

## Minutes of meeting of HVA Committee 10 March 2020

Attendees: David Houghton, Carey Robertson, Vickie Kemp, David Tomlinson, Peter Packham, Jerry Janes. Ex-officio: Andrew Joy, Graham Hill, Paul Crossley.

Also attending: Jeroen Hodges, Andrew Muir, Cllr Matthew Bayliss

- 1) Apologies: Kate Carmichael, Pat Lerew, Julia Wood, Nick Wood, Rob Law, Peter Lowe
- 2) Minutes agreed of last meeting
- 3) Live issues: Traffic and parking in village  
Cllrs Hill and Joy reported on progress and process of having “No parking” areas opposite Howards Lane and Church Lane. Both emphasised it was a lengthy process but progress is being made with officers from EHDC. Cllr Hill also reported that new junction at Anstey Road and Lane was being planned and would involve “intelligent” traffic lights.
- 4) Planning:
  - a) Committee voiced disappointment that EHDC planning officer was recommending approval for Treloar application despite Cllr Joy suggesting that application does not meet Educational “Special Status” criteria.
  - b) Veolia: Little response had been received by Chair concerning Veolia application to build incinerator adjacent to Holybourne. Committee suggested a wider consultation through Facebook and Website and perhaps a leaflet drop through village. The need to determine the attitude of the village to the proposal was agreed and David Tomlinson suggested the creation of a working party to explore that and if appropriate to form an action team to oppose the development and to develop an action plan to guide future strategy. Jeroen Hodges agreed to undertake this team creation and to report back to the committee. The need to work with science and facts and to avoid tabloid hysteria was agreed.
  - c) Cllr Hill reported that there was no update on the Local Plan and it was likely that for a while, East Hampshire would not have one at all.
  - d) ADRA minutes had been circulated and no discussion ensued.
- 5) Remembrance Service and Fireworks: Both Adrian Strata and Rob Law intend for their events to take place on the same day, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The two teams were already in place but the pub would feel the greatest strain. Carey Robertson felt that the pub would need help on the day taking stuff to the Sports Field.
- 6) Communications: The magazine went to the Designer early and we are waiting now for the draft. The website is almost ready to go live and DH congratulated Kate Carmichael for masterminding the whole thing so successfully. Matthew Bayliss reported that the Town Council might be able to provide money for the refurbishment of the noticeboard outside the village hall.
- 7) Financial report: VK reported that the funds were a little down as we had just paid the fee for the website and have not yet collected in revenue from our magazine advertisers. Currently we have just over £8K in the current account with expenditure for the magazine printing to come out but offset by income from advertisers.
- 8) Committee reports:
  - a) Friends of the Pond: A new group has now been formed and the greatest challenge will be to raise money to have the pond dredged when it becomes necessary. Cllr Hill urged the committee to apply to EHDC for funds from the Developers’ contributions for Alton in the Open Spaces category. This needs to be done with some expediency as funds are bound to be limited and contested.

- b) Speed Watch: Mary Chubb is to investigate what has happened regarding the purchase of electronic speed displays which the committee agreed some time ago.
  - c) Flood action group: Rob Law reported that so great has been the rain that water flooding down the bridle path on Howards Lane is undermining the church wall. DT asked Cllr Joy if the County Council could clear the run offs on Brockham Hill more frequently.
- 9) AOB: Organisers of the Alton 10 road race have asked if we could request residents not to park on London Road on the day of the race. It was agreed to publicise this request on Facebook and the website.