

# Holybourne Village Association

(Founded 1974)



## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at Holybourne Village Hall

Present: Karen Bennett (KB) – Chairman                      Ben Kemp (BK) – V.Chairman                      Nick Cane (NC)  
David Godfrey (DG) – Secretary                      Vickie Kemp (VK) – Treasurer                      Pat Lerew (PL)  
Tom Yendell (TY)                      Jerry Janes (JJ)                      Phil Croucher (PC)  
John Honnor (JH)                      Barrie Lawrence (BL)                      David Willoughby (DW)

### **1.0 Opening of Meeting**

The meeting opened at 8.06pm.

### **2.0 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from James Bull, Jill Robinson, Lynn Kelly, Rebecca Hare, Vernon Burford and David O'Donnell.  
Andy Maddock and Veerindar Western were unable to attend.

### **3.0 Minutes of February 2008 Meeting**

- 3.1 Agree minutes of February 2008 meeting.  
The minutes of the meeting were approved. Copies will be sent to attendees, non attendees and the web site.
- 3.2 Matters arising from the minutes.  
There were no matters arising.
- 3.3 Signing of the Minute Book.  
The February minutes were signed by KB – Chairman.

### **4.0 Criminal Damage**

- 4.1 PCSO White addressed the meeting with advice and ideas in dealing with vandalism in Holybourne. PC White stated that he was not our area officer and was deputizing for PC Kelly who unfortunately was off duty at the time of this meeting.  
In his address PC White stated the police wished to encourage the reporting of vandalism, this would provide information of 'hot spots' in the village for future police surveillance.  
He advised none emergency telephone number 101 would remain in operation for a further 12 months.  
Damage in the church yard had occurred and a suspect had been identified.  
An incidence box is to be placed in the village shop and public house for residents to use anonymously.  
PC White stated he is along with PC Kelly, prepared to organize a neighbourhood watch scheme if required.  
PC White gave further advice following a spate of vehicle damage/break-ins. Avoid leaving valuables or possessions in vehicles unattended.  
Holybourne is attached to Beat 1 which covers Alton town centre.  
NC asked if PC Kelly would write an article for the village magazine. BL would liaise with PC Kelly on this matter.  
Holybourne is regarded in East Hampshire as a 'Safe Area'.
- 4.2 Notice of Vandalism  
  
NC would make minor amendments to the proposed notice and arrange placement in the village notice board. He would also provide a copy of this notice for BL to insert in April's edition of the village magazine.  
Arrangements were to be made for the notices to be placed around the village in conspicuous places.

### **5.0 Friends of the Pond update**

- 5.1 David Andrews has completed the renovations to the bench and replaced it in the original position.  
The committee wished to thank David for a superb job.

### **6.0 Planning and Development**

- 6.1 Linden Homes update on 'The Depot' site.  
All existing buildings have now been demolished.
- 6.2 Chandos Lodge Development.  
Nothing further to report.
- 6.3 SHIFT Update  
Analysis of the survey is now underway and the data is being assimilated.
- 6.4 New Planning Applications  
One application received in current period for tree felling and lopping.

## **7.0 Tourist information**

- 7.1 East Hampshire District Council intend closing the Alton Tourist Information Centre. NC will write and enquire what alternative facilities they intend offering the community. It was further suggested that NC should write to EHDC on behalf of the HVA complaining about this loss of facility. Vital information regarding B&B's, general attractions, town centre activities etc were potentially a loss to the area.

## **8.0 HVA Members Open Forum**

- 8.1 Information was passed to the meeting advising that Alton and Petersfield were about to see an increase in public car parking fees. It was felt that these increases were designed to subsidise free car parking in other areas of EHDC. It was suggested that Holybourne residents would be particularly badly affected by these increases because most people need to drive to the town for shopping etc. due to the distance and lack of bus service and the Committee should write to EHDC to this effect.
- 8.2 A letter, received from James Croft (Vicar) was read to the committee outlining the possible formation of a single greater Alton parish.  
There will be an open meeting on Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 7.30pm in the Alton Assembly Rooms for members of the public to hear further on these proposals.  
Reverent James Croft has offered to address the next HVA meeting 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008.
- 8.3 It was suggested by BL that the HVA agenda be placed on the village notice board advising people in advance of items that may attract public interest.
- 8.4 EHDC have issued their 'Core Strategy' document. NC to study this document and report at the next HVA meeting.
- 8.5 TY advised the meeting that he has held talks with Treloar College Care Managers regarding issues raised in the February HVA meeting - wheel chairs users on public highways and footpaths.

## **9.0 Treasures Reports**

- 9.1 The Treasurer reported that the Secretary was now an approved signatory for the HVA.

## **10.0 Any Other Business**

- 10.1 There were no further items raised.

## **11.0 Close of meeting**

- 11.1 The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

David Godfrey  
Secretary  
**Holybourne Village Association**