

Holybourne Village Association

(Founded 1974)



Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 11th November 2008 at Holybourne Village Hall

Present: Karen Bennett (KB) - Chairman Phil Croucher (PC) Ben Kemp (BK)
David Godfrey (DG) – Secretary James Bull (JB) David Willoughby (DW)
Vickie Kemp (VK) – Treasurer John Honnor (JH) Barrie Lawrence (BL)
Glynis Watts (GW) Tom Yendell (TY) Pat Lerew (PL),
Chris Everett

1.0 Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 20.04 hrs

2.0 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from: -, Vernon Burford (VB), Lynn Kelly (LK), Nick Cane (NC), David Tomlinson (DT) and Steve Downes (SD).

Veerindar Weston (VW), Rebecca Hare (RH), Andy Maddock (AM) and Jerry Janes (JJ) were unable to attend.

3.0 Minutes of September 2008 Meeting

- 3.1 Agree minutes of September 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.
Item 14 should read 14.1 date of next meeting 14-10-08 (AGM) @ 20.00hrs.
- 3.3 The minutes were signed by KB, Chairman.

4.0 Election of Members

- 4.1 The proposed members elected at the AGM were approved, unanimous show of hands.

5.0 Friends of the pond update

- 5.1 N.C in his report advised that repairs to the perimeter pond fence were imminent.
- 5.2 Concern was raised regarding the amount of white bread being left at the pond side. Investigation to establish if this is detrimental to the wildlife inhabiting the pond. If proven, notices to be displayed accordingly.

6.0 SHIFT

- 6.1 Following response from the SHIFT questionnaire, fourteen principle items were identified. Main concerns were the speeding traffic in London Road, protecting existing village assets and protecting the village from over development.
- 6.2 Report to be entered in the next Village Magazine.

7.0 Planning and Development

- 7.1 New Planning Applications
There have been a couple of minor planning applications during this last period.
- 7.2 HVA to be approached by developers planning to submit an application for new petrol station, hotel and restaurant adjacent to the roundabout on the A31 leading to London Road.
- 7.3 Treloars college intend submitting for outline planning in December and full planning in February 09 for the integration of the Holybourne and Froyle sites.
- 7.4 Concern was expressed that these plans may extend beyond the current boundary line (Green Belt) currently at the junction of the public footpath.

8.0 Remembrance Service

- 8.1 The committee thanked Dr. C. Everett for arranging the service held Saturday 08-11-08.
- 8.2 Due to inclement weather, the decision had been taken to omit the use of loudspeakers; this resulted in a loss of clarity from some of the quieter speakers.
- 8.3 Dr. Everett said he would welcome new ideas for next years ceremony.
- 8.4 Improved marshalling of the road closure periods would be required for next years service.

9.0 Neighborhood Watch

- 9.1 Despite requests from the HVA, Alton Police failed to provide an officer to attend the meeting and advise guidance on this subject. Further efforts will be made for attendance at the December meeting.

- 10.0 HVA Members Open Forum
 - 10.1 Committee advised of EHDC 'Village 30' Road Safety scheme. Copies of the scheme to be issued to the committee for their consideration.
 - 10.2 Treloars have offered a potential partnership with Holybourne Village residents for the use of their sports facilities and swimming pool. This will be dependant on their successful planning application and future building programme. HVA to request Treloars representative, address future meeting, outlining a workable system for the residents and in particular the younger members of the village.
 - 10.3 The condition of the village notice board has been deteriorating for some time. Requests have been made for maintenance works to be carried out all of which have not materialized. The committee decided to ask Mr. D. Cross if he would be prepared to take on the responsibility of maintaining the notice board.
 - 10.4 Members raised concern at the excessive number of commercial advertisements being placed on street furniture in the village. It was agreed to remove any commercial signage and restrict to village interests only.
 - 10.5 A proposal has been made for a permanent flagpole to be erected in the village. Contact to be made with developers Linden Homes for potential donation of one of the current poles in use on their development at 'The Depot'. Planning permission will need to be obtained.
 - 10.6 The White Hart public house has agreed that the annual Christmas tree can be placed behind the dwarf wall adjacent to the public footpath.
 - 10.7 Alton Society newsletter will be sent to the secretary for onward distribution.
 - 10.8 Holybourne Village Magazine to update Village Hall licensing numbers and hire rates.
 - 10.9 Concern was raised at the number of commercial vehicles parking in London Road and in particular close to the school entrances.
- 11.0 Carol Singing
 - 11.1 Event to be held at 7-00 pm 16-12-2008 at the White Hart public house. Refreshments have been arranged along with musicians, celebrities etc.
 - 11.2 Posters will be fixed around the village advertising details of the evening.
 - 11.3 Guides to be invited to the singing festivities.
- 12.0 Treasurers Report
 - 12.01 Treasurer reported noted little change from AGM accounts.
- 13.0 Any Other Business
 - 13.1 New Gavel and Sound Block to be purchased for Chairman's use at meetings.
 - 13.2 Attending members expressed their concern regarding those members who continually fail to attend meetings. Unanimous agreement was reached that members should be reminded that apologies are required should they be unable to attend meetings and continued non attendees will be asked if they wish to remain on the committee. It was appreciated that one of our members had advised the committee that he would not be available until the New Year due to work commitments.
 - 13.3 Tom Yendell was co-opted on to the committee as Treloars Liaison Officer.
- 14.0 Date of the next meeting:
 - 14.1 Tuesday 09-12-08 at 20.00hrs.
- 15.0 Close of meeting
 - Meeting closed at 21.30hrs.