

Holybourne Village Association

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12th January 2021 Zoom Meeting MINUTES

Committee Members	David Houghton (Chair); Kate Carmichael (Secretary); Jerry Janes (Magazine); Julia Wood; Nick Wood; Rob Law; Pat Lerew; Carey Robertson; Pete Lowe; Kellie-Jayne Cox; John Rapley
Ex Officio	Andrew Joy (HCC), Graham Hill, Paul Crossley
Village Members	Catherine Wernham, Roger Eldridge, Emily and Richard Jones, Jeroen Hodges, Adrian Stratta, Huw Ross, Jane Markey

No	Item	To Do
1	Opening of Meeting and Apologies for Absence Vickie Kemp, Peter Packham, Gordon and Ruth Randall	
2	Minutes of Last Meeting	KC
2.1	Agree Minutes - proposed CR and seconded PL	
2.2	Signing of Minutes - KC to sign and file	
2.3	Matters Arising - No matters arising.	
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 maybe time limited by the Chairman)	
4	Live Issues and Projects	
4.1	Parking and traffic in the village - GH has circulated the council proposals. The formal public consultation has now started. The Notice has been sent to the HVA with information on how you can comment on those restrictions. Comments need to be made by the end of January. The Notice has been circulated to the village via the website and Facebook. There are also notices on lamp posts around the village. GH has not hand delivered notices because of the COVID regulations. - Complins - PL commented that she was surprised to see that Complins was included as she thought the proposals were just for London Road. There are already white lines on the first green which seem to be adequate. JR advised that, having read the proposal for Complins, it is a part time restriction. From 8 - 9.30am and from 2.30 - 4pm. As a resident, he is against these proposals in Complins because he feels that the implementation of yellow lines over the entirety of Complins will be a greater inconvenience than the parents dropping off and collecting. It was also noted that if it's not going to be policed, school parents may not necessarily stick to the regulations, and then it's the residents who are going to be affected most. GH has met with the head of Eggar's school many times. School drop off and pick up is a continuous problem. Letters are sent out to parents asking them not to use the car and a park and stride scheme has been set up, permitting parents to park in Anstey Park. They can then use the gravel path which has been built specifically for this, parallel to the road in Anstey Park. Unfortunately there are not sufficient numbers of parents using the park and stride at the moment. GH will speak to the headteachers of Eggar's and Andrews again and will suggest to Andrews that they could use the park and stride scheme.	
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<p>4</p> <p>4.1</p>	<p>- London Road Junctions -</p> <p>Adrian Stratta and Roger Eldridge both spoke about their concerns about the lines being drawn around the Howards Lane junction. They feel that this is just going to push the problem elsewhere and are concerned for the residents without off-street parking. Adrian feels that the main issues are at school drop off and pick up times and wondered if there were any alternative ideas.</p> <p>Roger was also concerned about the “faded confirmed items” that were mentioned outside his house. AJ explained that they were lines that should be there but had faded over time. Roger said that there had been nothing on his kerb side for 50 years. GH asked Roger to let the Council know this and asked Roger to copy him in on the correspondence.</p> <p>GH - the Highway Codes advises that there should be no parking within ten metres of a junction. The restrictions will be highlighting what the Highway Code says. AJ agreed. If people conformed to the Highway Code, there would not be a problem because people would not be parking on corners or opposite T junctions, but they do. Lining is going in in other areas of town as well. It is not imposing something new but showing the legally enforceable part of the Highways Code.</p> <p>- Other Points Raised -</p> <p>JJ added that the HVA has tried to persuade the council to do something about traffic management in village over a few years. This time, an officer has come out on a number of occasions and has measured road widths and surveyed the area and looked carefully at the problems.</p> <p>Concerns were raised about the speed of traffic going through the village and also about the parking outside Treloar’s. It was also noted that we are not seeing the full impact of the problem at the moment with the lockdown, as only key worker and vulnerable children are at school.</p> <p>K-J C also raised problems about parents doing U turns in Cranford Drive and asked if there could be a zebra crossing put in opposite Andrews. AJ advised that this had been assessed by the council when the lollipop lady retired and it was decided then that it did not qualify for a school crossing patrol. This is going to be re-assessed but not at the moment as with the limited numbers of children attending school, the extent of the problem will not be seen.</p> <p>DH added that he felt the HVA should support the rules of the road. Where there should be statutory reasons for keeping junctions clear in line with the Highway Code, we should support that. It is important that everyone has their own say and we should encourage villagers to respond to the consultation and put their views to the council.</p>	<p>GH</p>
<p>4.2</p>	<p>Assets of Community Value - The White Hart and the sports field are being considered at the moment. The Village Hall is well protected by the Charity Commission. DH has been looking at the sports field and expects to have more information in next few days. Carey and Lorne are in the process of compiling the document for the pub. Lorne reiterated his view that the village should have its say with these assets.</p>	
<p>4.3</p>	<p>Defibrillator - £1000 funding for this has been received from the 2 councillors. DH has been researching this. There are two possible models - a basic model costing £1188 or a higher spec model which also has a cpr device attache, which can coach somebody through the cpr process, at £1299. The pads for this however cost considerably more, at £107.50 compared to £40. It was unanimously agreed to purchase the higher spec model. DH will order it. Carey has agreed to take on the role of maintaining it as it is outside the pub. It will be purchased through Oakley services, who will also maintain it and run training courses if required.</p>	<p>DH</p>

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<p>5</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p> <p>5.3</p> <p>5.4</p>	<p>Planning and Development Issues in and around Holybourne / Alton</p> <p>New Planning Applications 2 New Paddock Close - for a conversion of a garage to living accommodation. GH is meeting local residents to hear objections.</p> <p>Veolia - Recycling facility - More evidence has been submitted and another consultation period is happening. This will finish on February 15th. The No Wey team are waiting for experts to review the documentation and to understand what has changed so they can submit further objections.</p> <p>New Local Plan - There is a full council meeting on Thursday at HDC. GH is part of the local plan working group. There is a proposal to continue with the local plan in parallel with any changes that come from government. PL asked if central government have withdrawn their proposals now? GH advised that the proposals have been modified, resulting in a much lower number houses to be built in the EHDC area.</p> <p>Alton and District Residents' Association - There has been no meeting since the last HVA meeting. The next meeting is on 19th January.</p>	
<p>6</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p> <p>6.4</p>	<p>Holybourne Events</p> <p>Summerfest - JJ will give it a month to see how things are going and then will possibly organise a zoom meeting with those interested in helping. K-J C has offered to help.</p> <p>Bonfire Night</p> <p>Remembrance</p> <p>Carols by the Tree</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p> <p>7.4</p>	<p>Village Communications</p> <p>Magazine - JJ would love to hear from people with articles.</p> <p>Website - no comments.</p> <p>Facebook - no comments.</p> <p>Holybourne Archive Group - no news at this time.</p>	
<p>8</p> <p>8.1</p> <p>8.2</p> <p>8.3</p> <p>8.4</p>	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Treasurers Report - balance £7028.23 (£1000 of which is for the defibrillator)</p> <p>Friends of the Pond - JR went out with Nick Cane to do a survey of pond and to measure the depth of the silt at the bottom of the pond. A plan of the pond can now be drawn up. Other surveys cannot be done until the spring. GH gave an update from the town council perspective. They have agreed to take over responsibility of the pond and as a result, a sum of money has been put into next year's financial budget for its maintenance. This is probably not going to be adequate for the dredging but GH now needs an estimate for the cost of this. JR to liaise with GH. There is still no news on the ownership but GH believes that we should proceed without doing any further work on the ownership as the town council are now happy to proceed without this.</p> <p>Speed Watch - no news</p> <p>Flood Action Group/Emergency Planning - RL reported that everything is in abeyance at the moment. Queries with Hampshire and Highways remain unchanged. All the local hotspots are still there and are still acknowledged on the websites. The grits are now clear on Brockham Hill. Cleaning still water drains still has not been done. AJ added that having had conversations with Highways, they are looking to get some engineering works done but no there is no time frame. The problems are recognised but he is not sure what the engineering works are or when they will happen.</p>	

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8.5	<p>Church - report from Ruth and Gordon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * As we have made the decision to close the church building services will continue online via https://potr-alton.co.uk/ * Rev Gordon has written a prayer for Holybourne which is posted on the church noticeboard and also on Facebook. KC to add it to website. * We are aware that lots of people enjoyed taking 'selfies' in the churchyard at Christmas with the nativity figures. We are considering what we can do at Easter. * Church@4 is now back albeit online; we had a Christingle service in December and one yesterday. It will now take place twice a month; dates will be advertised. Our new Children, Youth and Families Worker, Martha Lloyd, will be leading. It was good to see many Holybourne families at the Christingle service and yesterday. * Rev Gordon is continuing to support Andrews' Endowed School as best he can; last week he sent in a video entitled 'Do Not Worry'. He has just been appointed as a Governor. * There was huge support for the 'donkey walk' in December when donkeys from Mill Cottage Farm walked through the village with nativity characters. We raised £400 which has been shared between Bushy Leaze and the local refuge. * Boxes of gifts were delivered in Holybourne (and throughout Alton) to people who we were aware would be on their own at Christmas. This was a great community project with lots of people volunteering to make things, wrap boxes and deliver them. We didn't 'advertise' too much as we didn't want to spoil the surprise for the recipients. That said, lots of people across Holybourne supported this project and it has had a hugely positive impact. * A bench has been installed in the churchyard in memory of Pop Chandler. 	KC
9	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>KC raised concerns on behalf of Sally Turner regarding the fact that there are no vaccination centres in Alton. It is difficult for the over 80s to travel to Basingstoke and they are concerned about the risk if they are having to take taxis. AJ had a key meeting today with Damien Hinds and the North Hants Clinical Commissioning Group. The problems were principally linked with the constraints around the Pfizer vaccination. However, they are hoping that there is scope for a vaccination centre in Alton with the new vaccine. It will depend, to a degree, on available staffing. It is a moving situation. It should also be noted that people who feel the risk is too great in getting a taxi to Basingstoke will not fall off the vaccination list. Also of note, there is a community resilience fund for those who cannot afford to take a taxi. This will pay for taxis and drivers to take them to the vaccination centre at Chineham.</p> <p>NW asked about Anstey Park Cottage. GH advised that progress is being made. He was also concerned about the rubbish at the bus stop by Eggar's, which is worse than it has ever been. GH will take an action to follow-up on this. CR added that the dustbins in the village are full. There is also a lot of rubbish along A31 again.</p> <p>PL asked about the trees in Complins. AJ has raised the issue.</p> <p>GH has awarded £500 to Holybourne Theatre and Alton Community Centre so he has spent his budget for this financial year but the new allocation will come into place in April. Also, with regard to the playground in Holybourne, he has a sum of money allocated to make substantial improvements to the equipment in the playground. Please could we let him know what is wanted and he will try and get it. With regards to the parking on London Road opposite the Queens Head pub, bollards cannot be put on it because the pavement is too narrow. It has been put on the list for a possible area for parking restrictions and has also been suggested that the police are asked to enforce no parking on pavements.</p>	GH

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	<p>CR asked for a contribution from HVA to purchase new lights and stars for the Christmas Tree. DH asked CR to get some estimates for consideration but the HVA would be happy to pay. GH will also enquire as to whether they have any surplus lights at the Town Council. AJ also offered to share the cost through his budget.</p> <p>K-JC raised the issue of dog poo. There are those who don't pick it up and those who sling it in a bag into the hedge. Is it possible to get more bins in the village? GH will ask if we can get extra dog poo bins if someone would let him know the best place for them to be positioned. He has also asked the enforcement officer to write an article for the Holybourne Magazine.</p>	GH
10	Close – DONM – 9th February	