

Holybourne Village Association

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8th September 2020 Zoom Meeting AGENDA

Committee Members	David Houghton (Chair); Kate Carmichael (Secretary); David Tomlinson; Jerry Janes (Magazine); Julia Wood; Rob Law; Pat Lerew; Carey Robertson; Pete Lowe.
Ex Officio	Andrew Joy (HCC), Graham Hill, Paul Crossley
	Adrian Stratta and Kellie-Jayne Cox

No	Item	To do
1	Opening of Meeting and Apologies for Absence Jill Robinson, Vickie Kemp, Nick Wood, Gordon and Ruth Randall	
2	Minutes of Last Meeting	KC
2.1	Agree Minutes - minutes agreed. KC to sign and file.	
2.2	Signing of Minutes	
2.3	Matters Arising - none	
3	Members Open Forum This forum is for any Holybourne resident who is not on the HVA committee to raise any issues related to the village (NB These may be time limited by the Chairman). None	
4	Live Issues and Projects	
4.1	Parking and traffic in the village - GH has received today a proposal from Tracy Webb, the relevant highways' officer in EHDC, showing where she wants to put no waiting markings along London Road. There will be a public consultation and the markings could be in place shortly before Christmas or just after.	
5	Planning and Development Issues in and around Holybourne / Alton	KC
5.1	New Planning Applications - GH advised that there have been exploratory digs happening on Holybourne Downs, i.e on the land owned behind the playground. The new lease for the playground has been signed but it is noted that there is a break clause in the lease that gives Froyle Estates the opportunity to move the playground if they need to. GH also believes that if building houses on this piece of land was proposed, the access from London Road would cause a substantial problem. PL advised that there was a planning application in for a house in Complins. It was also noted that the Priory has got a second road access planning application in. It was agreed that KC would put details of all planning applications on the website. AJ advised that notifications of applications and decisions can be sent to residents whose email address have been registered.	
5.2	Veolia - Recycling facility - no news at the moment. It was noted that Damian Hinds had put in an objection.	
5.3	New Local Plan - GH advised that the local plan is progressing however the Government has come out with a white paper which is going to substantially change the whole planning process. It is extensive and will come into effect very quickly - possibly as early as June next year. The Town Council are working to understand the impact on the current local plan and the new plan being worked on at this time. This white paper may supersede the new local plan.	

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5.4	Alton and District Residents' Association - PL advised that the community centre was looking for a new minibus but were not able to get a grant from council; cycle Alton have put in three different proposals for the town centre which HVA may like to consider - AJ added that there have been no consultations yet and no decisions have been made; the ADRA chair is to stay on as acting chair until February and then, as the neighbourhood plan come to an end, he feels that he should then retire from it. There is no one at the moment considering to take this on and PL has concerns about the future of ADRA. The next meeting will be October 20th. PL would welcome someone else being involved from HVA to join meetings with her.	
6 6.1 6.2 6.3	<p>Holybourne Events</p> <p>Bonfire Night - RL advised that lots of councils are now formally cancelling. We have purchased fireworks and they are being kept by Fantastic Fireworks. It was agreed that we will leave it for the time being and possibly reschedule for March.</p> <p>Remembrance - AS advised that nothing is happening at the moment. It was agreed that there would be no parade but that it was important to have some small ceremony. GH will advise AS as soon as he hears anything from the Council. Guidance will be taken from them with regards to road closures.</p> <p>Carols by the Tree</p>	
7 7.1 7.2 7.3 7.4	<p>Village Communications</p> <p>Magazine - JJ was thanked for a great bumper edition.</p> <p>Website - KC is advertising the website in the shop and will send over a poster to the pub.</p> <p>Facebook - no news</p> <p>Holybourne Archive Group - no news</p>	KC
8 8.1 8.2 8.3 8.4	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Treasurers Report - VK absent but sent e mail. She is in the process of putting the annual accounts together and will send a draft copy to the committee as soon as they are finished. She is also waiting for a call back from the regular auditor, David Matthews, to confirm that can audit the books again this year. [Afternote - VK has advised that David can no longer do the accounts and she is looking for a replacement auditor.]</p> <p>Friends of the Pond - The open spaces committee met in June/July. The Town Council were very open to taking over the running of the pond but did not want to until they understand the cost implications. DH is to put a one page proposal together, with costings, for what needs to be done immediately, in 5 years and then 10 years time so that the council can get an idea of these cost implications. Once the Town Council have that, GH and PC will push hard to get the Town Council to find a way to fund the maintenance programme. DH is meeting a potential contractor with Nick Cane tomorrow. Concerns were raised about the colour of the pond.</p> <p>Speed Watch</p> <p>Flood Action Group/Emergency Planning - AJ advised that, because of the extraordinary weather highlighting all sorts of flooding issues, he is in the process of agreeing with councillors to identify particular areas where there were problems and collate the information through the Town Council, ideally to inform a potential flood action group for Alton and Holybourne. AJ suggests there are two strands to this. Firstly, where there are issues of inadequate maintenance and secondly, there is the flash flooding which is over and above what our drainage can manage. This needs to be collated and categorised as to what is a maintenance issue and what is a flash flood issue so we can plan adequately.</p>	VK DH

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8.5	<p>RL highlighted the problems areas in Holybourne. The issues with the Complins flood, flooding from Holybourne Downs and the London Road flood are still there. Highways knows about them but don't have any funds so have left them. RL will need to agitate again to try and get their attention back. Another issue has now arisen at the top of Howards Lane, by the church. In the torrential rain, a river of water came down and it is cutting away the church wall. RL again will raise this with highways. Another flooding problem occurred in Smithy Close and Rakemakers because of poor drainage maintenance. JW raised this issue a year ago and RL was advised in June 2019 that all gullies would be cleared over the next 12 months. This clearly has not happened. He will raise this issue again. RL would like to know all the problems that happened in Holybourne. He will write up a paragraph for the Facebook page and website asking people to advise him of issues they had and also link it to a web page where complaints can be registered. The more people that highlight the issues, the more possibility of them being looked at. RL to send paragraph to AJ and KC.</p> <p>Finally, RL suggested a group of volunteers help to clear out some of the drains that we know we have a problem with, over one weekend in the next couple of months. Firstly, there is a culvert the other side of the railway line, at the bottom of Smithy Close and Rakemakers, that needs to be dug out in preparation for the winter. Secondly, the grips up Brockham Hill need cleaning out to relieve the problem of water rushing down Brockham Hill. Thirdly there is a new drain which picks up water rushing down the bridlepath by the cricket pitch. Again this needs to be cleaned out and the debris around the area removed. Lastly, it was noted there is a massive blockage in Cuckoo Corner at the other side of the corner that feeds in to the River Wey. However, as this doesn't seem to affect anyone it doesn't need to be added to the list of drain clearance for the volunteers.</p> <p>Church - Gordon and Ruth sent their apologies. There have been 3 Sunday services back in the church building and it seems to be going well. For the time being we continue to need to book seats in advance and all the expected "restrictions" are in place. We have had two weddings recently and a third is booked for the end of the month. The parish continues to offer a range of services and events online. See www.potr-alton-co-uk for details.</p>	RL
9	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>DH - AGM planning - DH suggests a first meeting exclusively for the AGM and then a second for anyone in the village who would like to attend to air their views. Jill Robinson and David Tomlinson will not be standing again. DH and KC to get together to sort.</p> <p>DH - would like to consider a subscription for Zoom as these meetings are likely to continue on Zoom for some time. DT suggested Teams as a better option. KC to look into this and speak with DH.</p> <p>JW - concerned that the speeding is getting worse again up London Road. AJ advised that the Council have deployed their electronic road signs.</p> <p>PL - concerned that the estate agents signs are getting prolific again on the main road outside Barleyfields.</p> <p>JJ - advised that he has submitted ideas of how the playground can be improved to GH. He has also sent the HVA committee a copy.</p>	DH/KC KC/DH
10	<p>Close – DONM – 13th October AGM</p>	