

Holybourne Village Association

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13th October 2020 Zoom Meeting AGM MINUTES

Committee Members	David Houghton (Chair); Julia Wood (Vice Chair); Vickie Kemp (Treasurer); Kate Carmichael (Secretary); David Tomlinson; Jerry Janes (Magazine); Nick Wood; Rob Law; Pat Lerew; Carey Robertson;
Ex Officio	Andrew Joy (HCC), Graham Hill, Paul Crossley
Others present	Gordon and Ruth Randall, Jane and Dennis Markey, John Rapley, Catherine Stratta, Chris Sawyer, Jeroen Hodges, Kelly-Jayne Cox, Nick and Janet Cane, Lorne Robertson, Richard and Lynn Kelly

No	Item	To do
1	Opening of Meeting and Apologies for Absence No apologies received	
2	Minutes of Last Meeting Minutes of 46th AGM held on 8th October 2019 were agreed, to be signed by KC and filed	KC
3	Annual audited accounts VK explained that the money is a little down on last year because the firework takings were down, more magazines are being printed for the residents of the Lawn during the pandemic and the last magazine edition was a bumper issue with a few additional pages. VK would like to thank Ian Kelly who stood in to audit the accounts at the last minute. The annual audited accounts were agreed. VK to sign them.	VK
4	Annual committee report DH gave the annual committee report. The events held last year - the fireworks, remembrance and carol singing - were all very successful. With regards to this year's events, the fireworks and carol singing will not happen, although we will still get a Christmas Tree from Froyle Estates. We are planning to go ahead at the moment with a scaled down Remembrance. We are hoping that a few dignitaries will lay wreaths and that we can live stream the event. 2020 has been dominated by Covid and this has brought out the best of the community. DH would like to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to all the key workers and to all those who have helped the community through lockdown. The HVA committee continued to meet via zoom and addressed a number of issues for example, Treloar's planning and the Veolia Incinerator. Parking and traffic issues in the village have been addressed and we expect action to be taken in the relatively near future. The maintenance of the pond has been another issue which has been raised. The quality of the water has deteriorated and the pond may need to be dredged. The HVA have asked Alton Town Council if they would take over the maintenance of the pond and this is being looked into although ATC will only do this once any works identified have been carried out. With regards to the defibrillator, DH offered our thanks to Graham and Lesley Cook for maintaining this over a number of years. However, it has become increasingly difficult to get spares for it. It is serviceable at the moment but we will probably have to consider getting a new one in the near future. DH is looking into this and the councillors have agreed to help with the funding of this. We just need to be specific about what we want now and decide which defibrillator to purchase .	

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4	<p>Annual committee report / cont DH would like to thank all the committee members and those involved with HVA this year. He particularly would like to thank those leaving the committee - Jill Robinson and David Tomlinson. A big thank you to David who has chaired the committee for several years. There are a couple of volunteers for the committee this year and we are always looking for new members, so please let the HVA know if you would like to be put forward. DH also advised that he would be happy to serve one more year as chairman, if elected, but will be standing down next year.</p>	
5	<p>Election of Chairman and Committee Members The election of DH to continue as chairman and CR, KC and PP to remain on the committee was proposed, seconded and agreed. DH proposed that Kelly-Jane Cox and John Ratley join the committee. PL seconded this and it was voted unanimously.</p>	
6	<p>Auditor VK proposed Angie Moulton - she already does the audits for the cricket club and village hall and is happy to do the HVA as well. DT proposed, RL seconded. Agreed</p>	
7	<p>Holybourne Cup DH explained that this has been an exceptional year and therefore we are making an exception this year and awarding the cup to four people - two couples who were outstanding during the year in helping the community. The Holybourne Cup has been awarded to Jo and Paul Guppy at Holybourne Shop and Post Office and Lorne and Carey Robertson of the White Hart. DH would like to donate an honours board to record the names of those who have won/win this cup. VK to ask he trustees of the village hall if they would be happy to have the honours board displayed there.</p>	VK
8	<p>Other issues raised RL - we will not have a fireworks night and we need to advertise this on the website KC to put on the website. Fireworks are purchased and supplier will keep them in safe, dry storage for next year.</p> <p>Jeroen Hodges - gave a No Wey campaign update. The deadline for submissions have closed. It is taking longer than expected to pull together the responses as there are so many objections. AJ wanted to make it clear that the County Council are not a partner in this project. Veolia are contractors to the County Council for the management of waste by Hampshire but they are no way in partnership with this project and there is no commercial interest by the county. AJ also added that he would like to make it very clear that he objects to the plan. GH stated that he was pleased that the EHDC put in a hard hitting response from one of the senior planning officers. DH thanked the councillors for being extremely supportive for their support in this and other matters.</p> <p>PC - With regards to the pond, ATC have agreed, in principal, to take on the pond but the issue of dredging and financing of that needs to be sorted first. They are currently waiting for an auction listing to show who the ownership of the pond was and they can then formally ask the owners if they will let the council adopt it. John Rapley has been assessing the pond. He is keen to get involved and has access through work to ecologists who may be able to help. JR advised that we need to sort out the silt transfer from the pond coming from the highway. A holistic approach needs to be used in order to resolve this. Nick Cane and John will go out and do a dipping survey to measure the silt depth and obtain an idea of the quantity of silt that needs to be removed from the pond. The question of who pays for the dredging will need to be discussed in the future.</p> <p>Gordon Randall gave an update on the church. There have been some socially distanced weddings. Christmas is going to be difficult. However, Gordon is in conversation at the moment with Tom and Sarah Main and they are hoping to have a socially distanced nativity around the village with stations such as the school and the pub. The idea is that families will go out in separate groups and the story of Christmas will be acted out with animals from Mill Cottage Farm Experience. The Scavenger Hunt last weekend worked well with lots of families attending.</p>	KC

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8	<p>Other issues raised / cont</p> <p>Lorne Robertson - wants the HVA and the local community to give a serious consideration to what is considered an asset of community value in the village. Holybourne is a unique place and we need to think about protecting what it has. If we can register the shop and the pub as assets of community value, we can protect them from a developer changing them into houses and flats. LR feels we are in a good position to do them now whilst the pub and shop are being widely used because when they aren't, it is easier for people to have an excuse to get rid of them. GH agrees and that thinking ahead is commendable. He will dig in to what is required from a district council prospective to start the ball rolling. He will ask someone to come to an HVA meeting to talk about what to do and how to start the process. AJ believes that it is absolutely crucial to get in ahead of any potential threat and capitalise on the experience and knowledge of district planning offices. Unquestionably, both the pub and shop are core to the village. They are prize assets and we need to protect them now. DH agreed that this matter will go on the next HVA agenda as a "live issue." KC to add this to the agenda.</p> <p>JJ - advised that he is concerned about the mental health of people in village and wanted the committee to think about what we could do to boost morale. Can we give some thought to how we can get people out and about e.g open gardens around the village? When we can we must organise another summer event. The fireworks don't need to happen in November. JJ would be happy to coordinate this and make it happen. Gordon Randall suggested a treasure hunt around the village, using people's gardens.</p> <p>GH - spoke about the potential new parking restrictions in the village. The relevant officer in EHDC has reported that the next step will be to go to public consultation. She is not expecting any problems with this and expects the work to be carried out in January/February next year.</p> <p>PL - the District Resident's Association meeting is next Tuesday. She would welcome another person to go along with her.</p> <p>AJ - Petersfield TC, in light of the strong advice from HCC's Director of Public Health, had decided to rescind permission for the funfair in Petersfield. HCC'S Chief Executive had separately issued a legal Directive to the Alresford funfair not to operate. With regards to the Covid situation, can we all try and influence friends and neighbours to be as caring and considerate as possible?</p> <p>DH - gave a reminder that the HVA meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and all from the village are welcome to attend. We have now purchase a year's zoom subscription and it is there for the community to use. If anyone would like to use it, please contact the HVA. Perhaps we could run quizzes with it?</p>	<p>GH</p> <p>KC</p>
10	<p>Date of next AGM 12th October 2021</p>	