

Holybourne Village Association

(Founded 1974)



Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 10th March 2009 at Holybourne Village Hall

Present: Karen Bennett (KB) - Chairman Phil Croucher (PC) Ben Kemp (BK)
David Godfrey (DG) - Secretary James Bull (JB) John Honnor (JH)
Vickie Kemp (VK) - Treasurer Barrie Lawrence (BL) Vernon Burford (VB)
Jerry Janes (JJ) Pat Lerew (PL) Andy Maddock (AM)
Lynn Kelly (LK) David Willoughby (DW) Tom Yendell (TY)
David Tomlinson (DT) Nick Cane (NC)

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 20.04 hrs.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from: - Glynis Watts & Steve Downes.

3. Minutes of February 2009 Meeting

3.1 Agree minutes of February 2009 Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting were approved.

3.2 Matters arising from the minutes.

JJ advised that the Complins to Eggars footpath would be attended to.

JJ further advised the overhanging tree in Thornton End gardens would be attended to.

Mr D. Andrews has offered to provide the concrete base for the temporary flagpole, pending L/A approval. HVA to provide flagpole.

KB to further contact the Principal of Treloars regarding excessive traffic use in Howard's Lane and subsequent road surface damage.

3.3 Signing of the minutes.

The minutes were signed by KB, Chairman.

4. Street Watch

4.1 41 people have signed up to the Street Watch scheme. The scheme is now registered on the internet, providing excellent information on the village and detailing the purpose of the scheme.

4.2 Patrols have commenced although a quicker uptake would be beneficial.

4.3 Philip Kedge acting chairman to arrange member meeting.

5. SHIFT

5.1 Nothing further to report other than the Alton Town Partnership meeting 28-02-2009 covered under item 9 of these minutes.

6. Friends of the Pond

6.1 Nothing further to report at this meeting.

7. Planning and Development.

7.1 One minor application made in the month.

7.2 Tesco are considering a site in Mill Lane, Alton with a view to lodging an application for a new supermarket. This was generally considered to be good for the area and provide competition to Sainsbury's. However, concern was expressed with regard to our village shop and the effects Tesco may have on its future.

8. Brockham Hill – Seat
 - 8.1 Committee to address offer of a new bench / seat to be sited on or near Brockham Hill. Decision to be made at next months meeting.

- 9 Alton Town Partnership
 - 9.1 Over 400 people had attended the ATP meeting, 28-02-09. Several potential sites have been earmarked for future development in and around the Alton boundaries. Two of these sites directly affect Holybourne, one to the rear of Howard’s Farm, the other on the boundaries of Neatham.
 - 9.2 NC advised that he would be attending the next ATP meeting 23rd March 09 and would report back to the committee.
 - 9.3 Alton’s 2020 plan to shape Alton’s future includes Holybourne along with other surrounding villages.

10. HVA Members Open Forum (note that items for the open forum may be time limited by the Chairman)
 - 10.1 The committee wished to thank Mr Paul Taylor for the excellent repairs he had made to the village notice board.
 - 10.2 Repairs will be carried out shortly to the church tower. It is also planned to change the current number of bells in the tower to eight bells. JB notified the meeting that volunteers would be required to assist when the change over is made.
 - 10.3 The road works being carried out in London Road near to Andrews Endowed School had been poorly managed by the highways engineers and the contractor. Children and adults had been put at risk, particularly when arriving and leaving the school at collection times. Pavements had not been kept clear, leaving walkers no option but to use the road.
 - 10.4 It had been noted that dog fouling was once again causing a serious nuisance to pavement users. It was suggested that Street Watch patrols should note any such occurrences and report back to the police.
 - 10.5 Many grass verges have been damaged by Lorries, contractor’s vehicles etc.County Highways to be advised.
 - 10.6 Treloars Facility Manager to be contacted regarding increasing areas of waste material being tipped to the rear of St Swithans footpath.
 - 10.7 Consideration to be given regarding entry to the Calor Village of the year competition. The competition is open to villages of less than 5,000 residents.

11. Treasurers Report
 - 11.1 Nothing further to report at this meeting.

12. Any Other Business
 - 12.1 EHDC have advised the public footpath running from Howard’s Lane to Anstey Park (St Swithans Way) has been approved and should be resurfaced by the end of this spring period.
 - 12.2 TY advised that Treloars now had their own printing facilities. Competitive prices were on offer for any of our future printing requirements.

13. Date of Next Meeting
 - 13.1 Date of the next HVA Committee meeting, Tuesday 14th April 2009.

14. Close of Meeting
 - 14.1 The meeting closed at 21-25 hrs.