

HOLYBOURNE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

(FOUNDED 1974)

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 14th November 2006 at Holybourne Village Hall

Present: Karen Bennett (KB) – Chairman Ben Kemp (BK) – Secretary Vickie Kemp (VK) – Treasurer
John Honnor (JH) Phil Croucher (PC) Lynn Kelly (LK)
James Bull (JB) David Willoughby (DW) Andy Maddock (AM)
David O'Donnell (DD) Jerry Janes (JJ) Sam Cox (SC)
Stuart Sharky (SS)

Chris Everett (CE) Mandy Wright

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 20:02.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Nick Cane (NC) and Steve Downes (SD); David O'Donnell (DD) had given advance notice that he would be unavoidably detained and joined the meeting at 20:40. Sarah Goss also conveyed her apologies. Tom Yendell and Frank Collet were also unable to be present.

3. Co-option of Andy Maddock onto the HVA Committee

Proposed by SD; seconded by JB. Voting unanimous.

4. Election of HVA Committee Officers for 2006/2007

Chairman: Karen Bennett was elected at the AGM as per the constitution of the Association.

Vice Chairman: Steve Downes was proposed by JJ, seconded by LK and elected unanimously in his absence.

Secretary: Ben Kemp was proposed by KB, seconded by JJ and elected unanimously.

Treasurer: Vickie Kemp was proposed by JH, seconded by LK and elected unanimously.

Social Secretary: Lynn Kelly was proposed by VK, seconded by AM and elected unanimously.

Planning Officer: Steve Downes was proposed by JB, seconded by AM and elected unanimously.

5. Contact Details for HVA Committee

The secretary circulated his existing details for HVA Committee Members for checking and/or updating. This updated list will be published to other committee members when complete.

6. Minutes of September 2006 Meeting

6.1 Agree Minutes

There is an error in paragraph 3.1 of the September minutes, references to 'July' should read 'August'.

6.2 Matters Arising

There were no further matters arising.

6.3 Signing of Minute Book

The signing of the minutes of the September 2006 meeting was deferred until corrections are made.

7. Planning and Developments

7.1 Actions from Previous Meetings

7.1.1 Suggested visit of planning officer to Treloar Heights

DD unable to be present; check with Alton Forum carried forward.

Action: DD

7.1.2 Letter to Persimmon Homes/Hampshire Highways

To be progressed after 4.1.1 completed. Carried forward

Action: SD/NC

7.2 Chandos Lodge and the Access Issue

DD presented an "initial plan" detailing 186 houses on the Chandos Lodge site. He stressed that this is an initial plan only and that no formal application has been made. There is no car allocation at present (government guidelines are 1.5 cars per dwelling). The housing density is approximately 27 houses per hectare. A discussion took place on affordable housing and what – if anything – is being done to assist first time buyers.

As yet, there is no confirmed route of access. The current suggestion is that the access road emerges virtually opposite Eggars School. The drop off point outside Eggars School and the acceleration/deceleration lanes into/out of Holybourne will be removed. Traffic lights will control

access to London Road and Montecchio Way both at the entrance to the development and at the Holybourne sign. Again, this is currently only a suggestion.

7.3 Steering Holybourne Into the Future Together (SHIFT)

7.3.1 SHIFT Update

KB reported that the questionnaire should be ready by Tuesday 21st November. This will then be printed and will be distributed in the next month.

7.4 Potential Development of the Theatre Site

This was deferred for discussion at a later meeting.

7.5 Planning Applications

Some tree removal has occurred in Church Lane. It was questioned whether a planning application had been made for this.

The application has been made for a Sports Stadium to be placed on Diggers Field, at the top of Anstey Park. EHDC have requested a site visit, due to take place on 15th December.

8. HVA Members Forum

8.1 Open Forum

Nothing brought to forum by HVA Members

9. Litter and Fly Tipping

9.1 Barrier at Oil Depot

The deputy town clerk, Greg Burt, is looking into whether bollards can be placed at the oil depot to deter fly tippers. The probation service is due to return to do some more tidying up and the hand rail on the steps up to the bus stops are to be replaced by Hampshire County Council. However, there is no definite news at present. Carried forward.

Action: ATC

10. Open Space in Rakemakers

LK has been in contact with Geraldine Howe to discuss landscaping options. The ivy was trimmed and left in a heap in the middle, then the grass was mown around it. The Girl Guides have planted bulbs. Watch this space!

11. Proposed Double Yellow Lines at Carpenters Close

11.1 Actions From Previous Meetings

11.1.1 Canvass Opinion from Residents

SD not present at the meeting. Carried forward.

11.1.2 Determine When Public Consultation Will Begin

DW stated that HCC Councillor Tony Ludlow has commented that "it is unpopular and not worth doing." There is nothing further to report at this point. If it goes to public consultation then it will need more involvement but until then "watch this space". DW suggested that this is moved to SHIFT's remit.

12. Friends of the Pond Update

The minutes of the eighth "Friends of the Pond" Meeting were circulated prior to this meeting by way of a report as NC could not attend. There were no matters arising, other than concern expressed about the current water levels.

13. Magazine Update

CE reported that there is "quite a lot of stuff" and expressed his gratitude to those who had submitted articles. The cover picture will hopefully be from the Remembrance Ceremony on 11th November. There may even be forty pages in this issue.

A discussion took place on the potential new editorial team for the magazine. A flier was created between NC and AM but this has yet to be circulated to houses in Holybourne. JH said that Nick Capehorn had offered to edit the magazine. CE said that he had spoken to him and asked for a c.v. but had heard nothing yet, but felt that perhaps someone with more experience would be suitable. CE and AM will liaise further.

Action: AM/CE

14. Christmas Carol Singing / Christmas Tree

David Scholes of The White Hart has kindly agreed for the Christmas Tree to be sited at the front of the pub and, as a qualified electrician, has offered to wire it up. JH will obtain the Tree.

Action: JH

Much discussion took place on a suitable date and, although a Sunday would have been preferable for most of the organising committee, all clash with other events. It was therefore decided upon the date of Monday 11th December at 19:00 to give the organisers time to get home from work and get things set up. VK will speak to the How family about providing the music.

Action: VK

The school will be asked to make presents to go under the tree.

Action: LK

15. Any Other Business

15.1 Donation to Jan Budd's named charities

The HVA committee was extremely sorry to hear that Jan Budd recently passed away. JH suggested that, in recognition of all the hard work put in by Dave and Jan Budd on the village website, it would be fitting to make a donation on behalf of the HVA. It was agreed to donate £30, this being the approximate cost of some flowers, split equally between her named charities.

Action: VK

15.2 War Memorial Maintenance

JH mentioned that he had seen that funds are available for War Memorial Maintenance from local councils. DW acknowledged that the Holybourne Roll of Honour is an Alton Town Council responsibility and asked that the town clerk be contacted with a list of requirements.

15.3 Remembrance Ceremony DVD

CE said that he had a copy of the Remembrance Ceremony on DVD if anyone wished to view it.

15.4 Daffodil Bulbs

LK reported that the bulb working party had planted the bulbs donated by ATC on the grass verges around Eggars, at the Holybourne sign, and at the intersection of London Road and Montecchio Way. Disturbingly, the working party was harangued by an unknown resident who accused them of trying to stop children from playing on the grass verge.

15.5 London Road Pavement Widening in "The Dip"

Mandy Wright reported that this has now become something of an uphill struggle. Surprise was expressed, as the HVA was of the impression that the work was budgeted, planned and would be starting almost imminently.

15.6 HVA Christmas Drink at The White Hart

It was suggested that the next HVA Meeting commences at 19:30 to allow a slightly earlier finish enabling attendees and their partners to partake of mulled wine and nibbles at The White Hart after the meeting. This will **NOT** be funded from HVA funds but by contributions from those attending.

15.7 Remembrance Ceremony

Alton Town Council were not represented at Saturday's remembrance event as they had not been officially invited. DW suggested that Steve Parkinson, the town clerk, came down to discuss Holybourne's aspirations for the future.

15.8 Alton Society Liaison

BK reported that although the HVA had been invited to the Alton Society AGM, it had clashed with the Remembrance Day Ceremony and therefore no-one from the HVA had attended. A letter had been sent from the society to the HVA requesting a meeting. It is assumed that, as Alton Society Liaison, SD is handling this?

16. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 21:46.

17. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the HVA Committee will be on Tuesday 12th December at 7.30pm in Holybourne Village Hall. It would be greatly appreciated if any items for the agenda could be forwarded to the secretary by Friday 8th December. 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

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