



Minutes of Committee Meeting held Tuesday 11th May 2010 at the Holybourne Village Hall

Present

Ben Kemp (BK) Acting Chairman	Barrie Lawrence (BL)	Phil Croucher (PC)
David Godfrey (DG) Secretary	James Bull (JB)	Steve Downes (SD)
Vickie Kemp (VK) Treasurer	Glynis Watts (GW)	Jerry Janes (JJ)
Tom Yendell (TY)		

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 20-02 hrs

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Karen Bennett, Pat Lerew, Vicky Coomer, David Willoughby, Vernon Burford, David Tomlinson & Nick Cane. Andy Maddock was unable to attend.

3. Minutes of April 2010 Meeting

- 3.1 Agree minutes of April 2010 meeting.
The minutes of the meeting were approved.
- 3.2 Matters arising from the minutes.
Under the heading 'Present' insert David Tomlinson, delete John Tomlinson.
- 3.3 Signing of the minutes.
The minutes were signed by (BK) Acting Chairman.

4. HVA & the Future

- 4.1 BL raised the question whether we should remain as an association or consider moving to a parish council. There is frustration among members concerning the lack of respect/consideration shown by Alton Town Council and EHDC. Various concerns/issues that have been raised have clearly been ignored by the councils and in particular recent letters of objection regarding various planning applications have received little or no attention from them.
- 4.2 JJ suggested we should very carefully consider the increased volume of work, legal responsibilities, hiring of staff and the increased responsibility this would have on the current voluntary members if they choose to serve on a Parish Council.
- 4.3 The points noted above were discussed at length, the general view of the members, whilst noting their frustration with the council's attitude toward Holybourne, agreed that it may be a step too far at this stage to consider forming a parish council.

5. Planning and Development

- 5.1 An application has been lodged for a single storey extension to a property in London Road. BT has applied for permission to install a new telephone box on the opposite corner to the existing unit located adjacent to the chapel.
- 5.2 Following an application by Linden Homes to amend the approved scheme from residential housing and small commercial retail units to residential housing only. A site meeting has been arranged for Friday 21st May 2010 at 9-00am. The meeting will be attended by EHDC, local residents and members of the HVA.
- 5.3 Tesco have had their latest application refused by EHDC, an appeal has been lodged, outcome awaited. Waitrose have recently held an open meeting in the Alton Assembly Rooms with details of their proposed store Located in Station Road Alton.

6. Litter Pick

- 6.1 VK informed the meeting that 23 people had turned up for the annual Holybourne Litter Pick, Saturday May 2010. It had been noted that a lot of rubbish had been deposited in Gaskell Close thought to be the responsibility of children from Eggars School.

7. Friends of the Pond

- 7.1 PC advised that new round timber posts were to be installed replacing the boundary marker posts that were now deteriorating.

8. HVA Members Open Forum (note that items for the Forum may be time-limited by the Chairman)

- 8.1 BL requested advice on who he should contact regarding the appalling condition of the deteriorating road surfaces in Holybourne. It was suggested he contact Councillor Andrew Joy through Councillor David Willoughby.
- 8.2 JB noted that work was being carried out to the rear fencing of the children's playground. Members of the committee had not been advised of any works planned for this area. *Post meeting note, Alton Town Council works department had been instructed to repair damaged fencing.*
- 8.3 TY raised the issue of car parking in the field adjacent to the sports field. He advised that a hard standing had been created for a small amount of vehicles to use as an overflow car park. As a result of vehicles exceeding the intended use a fence is to be erected in order to control the number of vehicles allowed.
- 8.4 The HVA have received a reply letter from Andrews Endowed Head Teacher explaining their proposed plans for parking during school drop off and collection times.
- 8.5 There is to be a pub quiz night, 30-05-10 at the White Hart, all invited.

9. Treasurers Report

9.1 VK thanked JB for his contribution in the collection of advertising fees.

10.Any Other Business

10.1 There were no further points raised.

11.Date of next Meeting

11.1 The date for the next meeting has been set for 08-06-2010.

12.Close of Meeting

12.1 The meeting closed at 21-15 hrs