

HOLYBOURNE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

(FOUNDED 1974)



Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 13th March 2007 at Holybourne Village Hall

Present: Karen Bennett (KB) – Chairman Ben Kemp (BK) – Secretary Vickie Kemp (VK) – Treasurer
Phil Croucher (PC) James Bull (JB) Sam Cox (SC) – T.A.G.
Stuart Sharky (SS) – T.A.G. John Honnor (JH) David O'Donnell (DD)
Steve Downes (SD) – Vice-chairman Andy Maddock (AM) Nick Cane (NC)
Jerry Janes (JJ) David Willoughby (DW) Lynn Kelly (LK)
David O'Donnell (DD)

Mandy Wright

Vernon Burford

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 20:06.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Tom Yendell (TY); James Bull (JB) and Frank Collett (FC).

3. Minutes of February 2007 Meeting

3.1 Agree Minutes

The minutes of the February 2007 Meeting were agreed.

3.2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3.3 Signing of Minute Book

The minutes of the February 2007 meeting were signed and dated by the Chairman

4. Planning and Development

4.1 SHIFT Update

SD reported that the questionnaire is due to be delivered on 16th March and will then be distributed. This is expected to be completed by 23rd March.

4.2 New Planning Applications

There were no further applications brought to the meeting's attention.

4.3 Alton Town Design Statement

NC reported that Alton Town Partners are proceeding with the Alton Town Design Statement. A public meeting was attended by 130 people. KB, NC and Jeremy Wood will be photographing important and interesting things in Holybourne, and integrating SHIFT ideas into the Alton Town Design Statement.

4.4 Chandos Lodge Update

Persimmon Homes have submitted a planning application for 175 homes to be built at Chandos Lodge. NC requested that DD send him a copy of the application for full consideration.

Action: DD

5. HVA Members' Open Forum

5.1 Community Speedwatch

NC said that the police "encourage" the community to have access to radar speed gun. Those caught speeding are photographed. The police then send the speeding motorist a "gentle" warning letter. On the third letter people are prosecuted. NC proposed and VK and JJ seconded that the HVA investigate a three-month trial after issuing a due warning to all residents via the Village Magazine. Voting unanimous.

Action: NC

5.2 Friends of the Pond

NC reported that the water level in the pond is too high at present for work to start; there is about three inches of water running over the weir. Work will start when the water level falls; Awards for All have confirmed that the funding remains valid until September. NC will look at getting the eco-island installed. Diocesan approval has been given for the fence in the churchyard. Hampshire Highways now need a Health and Safety form completed, which also entails a survey, before they can clear the grips on Brockham Hill. It was suggested that volunteers clear them.

5.3 Alton Live Music Festival

This event is being run by the school this year, but has gone a bit quiet, leading to uncertainty whether it will go ahead. JJ suggested writing to the Head and the PTA Chairman to emphasise the importance to the village of this event.

Action: KB

5.4 Litter on the A31

SD said that he had seen people picking up litter, but the general level of tidiness is still poor.

5.5 Police Community Support Officer

SD said that Holybourne is now covered by a PCSO; he has invited her to the next meeting.

5.6 Open Gardens 23rd/24th June

This event is being run by the church; as yet the HVA have not been formally approached. Windows in the church will be themed and decorated accordingly. A pond window was suggested. There is a Charity Cricket match planned for the Sunday.

5.7 Village Picnic 27th May

Alton College Band are now confirmed to be performing at the picnic. JJ will compere the event. Attractions will include a Chevy Ambulance, 1940's D-day Landing and other "Army Stuff", possibly a glider, games, and the pet show.

5.8 Daffodils

The daffodils planted last autumn have now come into bloom. However, it seems that the team that mowed the grass verges recently have managed to chop some of them off.

6. Litter and Fly Tipping

6.1 Action from Previous Meeting

6.1.1 Barrier at Oil Depot

The "bollards" at the Oil Depot has gone quiet, although in the new financial year this could be revived. A potential issue with access would need addressing.

Carried Forward - Action: ATC

6.1.2 Fly tipping in field next the Haw Bridge

The rubbish is still there. JJ will inform EHDC.

Action: JJ

Some windows have also been dumped up Brockham Hill Lane. JJ will notify EHDC of this also.

7. London Road Pavement Widening

Mandy Wright reported that Tony Ludlow has still not responded to TAG's e-mails. Ian Hopcroft from Hampshire County Council has revealed that maintenance priorities have changed and the roads washed away recently are being repaired, instead of the promised pavement widening being started. JJ said that he will attempt to progress this with HCC highways as a London Road accessibility issue.

Action: JJ

8. Letter From The Alton Society

NC offered to act as Alton Society liaison on an informal basis. A discussion took place on the potential benefits of closer links with The Alton Society. A list of buildings to be preserved should be compiled.

9. Vandalism In Holybourne

9.1 Action from Previous Meeting: Draft of article

BK has drafted the article and asked SD to check it for factual correctness. This will then be submitted to the Village Magazine for publication. It was also suggested that Inspector Dodds be invited to our 2007 Annual General Meeting.

10. Any Other Business

VK said that the cheques for the donations from the Carol Singing proceeds had yet to be written. It was confirmed that one is for the PCC for the Church Walls appeal and one for the Holybourne Guides.

VK asked for HVA approval to seek online banking facilities for the HVA Bank Account. This was agreed.

11. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 21:10.

12. Date of next meeting

The next HVA Committee meeting is on Tuesday 10th April 2007 at 8.00pm in Holybourne Village Hall. It would be much appreciated if agenda items could be forwarded to the secretary by Saturday 7th April. Anything after this will be held over until the next meeting. A final agenda will be issued the day before the meeting. Please forward apologies for absence, if necessary, to the secretary. E-mail secretary.hva@holybourne.com

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