

Holybourne Village Association

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Minutes

Committee Members	Jerry Janes; Andy Muir; Pat Lerew; Rob Law; Mary Blackwell; Vanessa Gist; Vickie Kemp
Ex Officio	Cllr Andrew Joy (HCC), Cllr Graham Hill (EHDC and ATC)
	Also in attendance from the village: Stuart Hunt

No	Item	Action
1	Opening of Meeting and Apologies for Absence	
1.1	Apologies were received from, John Rapley, Kellie-Jayne Cox, Kay Anderson.	
1.2	JJ welcomed Vanessa Gist to the committee.	
2	Minutes of Last Meeting	
2.1	The Minutes of the December meeting were agreed and signed and are available on the website.	
2.2	Matters Arising:	
	a) The bin by the war memorial plaque. It was noted that it is used for dog waste and regularly stinks. Being next to a seat, it makes sitting there unpleasant. We asked if anything could be done about it. Cllr Graham Hill (GH) agreed to pursue the matter with the Town Council.	GH
	b) Difficulty with visibility at the bus shelter. If you are waiting for a bus in the bus shelter opposite Treloars, it is impossible to see the bus approach or for the bus driver to note that someone is waiting. This situation needs to be addressed. GH agreed to take it up with Stagecoach and report back.	GH
3	Members Open Forum	
	There were no items brought up either at the meeting or before.	
4	Live Issues and Projects	
4.1	HVA are wanting to arrange a "Coronation Picnic" to celebrate the King's coronation on 6 th May 2023. We are looking for someone to act as an organiser to help. JJ agreed to spread the word to look for a volunteer and to involve the church.	
4.2	The HVA were extremely grateful to note that the Christmas Tree has been removed.	
5	Planning and Development Issues in and around Holybourne / Alton	
5.1	GH informed us that there have been 2 new planning applications within the village and also a new proposal from Veolia. Links to the planning applications will be found on the HVA website and there will also be a summary of the Veolia plan. The two planning applications are for extensions to existing houses, one in Howards lane and one on London Road.	
5.2	The Veolia plan is to augment the exiting material recycling plant alongside the A31 with an Anaerobic Digestion Plant. This is designed to take food waste from the area and process it into biogas which can be fed into the national network. GH will send Veolia letter to AM: more details will be on the HVA website.	
5.3	Affordable Housing GH brought us up to date with the proposals first aired at the December meeting for the development of 4 affordable houses on land at the by-pass end of Lower Neatham Lane, being just outside the current settlement policy boundary. This land cannot be developed for normal housing but EHDC has a duty to provide	

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	<p>some affordable housing and it might be possible to use this land. Details of the proposal have been updated on the HVA website.</p> <p>The proposal is being processed by Merlion who will be putting in a planning application. It is stressed that these will only be affordable housing and will be restricted to that use only. Although this site lies outside the settlement boundary EHDC have an ongoing need for this type of development and do not currently have a five year land supply. Objections to the application can be submitted to EHDC when the application is submitted.</p>	
6	Village Communications	
6.1	<p>Magazine: - The Winter edition of the Magazine has been delivered to most of the village. There is a need for some delivery help and Vickie will be in contact with Katie Knott who has volunteered to help.</p> <p>The next magazine is now being worked on. There deadline for articles is 24th February. GH will continue with his "Council Corner" articles and submit 2 other articles. GH pointed out that no contact details were there for the Councillors. These will be added to the next and subsequent issues.</p>	
6.2	<p>Website: - Info is being updated regularly and the planning details will be there soon.</p>	
6.3	<p>Facebook/Social: - It was agreed that it would be good to publicise the HVA meeting agenda well in advance on social media sites as well as the website. This will give greater coverage in the village.</p>	
6.4	<p>Church: - Nothing to report.</p>	
7	Committee Reports	
7.1	<p>Chair Report: - A contact has been made with regard to re-starting a speedwatch campaign. This will need a champion to get it going again.</p>	
7.2	<p>Secretary Report: - Nothing to report.</p>	
7.3	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>The current bank balance was recorded at £4,928.26. Included in this is the profit from the fireworks fund raising which was £1,313.21 (less the cost of the St John's Ambulance cover – yet to be invoiced i.r.o.£350)</p> <p>The pipe band is yet to invoice us for their appearance at the remembrance day. It is thought that the magazine cost will be going up by around £3,500. There are still some advertising revenue to come in (£870)</p>	
7.4	<p>Friends of the Pond: - The Town Council have replaced the fence around the pond and therefore it is possible for the landscaping to be done. AM will drop a note to JR so he can arrange to purchase the materials using the Town Council grant of £500.</p>	
7.5	<p>Flood Action Group/Emergency Planning: - The final part of the flood alleviation scheme has been completed in Gaskell Close. This has eased the situation and water appear to drain away much more rapidly. Montecchio Way still has an issue</p>	
8	Any Other Business	
8.1	<p>RL suggested that the HVA should take overall ownership of the defibrillator stationed at The White Hart and to bear the cost of maintenance. This was agreed. "The Lions" of Alton have offered us a second unit which we agreed should be accepted and positioned somewhere toward the sports field end of the village. It was thought that an externally sited one was needed and a suitable location would be investigated.</p>	
8.2	<p>PL suggested that we should consider designing a memorial plaque for the Queen to be put up in the Village Hall. This was agreed and PL said that she would draft the wording.</p>	

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8.3	GH said that the development of Lidl, Costa and Home Bargains was finished and ready to open but was awaiting the completion of the project. This was the design and implementation of the footpath and traffic light system on Montecchio Way. Only when this is completed the facility can open. There are some design issues outstanding and the contractors must present them to the County Council to progress. This is outstanding. Hopefully it can be sorted soon.	
8.4	The Town Council are setting up a meeting on 18 th January in The Maltings to consult on how to progress the investigation into the concerns at Kings Pond. The result of this meeting is to indicate the way forward it is not an overall final decision.	All
8.5	The Neighbourhood CIL grant window operated by Town Council is opening soon. GH encouraged HVA to make bids for by submitting fully costed plans within the scope of the grant.GH offered to help HVA in preparing bids.	All/GH
8.6	The War Memorial is in need of renovation as it is in a poor state. Any renovation must be sympathetic to its patina. AM washed the woodwork and brass last year before the remembrance service. He said that he did not think cleaning the brass to a shining state would be in keeping with the tone of the memorial and thus did not polish the brass inlay. GH suggested that he should approach a professional cleaner for guidance.	GH
9	<p>Close – DONM</p> <p>JJ thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21:30</p> <p>The date of the next is 14th February 2023</p>	