

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006 at Holybourne Village Hall

Present: Karen Bennett (KB) – Chairman  
Vickie Kemp (VK) – Treasurer  
Gavin Thackray-Jones (GT-J) – TAG  
Nick Cane (NC)  
Lynne Kelly (LK)  
John Honnor (JH)  
Phil Croucher (PC)  
Janet Cane

Ben Kemp (BK) – Secretary  
Tony Lock (TL)  
Steve Downes (SD) – Planning & Vice Chairman  
David O'Donnell (DD) – EHDC  
David Willoughby (DW) – ATC  
James Bull (JB)  
Terry Fielder (TF)  
Mandy Wright

**1. Opening of Meeting**

The chairman opened the meeting at 20:05.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Jerry Janes (JJ), John Bound (JAB), Chris Everett (CE) and Tom Yendell (TY). Janet Cane attended the meeting in CE's absence to represent the Village Magazine.

**3. Minutes of February 2006 Meeting**

**3.1 Agree Minutes**

The minutes of the February 2006 Meeting were agreed.

**3.2 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

**3.3 Signing of Minute Book**

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

**4. Correspondence**

A card from the Over-60's club, individually signed by many of the members, was circulated amongst the meeting by way of thanks for the money raised at the Carol Singing outside the White Hart.

**5. Planning**

**5.1 Action(s) from Previous Meeting(s)**

**5.1.1 Formal endorsement from Alton Town Council for Village Design Statement**

KB produced a letter from the town clerk giving formal written support for the Village Design statement. DW raised the point that the EHDC, Parochial and Parish boundaries of Holybourne are not necessarily the same. It was decided that it would be prudent to clearly define what is and what is not in scope for the VDS to ensure that work is not duplicated and that areas are not overlooked. It was also felt that it would be unwise to divide developments between areas – e.g. Chandos Lodge may be half in Holybourne and half in Alton which would not be advantageous. Holybourne and Alton therefore need to mutually agree where the boundary lies for the purpose of the respective 'design statements'. DD said that a grant application for £1730 was coming before the EHDC North West Area Community Committee for the "Steering Holybourne Into the Future Together" (SHIFT) committee.

**5.1.2 Location of Trees subject to protection orders**

DD stated that there were two concepts here – trees themselves that are protected and actual areas that are protected (i.e. where Tree Protection Orders are not required). Stuart Gartside from EHDC is currently updating the overall plan but this is a lengthy process. It was agreed to defer this topic until May.

## 5.2 Update on Chandos Lodge Development Proposal

The EHDC North West Area Community Committee planning officers' recommendation is that a new Theatre building NOT be put on the site. This is because policy has recently been made to not allow development in the Holybourne "Strategic Gap" and this contravenes agreed strategy – i.e. no structure on the "gap". DD stressed that this is not, however, the end of the matter, as a planning application can be lodged at a later date. Although currently against planning guidelines this would then be handled by planning law rather than developmental guidelines. On the subject of access, there is agreement that an access road which intersects with London Road west of The Grange Hotel would be dangerous. The creation of a tunnel under the railway line would cause major disruption to the Alton railway line. An access road sited opposite Eggar's School is also considered dangerous. Routing the access road alongside the railway line is possible, but there is a 10m embankment which would require considerable work and expense to overcome. Therefore an intersection along the "bend" where Montecchio Way meets London Road seems most likely. However, this will require access through the "open space" and quite probably traffic lights to control the flow at what will become a crossroads. A roundabout has been dismissed on the grounds that it will occupy too much land. All this is still under discussion, and a further meeting will be held at Eggar's School on 28<sup>th</sup> March at 18:30.

## 5.3 New Planning Applications

DD requested a brief recap on the discussions concerning 1 Smithy Close.

There were no new planning applications.

## 6. HVA Members Forum

### 6.1 Actions from previous meeting: Allotments

#### 6.1.1 Article for village magazine

DW read an article that Rita Wallis from ATC had submitted for the magazine.

#### 6.1.2 Inform Alton Herald of HVA position

BK reported that he had e-mailed the Alton Herald with the progress made with AAA so far.

### 6.2 Open Forum

There were no matters raised by HVA Members

## 7. Treloar Action Group Survey

### 7.1 Action from previous meeting: Leylandii Hedge outside the Old Post Office.

Has now been cut back.

### 7.2 Discuss findings:

Mandy Wright raised the issue of Lighting in Church Lane/Howards Lane and the narrow pavement between the Old Prince of Wales and Church Lane. After some discussion it was agreed that NC would work with TAG to approach HCC to apply for the pavement to be widened. This would also have the effect of narrowing London Road and may help with traffic calming in the London Road "dip".

**Action: NC**

## 8. Transfer of Secretary's Effects

### 8.1 Action from previous meeting: Locate/deliver to BK.

Completed – two boxes have been delivered to BK.

## 9. Holybourne.com

### 9.1 Action from previous meeting: Administration of payments

Carried forward.

**Action: VK**

## **10. AGM Collection**

### **10.1 Action from previous meeting: Handover of AGM collection.**

Has been delivered to VK.

## **11. Holybourne Village Magazine**

### **11.1 Actions from Previous Meeting**

#### **11.1.1 Article on Grade II Listed buildings (DD)**

DD promised that this would be delivered by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Carried forward.

**Action: DD**

#### **11.1.2 Article on "Environmental" Considerations (JAB)**

JAB not present at the meeting. Carried forward.

**Action: JAB**

#### **11.1.3 Article from TAG. (GT-J)**

Has been forwarded to the editorial team.

#### **11.1.4 Village Logo Competition (TY)**

TY not present at meeting. Carried forward.

**Action: TY**

It was stated that the deadline for contributions is 24<sup>th</sup> March at the very latest.

## **12. Remembrance Day Update**

CE and KB have arranged a meeting with the vicar on 29<sup>th</sup> March to discuss possibilities and will provide more information at the next meeting.

**Action: CE/KB**

## **13. Litter Update**

DD stated that EHDC believe that the proliferation of litter is down to Onyx and they are pursuing the matter.

## **14. Holybourne Village Spring Clean 2006**

The date for this was set as 8<sup>th</sup> April. All to meet outside The White at 10:00. JH will organise, TL offered to pay for the leaflets for a "drop" if he was able to put an advert on the reverse. This was accepted.

## **15. Suggestions for items to be addressed by the Community Clean-Up Team**

DW was interested to know of any potential projects that could be assigned to the community clean up team. These should not be too technical.

## **16. Beating The Bounds and a free tea?**

Via e-mail, CE informed the meeting that Froyle will be beating the last part of their Parish bounds on 21st May and will come south to Howards lane at 3pm. If villagers would like to participate, we could beat our Western Boundary earlier and meet Froyle at 3pm and 'escort' them along our Northern Boundary as far as Bonhams, where our boundary goes south. We are invited to walk on to Upper Froyle for free tea and buns. Would anyone be interested? He will put it in the Magazine.

## **17. Holybourne Calendar 2007**

Via e-mail, CE reported that TY has undertaken the production of the village calendar from 2007 onward.

## **18. Local Footpaths and possible re-instatement of footpath co-ordinator.**

Via e-mail, CE raised the issue of local footpaths and the possible re-instatement of the footpath co-ordinator. DW pointed out that ATC has a footpath working party, headed by the Alton Town Councillor Pam Jones, and that the paths are walked regularly by footpath wardens. Any issues are referred to the working party, so if there are any local problems, the Town Hall should be contacted.

## 19. Friends of the Pond Update

NC reported that the sixth meeting of the Friends of the Pond had been held recently and recapped the progress over the last 15-16 months. Much maintenance, planting and general tidy-up work has been undertaken. Two of four beeches have been removed from the churchyard and the fallen ash has been removed from the pond. The benches have been cleaned/renovated by Richard Cutts. The pond has "suddenly" filled again, which is something of a mystery as it (apparently) started filling before any of the recent rains fell. After Sean Baddeley cut back the hedgerows in Brockham Hill Lane, Hampshire County Council cleared the run-offs down the lane, and this is preventing a lot of silt from running down the hill and into the pond. There are several outstanding issues, including Ownership (in abeyance); Water Quality and Rebuilding of the island – it needs to be established if this is affordable with the use of large stones. About twenty tons of material will need shifting out to the island. In any event, this is unlikely to be progressed until later in the year when the water level drops. NC closed by saying that he had been re-elected as chairman and secretary of the Friends of the Pond.

## 20. Any Other Business

### 20.1 HVA's CPRE Membership

NC reported that this year's subscription is due by April. VK will supply a cheque for £30.

**Action: VK**

### 20.2 SHIFT Funding

NC reported that he had submitted an application for some funding for SHIFT in John Halliday's absence (as he had been on holiday).

## 21. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 21:38.

## 22. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the HVA Committee will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 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](mailto:secretary.hva@hollybourne.com)

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