

# HOLYBOURNE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

(FOUNDED 1974)



## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at Holybourne Village Hall

Present: Karen Bennett (KB) – Chairman                      Ben Kemp (BK) – Secretary                      Phil Croucher (PC)  
Vickie Kemp (VK) – Treasurer                      Lynn Kelly (LK)                      David Willoughby (DW)  
John Honnor (JH)                      Rebecca Hare (RH) - TAG

Irene Midmore                      Tony Midmore                      Bob Yelland  
Barrie Lawrence                      Liz Lawrence

### 1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 20:03.

### 2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Tom Yendell (TY), James Bull (JB); Jerry Janes (JJ), Nick Cane (NC) and David O'Donnell (DD). Andy Maddock (AM) and Frank Collett (FC) were also not present.

### 3. Minutes of August 2007 Meeting

#### 3.1 Agree Minutes

The minutes of the August 2007 meeting were agreed.

#### 3.2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

#### 3.3 Signing of Minute Book

The committee accepting them as correct, the Chairman signed and dated the minutes of the August 2007 meeting.

### 4. Planning and Development

#### 4.1 Action From Previous Meeting: NC to approach JB re: becoming new planning officer.

JB's letter of acceptance of the position was read to the meeting. Due to his personal time constraints, he requested assistance with formal "letters of objection" and public meetings. These conditions were accepted by the committee.

#### 4.2 Chandos Lodge

There was nothing new to report.

#### 4.3 SHIFT Update

All remaining questionnaires have now been delivered. It has been decided that the deadline for responses will be September 21<sup>st</sup>. Any received after this will not be included in the analysis. A flyer has been inserted in the village Magazine to this effect.

#### 4.4 New Planning Applications

4.4.1 10 Smithy Close - Conservatory to the rear – no objection.

4.4.2 136 London Road – Single storey extension to front and removal of chimney and dormer window to rear – no objection

4.4.3 Land to rear of 33-39 Church Lane – Pair of semi-detached dwellings with covered parking and alterations to access. – strong objection. Neighbours and other Church Lane residents are against the proposal. The proposed access leads out onto the narrowest part of Church Lane, close to a near-blind corner. To address this, the lifting of tree protection orders has been requested, however this will have a detrimental effect on the character of the area, especially in view of its proximity to the peaceful and pleasant pond surroundings. The increase in both construction traffic and the potential additional vehicles of residents and visitors will affect all users of Church Lane, be they villagers, walkers, mothers with young children, pond visitors/duck feeders, horse riders, rambles, wheelchair users, elderly, churchgoers and cyclists. A lengthy discussion took place on this proposal.

4.4.4 8 Bonhams Close – detached bungalow on land adjacent – strong objection. Overdevelopment of a very small plot, which is less than half the size of those on which the existing houses were built, and issues with parking. It is also understood that there is a culvert which may run beneath the land.

**5. HVA Members' Forum**

**5.1 Village Picnic and Fun Day Feedback**

It was felt that the Fun Day was well-organised and much enjoyed by the attendees.

**6. Pavement Widening in London Road**

**6.1 Action from Previous Meeting: Report on Feedback from Tony Ludlow**

Carried forward.

**Action: JJ**

It was mentioned that following the recent intake of students, journeys are being made to/from the White Hart in the dark, sometimes in the middle of the road, without any form of light on the wheelchairs for their own safety. RH agreed to take this back and raise it as an issue.

**Action: RH**

**7. Friends of the Pond Update**

NC reported via e-mail that the fence has been finished and a new gatepost on the pond side. The other gatepost was replaced by the PCC. The plan is for the island to be rebuilt end of September/beginning October – some topsoil has been delivered ready for the work to commence. A notice by the pond explains this. Friends of The Pond has received a cheque for £500 from Alton Town Council for the pond; this was promised some time ago - but they wait until they see invoices before paying out!

**8. Noise outside The White Hart Late at Night**

KB has spoken with the management on the subject of noise late at night, which has worsened since the smoking ban came into effect in conjunction with the extended opening hours. The White Hart acknowledge the problem and have promised to try to control noise levels. It was suggested that notices similar to the "please consider our neighbours when leaving" could be put up. KB agreed to suggest this.

**Action: KB**

**9. Holybourne Wesbite Updates**

BK reported that Dave Budd has now put "project ID's" on the Holybourne.com website's HVA page. A comment was made that spam e-mails may now start being received. The possibility of a form and drop-down box being used to reduce the likelihood of this happening was suggested.

**10. Any Other Business**

**10.1 Treasurer's Update**

VK reported that, as agreed, a donation of £30 had been made to the Children's Liver Disease Foundation in memory of former HVA Committee member Roger Dobson.

VK also reported that, following the resignation of Steve Downes from the committee, the signatories on the HVA Bank Account are somewhat out of date. It was decided to wait until after the AGM before changing them as there may be some changes.

**10.2 Magazine/Website/E-news**

As yet, volunteers have not been found to take over Dave Budd's current roles. It was agreed that all would give some thought to this and approach anyone thought suitable.

**10.3 2007 Annual General Meeting**

The next meeting is this year's AGM. BK, VK, LK and JB have reached the end of their three years terms, but all are willing to stand again. It is understood that FC may also be standing down. However, BK said that, after three years as secretary, he will be relinquishing the post.

The AGM will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> October at 20:00. It was suggested that a sub-committee should be formed to organise it, consisting of KB/LK/VK/RH and BK.

**11. Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 21:35

**12. Date of next meeting**

The next HVA Committee meeting will be the 2007 AGM on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm in Holybourne Village Hall. Please forward apologies for absence, if necessary, to the secretary. E-mail [secretary.hva@holybourne.com](mailto:secretary.hva@holybourne.com)

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