

Minutes of Holybourne Village Association 14th December 2021

1. Apologies for absence: Vickie Kemp, Cllrs Paul Crossley, Andrew Joy. Becky Cummings, Kate Carmichael, John Rapley, Alison Tait.
2. Minutes of last meeting agreed and signed by Chair.
3. Parking and speed in village. GH reported that the Howards Lane junction issue was being reviewed as is normal after a year of operation. JJ to ask for Speedwatch volunteers in next issue of village magazine. GH also reported that the school crossing patrol officer was to be reinstated.
4. Assets of Community value: K-JC welcomed the new pub landlords and it was suggested that they might be invited to attend meetings as Carey Robinson had done. JJ asked if the money for new Christmas decorations had been paid to the pub as agreed at a previous meeting. K-JC thought it had. David Houghton has asked for anything relating to the use of the pub to be forwarded to him and Rob Law suggested that we ought to be trying to bring things to a conclusion now. PL asked if the Andrew Endowed school was recognised as an asset of community value and was reassured to learn that as a Church Aided school and popular with parents because of this there was no cause for concern.
5. Playground: The refurbishment had been very well received and was being well used. GH reported on his negotiations with the landowners about the planting of trees but there was a wariness about this from Bell Court. He would seek to reassure them that the trees would not be subject to TPOs and would speak to them again. He also reminded the committee that EHDC was promoting a programme of tree planting through the district and was looking for suitable sites.

GH reported also that following discussions with Bell Court they had agreed to move the concrete bollards on New Lane so that buggies could fit between them. It might be necessary to fit collapsible barriers to stop unauthorised vehicular access.
6. Planning: Andy Muir reported that he had held a meeting to discuss the possibility of development of the Neatham Down site. K-JC and PL had also attended and AM agreed to act as HVA's coordinator and lead on this project. GH stressed that he was more useful to Holybourne at arm's length but that Paul Crossley would be promoting village interests on the Town Council's Planning Committee. It was reported that contact had been made with Binsted Parish Council who had no knowledge of the possible development. There had been no movement on the Veolia proposals and they are likely to reappear in the New Year. Pat Lerew expressed strong concern about the intention of Hampshire Highways to push ahead with the imposition of an unsafe pedestrian access scheme for the Lidl development and there was general agreement about this. GH will liaise with Cllr Joy to reiterate our ongoing concerns. This should be an ongoing agenda item.
7. ADRA: PL reported that effectively ADRA had ceased to be! There had been no communication or activity since the change of Chair.
8. Bonfire night: Rob Law reported that the accounts for Bonfire night would be presented to the next meeting but that a profit was anticipated and the committee might like to give some thought to how this money might be used. He suggested investment in the Village Hall might be a good idea.

9. Remembrance Ceremony: The committee had been hugely impressed by the ceremony and in particular by the Pipe Band. PL commented that our own ceremony had been so well received at a time when the town had had to cancel its own.
10. Carols by the tree was to go ahead but with social distancing being encouraged. K-JC expressed her thanks for the gift of the tree from Bumpers Farm.
11. Magazine had been distributed and RL congratulated JJ on what he saw as a great issue. JJ thanked all contributors. He is now into his final year as editor and the search goes on for a replacement.
12. In the absence of the treasurer there was no financial report and similarly with the Friends of the Pond. GH reported that provision had been made by the Town Council for cosmetic work around the pond but that permission would have to be sought from landowners for trees to be pruned. These landowners included the church.
13. Flood Action Group: RL asked if the flooding problem outside JJ's house on London Road had been solved and JJ reported that it had not but he had been told in an email from HCC that they would be coming back to complete the work. JJ also reported that the flood adjacent to the church had been extremely bad in the recent rain. PL pointed out that the Monteccio Way flood has been very bad recently too.
14. AoB: GH asked if the committee wished him to organise a meeting with the new Head of Treloars. K-JC and Am would value a visit to the school to discuss community involvement and plans for future development.