

HVA News

The following has been extracted and edited from the HVA meeting minutes for the
14th September 2004

HVA Members Attending

Present: Nick Cane (Acting Chairman and Secretary), Tom Yendell, Steve Downes, Denis Nason, John Honnor, Karen Bennett, David Tomlinson, David Willoughby, Ben Kemp.

Apologies from: John Bound, Paul Fitzgibbon, Roger Dobson, David O'Donnell

Absent: David Andrews, Christopher Everett, Marcus Pilleau

Matters Arising

- NC apologised that Tom Yendell had been designated JY rather than TY in the minutes
- **Village Sign:** JB is awaiting a response from Alton Town Council.
- **Road Cleaning:** D O'D is still awaiting details and will forward them to the committee when he gets them.

Planning

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Concerns that plans are afoot for a major expansion of housing in Holybourne – possible sites are Allison and Garwood and the land around the “strategic gap”. It was felt that this could extend to as much as a further 175 homes to add to the existing count of 560. The HVA is not aware of the precise nature of any plans and feels it needs both an urgent update from EHDC and also to draw up a set of proposals for what the HVA feel is acceptable. It was agreed that a special meeting should be arranged where the EHDC can present its plans and strategy for developments in Holybourne.

Action: Not Discussed - John Bound awaiting his reply from Keith Oliver.

- **212 London Road:** for information, the plan to build a house on the existing site line has been approved
- **10 Cranford Drive:** a planning request is being submitted to build a detached house beside 10 Cranford Drive. Access will be from Upper Neatham Mill Lane. The committee agreed with objectors from Upper Neatham Mill Lane that the building would destroy the existing tree line and create a precedent for building on that side of the lane. The committee (with TY abstaining) requested DW to support the objection.
- **5 Upper Neatham Mill Lane:** a planning request has been submitted to demolish the existing bungalow and build a pair of semi-detached houses and a detached house on the site. The committee request DW to object to the plan with respect to overdevelopment, light restriction to the neighbouring houses, parking on the site and the risk of overflow parking into Upper Neatham Mill Lane which is very narrow.
- DW will make sure that TY is aware of plans being reviewed by Alton Town Council so that TY can bring issues to the committee if necessary

General

Village Pond

Background - several years ago the village contributed to a substantial piece of work restoring the village pond. Due to poor and faulty drainage on Brockham Hill, substantial amounts of silt have been washed into the pond. This silt needs clearing out, storm damage repaired and other minor tasks undertaken so a Pond sub-committee was formed to manage and organise these tasks.

Considerable effort has been put in by volunteers to tidy up the island and remove portions of the tree that has fallen in to the pond. Removal of the tree trunk will require professional support and the Committee authorised the expenditure of £150 to accomplish this. NC expressed concern over the amount of weed in the pond and it was suggested that the 'Friends' discuss this issue, when established, with June Chatfield who provides Alton Town Council with advice and guidance on Kings Pond. JH volunteered with BK to plant daffodils on the bank.

Action: The 'Friends of the Pond' group as a replacement for the Pond Sub-committee will be initiated shortly.

Village Christmas Tree

The Alton Town Council will make a decision on 15 September whether to pay for the electricity for a tree. Andrews' Endowed School has agreed that it should be installed in their grounds. NC will discuss with Antoinette Hookway the availability of a tree. TY will discuss with David Andrews the possibility of his staff building a base for the tree. Alton Music Festival will be making a contribution to the HVA and it was agreed that some of this should be used to buy lights for the tree. It was agreed that the HVA should sponsor carols round the tree.

Action: TY

Christmas Lunch

TY suggested that in addition to Carols round the Tree, the HVA should sponsor a Christmas Lunch for the village at Treloars on the Sunday before Christmas. This would be funded by selling tickets. It was agreed that this should be a topic for discussion at the AGM.

Village Magazine

The magazine was printed and delivered to schedule. The feedback is excellent. DN pointed out that there is a need to be sensitive in the content to those who do not have internet access. It was agreed that the thanks and congratulations of the HVA committee to the Editorial and Distribution teams should be minuted. DN raised a concern about the escalating cost of the Magazine issue by issue. It was agreed that the committee should set a budget for each issue and that this will be discussed at the November committee meeting.

AGM

It is important that there is a good attendance. To this end John Bound will write to all households encouraging them to attend. (Thanks to KB for the draft approved by the committee). **Action:** JH will arrange distribution. TY will design and put up announcement posters.

It was agreed that the agenda should include:

- Chairman's report
- Secretary's report
- Treasurer's report
- Magazine report
- Pond report
- Election of new committee members including re-election of those who have been on the committee for 3 years and wish to stand again (note that those elected 3 years ago are TY, JB and MP; and that four existing members have expressed a desire to retire)
- Election of officers
- Changes to the constitution if any
- The Planning Process – a presentation by EHDC (JB to arrange)
- Q&A and AOB

In order to make the HVA more representative it was suggested that other village bodies should propose a committee member e.g the Cricket Club, the PCC, Treloars etc. JB will write to the organisations suggesting that they put forward a nomination. **Action:** NC will draft the letter.

It is important that the election is properly conducted and that all candidates have a chance to express their views before any voting. Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer will sit at the front of the hall – other committee members will sit in the body of the hall. The constitution will be distributed to all committee members ASAP and will be available to attendees at the AGM. **Action:** SD

The opportunity will be taken to publicise the Holybourne.com website. TY will create a presentation board.

Snacks and drinks will be available after the meeting. Committee members are asked to bring snacks; TY and SD will arrange.

Treasurers Report

The HVA has a balance of £344 in the bank not including the Magazine account.

Next Meeting & AGM

October 12th 2004 at 8pm, Village Hall.

Edited Minutes from the HVA Meeting - Chairman, John Bound.