

# HOLYBOURNE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

(FOUNDED 1974)

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at Holybourne Village Hall

Present: Karen Bennett (KB) – Chairman      Ben Kemp (BK) – Secretary      Vickie Kemp (VK) – Treasurer  
John Honnor (JH)      John Bound (JAB)      Phil Croucher (PC)  
Lynn Kelly (LK)      Chris Everett (CE)      James Bull (JB)  
Steve Downes (SD)      David Willoughby (DW)      Tom Yendell (TY)

John Aldridge      Marion Aldridge      Geoff Nicholas (Alton Society)

### 1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 20:04.

### 2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Nick Cane (NC); Jerry Janes (JJ); David O'Donnell (DD) and Rebecca Hare. Gavin Thackray-Jones (GT-J) was also unable to be present.

### 3. Minutes of August 2006 Meeting

#### 3.1 Agree Minutes

The minutes of the July 2006 Meeting were not agreed. DW commented that the sentence "...The Alton Society Newsletter would be a good place in which to gauge public opinion" was in error as this is not a public forum. CE stated that he had not said this. The secretary expressed disappointment that this had not been brought up prior to the meeting when the draft minutes were initially circulated.

#### 3.2 Matters Arising

There were no further matters arising.

#### 3.3 Signing of Minute Book

The signing of the minutes of the July 2006 meeting was deferred until amendments are made.

### 4. Planning and Developments

#### 4.1 Actions from Previous Meetings

##### 4.1.1 Suggested visit of planning officer to Treloar Heights

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

**Action: DD**

##### 4.1.2 Letter to Persimmon Homes/Hampshire Highways

To be progressed after 4.1.1 completed. Carried forward

**Action: SD/NC**

##### 4.1.3 Proposed Planning Application for 212 London Road

This has been passed. Alton Town Council have made comment on the watercourse issue. This is now in the hands of East Hampshire District Council.

#### 4.2 Chandos Lodge Access Issue

Geoff Nicholas, from the Alton Society, said that the society also has issues with the proposal for access and feel in retrospect that the HVA should have been consulted. The Alton Society have recommended that a roundabout be built and that the road through the "Open Space" should be 'nicely screened' with trees. The Society have also suggested that an HVA Member be co-opted onto their committee as liaison. SD agreed to act in this capacity.

#### 4.3 Steering Holybourne Into the Future Together (SHIFT)

##### 4.3.1 SHIFT Update

Data has been collected and some software purchased to put the questionnaire together. This should be ready for distribution in the next six to eight weeks.

#### **4.4 Planning Applications**

No new planning applications were brought to the meeting.

PC mentioned that a lot of "Development Work" seems to be happening at the previously disused entrance adjacent to The Priory. DW advised that if it is felt that there is a conservation issue then it should be reported to EHDC. KB said that she may ask Greg Burt to for a walk around Holybourne to cast an eye over some general points of interest.

It was reported that ATC have recommended the rejection of the proposal at 42 Complins on overdevelopment and access issues. This has now been passed to EHDC.

#### **5. HVA Members Forum**

##### **5.1 Open Forum**

###### **5.1.1 Open Space In Rakemakers**

LK reported that the Kelly's request to take over the open space in Rakemakers had been turned down by EHDC. The council states that there is "potential to increase enjoyment and use by local residents. The grass is cut nine times a year, the trees maintained as necessary." Geraldine Howe has offered to come and meet representatives from Rakemakers and/or the HVA. LK requested any suggestions for landscaping and DW agreed it would be preferable if the initial contact could be met with some ideas. The Girl Guides were suggested as a "labour force". LK will contact the relevant people and arrange a meeting.

**Action: LK**

###### **5.1.2 Proposed Double Yellow Lines in London Road**

A discussion took place on an initial proposal by HCC, to place double yellow lines along London Road approximately seventy metres in each direction from Carpenters Close. Although highly laudable in intent, the practicalities and circumstances of London Road make this undesirable. SD reported that he had contacted Sarah Walters at HCC and explained that this would actually exacerbate traffic problems in Holybourne. SD will canvass opinions from residents, but an overwhelming question remains as to where the residents are expected to park.

**Action: SD**

DW will obtain advice on when the public consultation will take place. Until this process commences there is, in effect, nothing to which to object.

**Action: DW**

#### **6. Litter and Fly Tipping**

##### **6.1 Action from Previous Meeting: Documentation on barrier at Oil Depot**

DD will locate and pass previous correspondence on erection of barrier at Oil Depot Gates to DW for review. Carried forward.

**Action: DW/DD**

#### **7. Friends of The Pond Update**

LK reported that the events of 26<sup>th</sup> August had been a great success, with over £1100 raised. Not all the sponsor money has been collected yet. The car boot sale attendance was disappointing, but it was felt that those who hadn't turned up had missed a great event. When Mick Roberts' back-waxing is taken into account, then almost half the required funding has been raised. Thanks were expressed to all who participated in whatever capacity.

It was also reported that "Awards for All (England)" had seemed "quite positive" when the grant application was discussed with them.

CE raised an issue with geese feed. This will be taken up separately.

#### **8. HVA Deposit Account**

Carried forward.

**Action: VK**

#### **9. Working Relationship with The Alton Society**

It was felt that closer liaison was desirable, the current situation existing because of a desire to "not step on anyone's toes" and a previous impression that the HVA was perhaps not as approachable from outside Holybourne as it ought to be. SD will work with Geoff Nicholas to improve the working relationship. The Alton Society have many active members who do a great deal of practical work. The possibility of "corporate membership" was raised, and Mr. Nicholas agreed to drop some literature with the secretary.

## **10. Forthcoming AGM**

According to the secretary's calculations, JH and NC are due to stand down at the AGM. However, both are willing to stand for a further three-year term of office.

A discussion took place on how to improve the attendance of the AGM – which can seem rather 'dry' to those outside the committee – and it was decided that, whilst meeting the constitutional obligations of business to be transacted, it should be a "celebration of the past year in Holybourne" with short presentations highlighting the tremendous amount of progress made in 2005-2006. A sub-committee was convened to meet a LK's at 20:30 on 19<sup>th</sup> September, consisting of KB; LK; BK; JAB and NC

## **11. Any Other Business**

### **11.1 Rats**

Some households appear to be experiencing problems with rats; there seem to be a lot of them around, particularly near the railway line. It was felt that anyone who encounters a rat has a duty to report it to the EHDC pest control officer and not hope that someone else will do it. If a significant volume of complaints are received then EHDC will deal with it.

### **11.2 Remembrance Ceremony**

CE confirmed the plans for the Remembrance Day Ceremony.

### **11.3 Magazine**

CE reiterated his appeal for material for the magazine. The deadline is the end of October. He then announced that he will be standing down as editor at the end of 2006, but is prepared to give full support on handover.

KB thanked CE for all the effort he has put in over the last four years.

### **11.4 John Ambrose Award**

Nominations were requested for the John Ambrose award. This is the building or project that contributes most to the community. Suggestions included the Village Hall and the Pond, however the nominated item needs to be complete by the end of September.

### **11.5 Treloar Trust Centenary**

2008 will see the Treloar Trust Centenary. Ideas to celebrate this are being discussed, and these will be shared with the HVA when things begin to solidify.

## **12. Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 21:28.

## **13. Date of next meeting**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at Holybourne Village Hall at 8pm. The next meeting of the HVA Committee will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm in Holybourne Village Hall. It would be greatly appreciated if any items for the agenda could be forwarded to the secretary by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. 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@holybourne.com](mailto:secretary.hva@holybourne.com)

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