

Holybourne Village Association

(Founded 1974)



Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 16th September 2008 at Holybourne Village Hall

Present: Ben Kemp (BK) – Vice Chairman Phil Croucher (PC) Jerry Janes (JJ)
David Godfrey (DG) – Secretary James Bull (JB) David Willoughby (DW)
Vickie Kemp (VK) – Treasurer Nick Cane (NC) Barrie Lawrence (BL)
Lynn Kelly (LK)

1.0 Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 20.00 hrs

2.0 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from: - Karen Bennett (KB), Tom Yendell (TY), Vernon Burford (VB), Pat Lerew (PL), John Honnor (JH).

Veerindar Weston (VW), Jill Robinson (JR), Rebecca Hare (RH), Andy Maddock (AM) and David O'Donnell were unable to attend.

3.0 Minutes of August 2008 Meeting

- 3.1 Agree minutes of August 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.
There were no matters arising
- 3.3 The minutes were signed by the Vice Chairman (BK)

4.0 Friends of the pond update

- 4.1 N.C reported action taken by the vermin control company had produced good results.
The discreetly placed traps could now be removed.
- 4.2 Reports have been received of the poor condition of the fence bounding the pond adjacent to Church Lane.
Ownership of the fence was to be investigated.
- 4.3 Several trees within the church yard, bordering the pond were to receive expert inspection due to their poor condition.

5.0 SHIFT

- 5.1 Report currently being drafted.

6.0 Planning and Development

- 6.1 Chandos Lodge Development
No further progress with this application, due to the economic climate affecting residential developments.
- 6.2 New Planning Applications
There have been a couple of minor planning applications during this last period.
- 6.3 Church Lane new houses, second application appeal have been upheld. There are no further applications outstanding on this site.

7.0 Christmas Fair

- 7.1 There are no plans for the HVA to hold a Christmas fair this year. Alton Sunday fair planned for 7th December 2008 (TBC).

8.0 HVA Members Open Forum

- 8.1 Dr Graham Jowett representing Treloars College explained the proposed amalgamation of the Holybourne and Froyle establishments. Due to current government initiatives, disabled children, where possible are being encouraged to attend main stream schools. Treloars can no longer sustain running both setups and propose combining all facilities on the Holybourne site. Planning applications to this effect will be made prior to the end of this current year.
- 8.2 Further reports of vandalism have been reported in the village, particularly in the Upper Neatham Lane area.
- 8.3 A request has been made for 'Vandalism in the Village' to be included in the next meeting (AGM) agenda.
- 8.4 HVA advised of David O'Donnell's resignation from the EHDC. Letter to be sent to D O'D thanking him for the service and friendship he has given to both Alton and Holybourne.
- 8.5 Date of Christmas Carol evening to be advised.
- 8.6 Meeting advised of the deteriorating condition of the public footpath leading to the A31 bus stop.
- 8.7 It had been noted that the grass cutting agency, had cut down wild orchids along the A31 verges.

9.0 AGM

- 9.1 Forthcoming AGM to be advertised on Village notice board along with proposed agenda.
- 9.2 Cheese and wine, tea, coffee refreshments would be available for the October meeting.

10.0 Greater Alton Churches Project

- 10.1 James Croft (Vicar) has been invited to attend the October meeting to outline the proposals for the Greater Alton Project.

11.00 Holybourne Theatre

- 11.01 Bob Yelland, Holybourne Theatre Co explained the reasons for the proposed move to Alton. The current site was unable to meet the needs of the theatre's requirements and ambitions. The site is too small to be redeveloped meeting the planning regulation requirements for both car parking and floor area. These reasons had necessitated the need to find alternative locations. In conjunction with EHDC and the Alton Community Centre a suitable site had been identified in the Alton Bank Car Park. The existing site would be sold off for possible residential development, raising funds for the proposed scheme.

12.0 Treasures Report

- 12.1 The village picnic had been a huge success raising funds for both the cricket club and the HVA. Proposed by NC, seconded by JB some of the funds from the HVA account are given to the Hampshire Air Ambulance. The proposal was approved unanimously by the committee.

13.0 Any Other Business

- 13.1 JJ advised the meeting of a change in planning regulations from 1st October 2008. Applications for extensions, porches, garages, conservatories and similar small schemes would no longer require full planning approval. This condition would not apply to dwellings within a conservation area. Advice from the planning department should be sought if making a new application after 1st October 08.

14.0 Date of the next meeting:

- 14.1 Tuesday 14-10-08 at 20.00hrs.

15.0 Close of meeting

- 15.1 Meeting closed at 22.03hrs.