

Holybourne Village Association

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14th September 2021 MINUTES

Committee Members	David Houghton (Chair); Vickie Kemp (Treasurer); Jerry Janes (Magazine); Rob Law; Pat Lerew; Carey Robertson; Kellie-Jayne Cox Also in attendance: Jonny King; Chris Lion; Mary Blackwell; Andy Muir; Tony Nelson.
Ex Officio	Andrew Joy (HCC), Graham Hill (EHDC and ATC), Paul Crossley (ATC)

No	Item	TO DO
1	Opening of Meeting and Apologies for Absence Kate Carmichael, Julia Wood, Nick Wood, Graham Hill, John Rapley, Andrew Joy, Graham Hill, Paul Crossley	
2	Minutes of Last Meeting	
2.1	Agree Minutes – minutes agreed save one small amendment that July's meeting took place at the White Hart, not zoom.	
2.2	Signing of Minutes	
2.3	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) – See Section 4.1 and 4.2	

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4	Live Issues and Projects	
4.1	<p>Rakemakers Wildlife Garden - Jonny King explained the initiate of the Wildlife Garden and recent activity being undertaken by a group of willing volunteers. The plot which is situated just before Rakemakers and is about 0.2 of an acre has for some time been very neglected and is a haven for wildlife. The plot is owned by EHDC. The only equipment that has been able to gain entry to the plot is a strimmer which has limited the amount of work that EHDC has been able to undertake. Efforts should have been made 9 times a year to clear the plot but it has been sporadic.</p> <p>EHDC are keen to hand the plot over to a licensee and a 3 year maintenance license has been granted to ACAN (Alton Climate Action Network) to look after the plot. JK has been asked to write a management plan which he has done. The idea is to clear the plot for the Autumn. JK visited the immediate neighbours to engage with them in the first instance and a gathering took place with a turn out of about 20 people to make a good start on the clearing process. Digging by hand has had to be the main course of action as there is a plastic netting underneath the turf. Wildflower meadows and a path may be put in. EHDC may transfer the land to ACAN or a similar group after the expiration of the licence, but there could be some future costs due to various trees on the plot, for example a coppice ash tea. EHDC are responsible currently for managing the trees. A grant of £250 has been given by the town council as overseen by Graham Hill which has been used to buy seeds, largely much the same as is already there as they will flourish. JK explains he is simply here to inform of the situation so as to raise awareness and engage anyone that may be interested and to also note that in the future the HVA may be approached again with a view to assisting further. JJ suggested that JK do an article for the village magazine with some before and after pictures.</p>	
4.2	<p>Parking and traffic in the village + speed watch – Chris Lion and Mary Blackwell in attendance and gave their views on the effect of the yellow lines that have been implemented in the village but specifically at the junction between Howards Lane and London Road. They feel that the traffic has become more dangerous since the implementation of the lines partly due to a small area that was not lined and where a car continues to park. It now means that cars have to edge right out onto London road before exiting due to visibility and oncoming traffic and they feel it is only a matter of time before there is a collision. Chris Lion would be keen for others to step forward who opposed the lines in the first instance as he would like to hear from them. He has written to EHDC and is happy to share his communications. He is looking for support from the HVA in relation to this issue.</p> <p>DH states that the HVA have been supportive of the new yellow lines and the issues were debated over intensive discussions and site visits for a considerable time. Unfortunately Graham Hill is not in attendance this evening who would be better placed to address this issue currently, but one would hope that the EHDC could come out to test whether the implemented lines have served the desired effect.</p> <p>JJ asks Chris Lion why he feels it has become more dangerous and he responds by stating that prior to the lines, people parked opposite the junctions, but now as you turn right out of Howards Lane there is nearly always a car parked there and you cannot get out of the junction onto the right side of the road. Chris also believes that the lines have not been placed where the Council said they would be.</p> <p>Mary Blackwell comments that due to the gap that has been left, if cars park opposite each other on either side of the road, there is not enough room for emergency vehicles to pass through.</p> <p>JJ confirms he took a video and sent to Graham Hill and he also concurs that you have to edge out so far onto the road to see what is going on. JJ asked the owner of the cottage on the corner of Howards Lane if he would consider cutting his hedge back as that could help but has not yet received a response.</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 – On Howards Lane there is planning application for 3 houses, GH circulated the details, no objections put forward. Well done to PL for making representations about the former tesco site at the end of Mill Lane. It went to planning committee 3 weeks ago. The main concerns relate to the pavement and getting it one side of the road, the safest way is to walk from Eggars over to the far side of the road.</p> <p>Veolia - Recycling facility – ongoing saga. Not likely to go to a planning committee. They have asked for a minister to look at it. Watch this space!</p> <p>New Local Plan: Nothing new.</p> <p>Alton and District Residents' Association – PL confirms that they have not met for the last couple of months as Dean Phillips has been very poorly. They are going to write to all ADRA members regarding the campaign of 1200 houses at Chawton. PL main concern is about building at Neatham down as when you build the other side of the by-pass it will open the floodgates for all building. It is a natural boundary and we need to be vigilant on this.</p>	
<p>6</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p>	<p>Holybourne Events</p> <p>Bonfire Night - happening on 6th November, normal times. RL has updated risk assessment to take account of COVID. Social distancing will need to be adhered to. Probably need to do a phased exit. Fireworks are being stored in David Tomlinsons container. Insurance quote obtained £50 more than 2 years ago. RL will get a fresh quote in a months time just before the evening. Waiting for a quote from St john's ambulance, portaloos and light and generator from Vincent hire. JJ will help with announcements on the night. Helen Walters Chief Marshall. Nick Wood and Paul Crossley have also volunteered to assist. Leaflets are in hand with Tanya at Wildly upbeat printers. Will also put something on one side about Remembrance. Tina Rhodes has provided a guy. Jan and Phil in charge of bonfire. Need some pallets, can we put a note on the Holybourne FB page to see if anyone in the village can help with this. Carey and Lorne will be doing food and drinks.</p> <p>Remembrance: Saturday 13th Nov. Plans are in hand but being kept flexible due to the uncertain times, and Adrian Strata is waiting on advice from the Town Council and British Legion. Something will take place but probably scaled down from normal with no parade.</p> <p>Carols by the Tree: This will take place on Wed 22nd December at the White Hart. Helen Walters has kindly agreed to organize once again. It was decided that a collection should be taken and this should be on behalf of the church the theatre and the village hall.</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p>	<p>Village Communications</p> <p>Magazine: JJ has produced another excellent issue. He confirmed that he will be stepping down in a year's time, so we need to identify someone to take over as editor sooner rather than later. Kay Tomlinson has also indicated that she will step down from role of dealing with advertisers at the same time, so a volunteer to take on this role is also needed.</p> <p>Website: Nothing to report.</p> <p>Facebook: Nothing to report.</p>	<p>All</p>

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<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: Funds are about £2000 down on last year due to no events being held. Current balance is just over £5700. There is £500 outstanding from advertising from the magazine which is expected to be received.</p> <p>Friends of the Pond: JR has circulated the current plans. The tree survey has been done and some trimming back will take place in early spring before it gets too leafy. Establishing ownership of the pond would still be needed to access potential grant streams and this could be very challenging!</p> <p>Flood Action Group/Emergency Planning: The work in London road has been welcomed and it is hoped this will alleviate the recent problems. Run-off from the fields north of the village is still a problem, however and discussions need to take place with the landowners.</p> <p>Church: Services are being held every Sunday at 9.30AM and singing is allowed! Coffee mornings are held on Tuesday mornings and Teddies on Wednesdays. Church@4 is on Sundays. The parish is taking on the responsibility of 3 more churches at Lasham, Shalden, and Bentworth.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>AGM planning: Initial thoughts were that it would be safe to hold the AGM in the village hall with windows open and using facemasks. No refreshments would be available. RL said he would contact Helen Walters for her thoughts. Alistair Emery from Belpot, managing agents for Froyle estate has indicated he would be happy to come to give a short presentation. Peter Lowe, Jerry Janes and Rob Law have come to the end of their term on the committee. Peter does not want to continue but Jerry and Rob have agreed to stand for another term. Nominations are needed for new committee members. Kate has also said that she will only be able to attend very few meetings next year, so we also need to look for a new secretary. Volunteers or suggestions needed please! Suggestions also needed for deserving recipient of the Holybourne Cup.</p> <p>Graffiti on railway bridge: Sarah Main has informed us of the regrettable graffiti that has appeared on the railway bridge in Upper Neatham lane. The railway authorities have been informed but say it is not a priority as it is not abusive!</p> <p>PL said that only cursory attention has been given to the trees in Complins and more needs to be done. The grass has only been mown infrequently and needs more care.</p> <p>CR said that new lights and a star are needed for the Christmas tree. It was agreed that HVA should fund these, and she would find out the cost. Jonny King suggested that a willow star could be made that might look good.</p> <p>RR has still not heard anymore from the council about the wall in Howards lane. Other residents confirmed it looked pretty dodgy! Perhaps AJ can help again.</p> <p>KC would like to publicise the Winchester Military Wives choir concert in Holybourne Theatre on 16th October.</p> <p>Barrie Lawrence is running the London Parks half marathon on 10th October on behalf of Great Ormond Street hospital. If anyone would like to donate they can do so at justgiving.com/barrielawrence</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Close – DONM – AGM October 12th</p>	