

Holybourne Village Association

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9th February 2021 Zoom Meeting MINUTES

Committee Members	David Houghton (Chair); Vickie Kemp (Treasurer); Kate Carmichael (Secretary); Jerry Janes (Magazine); Julia Wood; Nick Wood; Rob Law; Pat Lerew; Carey Robertson; John Rapley
Ex Officio	Andrew Joy (HCC), Graham Hill (EHDC and ATC), Paul Crossley (ATC)
Village members Present	Ruth Randall, Jane Markey, Jeroen Hodges

No	.Item	To do
1	Opening of Meeting and Apologies for Absence Peter Packham, Kellie-Jayne Cox	
2	Minutes of Last Meeting	KC
2.1	Agree Minutes - agreed	
2.2	Signing of Minutes - KC to sign and file.	
2.3	Matters Arising - no matters arising not covered below.	
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) - no matters raised	
4	Live Issues and Projects	KC
4.1	Parking and traffic in the village - DH has submitted remarks as agreed by the committee. GH has been in contact with Tracy Webb, the relevant officer. It will be another couple of weeks before she comes back to GH. When she does, he will circulate the update, in advance of the next meeting. PL thanked JW for her work on appraising the traffic report carried out by Huw Ross. GH commented that the traffic report was an excellent piece of work. The Council are only looking at the parking issues at the moment and that is the only part of the report that the Council will consider at the moment. GH feels that the traffic issues as a whole should be addressed in a separate way and he would be happy to progress it with the EHDC. KC to invite Huw Ross and Adrian Stratta to next month's meeting to talk about the traffic issue, how it can be addressed and taken forward.	
4.2	Assets of community value - White Hart and Village Shop/Post Office/sports field - DH has submitted the application to EHDC for the sports field. Lorne Robertson is working on the application for the pub. PC raised a question as to whether HVA were considering putting forward the Queens Head as another asset of Community Value. It was generally felt that if applications for 2 public houses were submitted, both applications may be diluted somewhat.	
4.3	Defibrillator - DH has placed the order.	
5	Planning and Development Issues in and around Holybourne / Alton	
5.1	New Planning Applications - there is a planning application in for a loft conversion in Pentons Close and a few applications in New Paddock Close.	
5.2	Veolia - Recycling facility - The deadline for comments for the next consultation is the 15th February. This time, it is the landscape and environmental impact that is being considered although it should be noted that objections will be considered from the first consultation as well at this time. JW to reiterate HVA's objection. AJ advises questioning the need for the incinerator to meet demand given the existing provision - there are 4 such facilities in Hampshire already and none in the surrounding counties and also that the fuel for this would need to come from outside Hampshire.	

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5.3 5.4	<p>New Local Plan - GH advises that there is a huge amount of work going on at the moment with this, including a transport study. Alton Town Council have been working on an updated neighbourhood plan - this will only be a modified housing plan - the public consultation for this will start on 16th Feb for a period of 6 weeks.</p> <p>Alton and District Residents' Association - PL commented that there was a meeting on 19th January. PL reported on the parking issues in Holybourne and gave an update on the pond. They are trying to organise a flood action group for Alton and PL has passed on RL's details. The lack of a COVID vaccination point in Alton is causing concern - to discuss further in AOB. ADRA has agreed to support the efforts to get a vaccine hub in Alton. ADRA is also concerned that there are no Resident Associations on the new housing sites around the town. Barleyfields no longer has one. It was suggested that we advertise in the magazine for someone from Barleyfields to come and sit on the HVA committee.</p>	JW
6 6.1 6.2 6.3 6.4	<p>Holybourne Events</p> <p>6.1 Summerfest - could be last minute picnic but obviously depends on the situation</p> <p>6.2 Bonfire Night</p> <p>6.3 Remembrance</p> <p>6.4 Carols by the Tree</p>	
7 7.1 7.2 7.3 7.4	<p>Village Communications</p> <p>7.1 Magazine - deadline 19th February. JJ would like more articles - up to 600 words about lockdown would be good.</p> <p>7.2 Website - all ok</p> <p>7.3 Facebook - all ok</p> <p>7.4 Holybourne Archive Group - no news.</p>	
8 8.1 8.2 8.3 8.4 8.5	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>8.1 Treasurers Report - balance £7028.23. Advertising revenue will come in over the next couple of months but the money for the defibrillator will need to be paid out. VK deferred our events' insurance in September. HVA will need to decide when we want to renew it.</p> <p>8.2 Friends of the Pond - JR has has estimated that 850 to 950 cubic metres of silt needs to be removed. He has been in touch with a contractor and is awaiting estimates. GH advised that there was £5000 in the Town Council budget for the pond. He wants to go back to the open spaces committee with estimates asap.</p> <p>8.3 Speed Watch - to combine with the traffic discussion at the next meeting</p> <p>8.4 Flood Action Group/Emergency Planning - Neatham Lane culvert has been cleaned and will need to be maintained going forward. The main issue is the flooding around the church. RL will contact the new tenant farmer - Tom Porter - to have a chat and see if he knows what the issue is. It is thought that it might be due to the fact that there were potatoes in the field this year. AJ advised that if there was a problem, County could be asked to speak to farmers and help resolve flooding situations. It was felt that this would not be necessary at present.</p> <p>8.5 Church - RR advised that there is a concern about the wall because of the flood water. The church is still closed at the moment but ministers are reviewing this at the end of the month. In the meantime, services are continuing online. There is a prayer course starting on Thursday evenings for 8 weeks. At Easter, there will be a giant cross in churchyard, possibly available to decorate with flowers and the church may do something with Mill Farm as well. DH added that the village really appreciates all the support from Gordon and Ruth.</p>	RL
9	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>CR - wanted to know who is responsible for maintaining the footpaths? AJ advised that if it is a public right of way then it is the countryside part of county council. There are often ramblers who take on responsibility, voluntarily, to try and keep the paths clear. If there are blockages, let AJ know or log it on website.</p>	

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	<p>RR - with all that is going on in relation to coronavirus we are very aware that many more people are out and about walking/running the roads and lanes of Holybourne. However, unfortunately, many people do not seem to be aware of the 'rule of the road' that states 'If there is no pavement, keep to the right-hand side of the road so that you can see oncoming traffic.' (Highway Code, rules for pedestrians, item 2). Would there be any way this information could be circulated and people encouraged to walk/run on the correct side of the road? https://www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk/rules-for-pedestrians.html. How can we promote this? Could we use our Facebook page or the website? There was an article about wearing high vis vests in the last magazine. It was suggested that maybe RR could write an article for the next magazine issue. DH would also like to highlight the fact that there are a lot more people out walking and the footpaths are expanding in width onto the crops. These crops are someone's livelihood so could we please try and respect footpaths as much as possible</p> <p>AJ - gave an update on the vaccination hub. The A31 Group of Practices decided that, in order to maintain the appropriate continuation of service as normal on non routine matters and with the demanding requirements of the Pfizer vaccine, it was far better and more effective to join other North Hampshire practices with a vaccination site at Chineham. It should be noted that this is an NHS decision not a Government decision and that it is recognised that Chineham is providing a very efficient service. However, this is a 33 mile round trip for Alton residents of which there are 20,000 residents - and this does not include those living in the surrounding villages - expense, inconvenience and CO2 emissions are all factors to be considered here. Furthermore, there are residents who are unable to drive who are having to put themselves at risk by getting into a car with a driver. There is a lot of concern and upset over this decision, especially as two vaccinations are needed and in all likelihood, boosters and further vaccinations in the months and years to come. Could another solution be found - a sports hall or COVID safe building such as the Maltings? AJ and Damian Hinds MP have been actively looking at alternative provisions. KC to send a letter from HVA on behalf of Holybourne Residents expressing concern at the situation to Natalie Smith of the Clinical Commissioning and A31 Group with a copy to Damian Hinds.</p> <p>AJ - there is a Government fund for assistance with projects reducing carbon impact. County has received a grant of 30 million pounds from this for double glazing and solar panels of schools etc around the county. There will also be a programme launched to encourage, educate and facilitate the community projects. GH advised that although the Town Council were unsuccessful in their bid, they will be applying for other grants to help them with the energy efficiency of the Town Hall and Assembly Rooms.</p> <p>GH - advised that the problem of dog fouling and litter has moved up the agenda of the Town Council and EHDC because it is an Alton wide problem. Several actions have been put in place to sort this. There is now a public space protection order from EHDC which enables officers to give fines of £100 for dog fouling and littering. There are notices going up and a publicity campaign going ahead. CR also suggested that they look at the Forestry Commission recommendation of stick and flick which would keep the paths clean and stop the problem with the dumping of bags. There has also been the suggestion of each ward organising a residents' group to go out on a litter pick. With regards to the play area, a large sum of money has been allocated to upgrade it. JJ to liaise with GH about what is required. Thirdly, GH has been advised that the parking on the pavements opposite the Queens Head is a police matter. If people are upset that it is causing an obstruction, they should call the police.</p> <p>VK - advised that she used to organise an annual Holybourne litter pick and she would be happy to do that again. She will liaise with GH.</p> <p>JW - noted that the notices on the shop notice board are out of date. VK will sort.</p> <p>JR - advised that he is involved with cycle Alton and will report back to the HVA.</p> <p>DH - advised that he will definitely be stepping down as chairman next AGM.</p>	<p>JJ/GH</p> <p>VK</p> <p>VK</p>
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