-mail has been passed to all students reminding and requesting them of the use of lights on wheelchairs. KB thanked the group for doing this.

A group e-mail address has been set up for TAG; this is treloaractiongroup@treloar.org.uk

7. Village Picnic Report

LK reported that the village picnic had been a success. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and there were not too many problems on the day. LK wished to thank Peter Sawyer for organising the appearance of the Chinook helicopter.

Altogether the picnic raised almost £1900. After various expenses and disbursements (i.e. bar, donation to Sports Field Trust, donation to band and St. John Ambulance etc) this leaves around £800 to be shared between the HVA and Holybourne Cricket Club. A debriefing meeting will be held on 15th June at 20:00 at the Sports Field to decide on how the money should be allocated.

8. Remembrance Day Commemoration Update

KB, CE, and James Croft met on 17th May. All are keen on the “secularisation” of the Remembrance Day Commemoration. The Royal British Legion have some problems with a Sunday event as they cannot attend two events simultaneously and Terry Whittall will be at the Cenotaph. It is proposed that at 11:00 on Saturday 11th November at the war memorial a roll of honour will be presented to the Royal British Legion. James Croft will officiate. Wreaths have been ordered. It is not possible to use the flags in the Church of the Holy Rood. There will be two readings (possibly by Peter Prescott and Duncan Newman), two pieces played on the bugle (The Last Post and The Reveille) and The Lord's Prayer. London Road will need to be closed for a few minutes for this.

The Girl Guides will be contacted via Lucy Yendell and the Scouts via Mandy Wright. Any additional wreaths will need to be ordered.

Carried Forward

9. Update on EHDC Progress with Onyx

DD reported that the litter has been cleared and Onyx and EHDC are following this up. Things seem to have improved, but he will keep monitoring the situation. DD asked if all could inform him should anything else need following up. DW queried whether the steps leading down from the bus stops had been cleared. DD agreed to follow up.

Action: DD

10. Report on Manor Farm Tours on 20th May

CE reported that the tours were moved to 3rd June due to poor weather. Approximately 30 people took the opportunity to be shown around the three farms. Sean, Sally and Jill provided refreshments in the shape of a barbecue lunch and afternoon tea and biscuits. The HVA wished to thank Sean and Co. for their time

and hospitality and it has been announced that the tours will be run again next year, hopefully with an improved attendance.

11. Update on Traffic Delays Caused by the routing of the Muslim Festival in East Worldham

This event has now passed without significant impact. No further action required.

12. Footpath Between Lower and Upper Neatham Mill Lanes

The boggy area has now dried out, however when the rains return the situation will deteriorate again. DW advised that Pam Jones is the footpath officer and KB said that she would contact her. BK reported that St. Swithun's Way going east from Church Lane is impassable when wearing shorts due to nettle growth. KB said that she would raise this too.

Action: KB

It was reported that Froyle Estates wish to move some footpaths due to maintenance. CE will check this out and report back.

Action: CE

13. Report on Rogation Walk on 21st May

CE reported that it rained. Two churchwardens and CE attended and walked to Froyle Church for tea and buns. There is more boundary to be "beaten" next year.

14. Friends of The Pond Update

In NC's absence, CE reported that NC is investigating contractors to ferry the large rocks across to the island but this is very expensive and fundraising will be required.

15. Treasurer's Update

VK reported that, when the various funds making up the total HVA accounts (HVA itself; SHIFT; Friends of the Pond; Magazine etc.) are added together the total is almost £9000. She suggested that, with this amount of money, a deposit account would be an idea to earn interest. It was felt that this should be pursued and CE said that he would get his contact to get in touch with her.

Action: CE/VK

16. Magazine Production

CE reported that the 10th issue of the magazine will cost £973 – this includes the absorption of a price increase as well as expanding to 32 pages. CE also suggested that a monthly bulletin could be produced to fill the 'void' between magazine issues. It was agreed to consider this further.

CE suggested that someone could take on the job of assisting the editor on a more permanent basis. He felt that it would be suitable for a team of two people.

CE finished by showing a sample binder in which back issues of the magazine could be filed.

17. Recording The Past

KB suggested that the "human resources" that have resided in the village for a long time should be approached to document how Holybourne used to be. A suggestion that a meeting between these knowledgeable folk and children could be arranged was rejected on the basis that it was felt that the children would be unlikely to appreciate the importance of the knowledge imparted.

There is a lot of archival material stored at various locations. It was suggested that they should be consolidated and stored in a public place. CE suggested that Andrews School may have a room available, but in the light of the current climate of child protection it was not felt that this is workable. A further potential drawback is the limited (i.e. school) hours that access would be possible. No conclusion was reached on this.

18. Any Other Business

18.1 Estate Agents' Boards at Montecchio Way intersection with London Road

The proliferation of estate agents boards advertising (possibly non-existent) properties for sale on the main road was queried. DD suggested that trading standards should be contacted.

19. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 21:38.

20. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the HVA Committee will be on Tuesday 11th July 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@hollybourne.com

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