

Holybourne Village Association

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Minutes

Committee Members	Rob Law; Andy Muir; Pat Lerew; Mary Blackwell; Vickie Kemp
Ex Officio	Cllr Andrew Joy (HCC), Cllr Graham Hill (EHDC and ATC)

No	Item	Action
1	Opening of Meeting and Apologies for Absence	
1.1	Apologies were received from, Jerry Janes, John Rapley, Kellie-Jayne Cox, Kay Anderson Vanessa Gist, Megan-Beth Millar.	
2	Minutes of Last Meeting	
2.1	The Minutes of the January meeting appear not to have been circulated to committee members before this meeting and so were agreed in principle.	
2.2	Matters Arising: a) The bin by the war memorial plaque:- EHDC have been informed but no action has occurred as yet – ongoing. b) War memorial cleaning and local bench seating – see live issues. c) Difficulty with visibility at the bus shelter. GH has made enquiries as to ownership it does not belong to the town council nor Stagecoach (See live issues)	
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. JJ delivered a note to say that Megan-Beth Millar will help to organise it.	
4.2	It was agreed that the War memorial could do with some careful cleaning especially the role of honour plaque and we discussed how best this could be done. We decided that some expert advice should be sought. Pat Lerew and Cllr Graham Hill suggested that we could contact Geoff Thorn of Kemp and Stephens; Pat agreed to do so. The woodwork surrounding the plaque also needs attention and we suggested setting up a small working party to do this. Andy Muir, Rob Law and Cllr Graham Hill agreed to form this.	PL AM;RL; Cr-GH.
4.3	The bench seating near the memorial is also in need of some attention, the working party agreed to look at this too and formulate a “to do” list	
4.4	With regard to the bus shelter, as we appear not to have any other owner than HVA is was agreed to add this to the above mentioned “to do” list. Once a plan for these actions have been drawn up we agreed that it was something that the “Men’s Shed” should be approached to implement it.	GH
5	Planning and Development Issues in and around Holybourne / Alton	
5.1	Cllr GH informed us that the Anaerobic Digestion application from Veolia has been received and is being processed. It is not yet posted on the website for comment.	

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5	Planning and Development Issues (cont)	
5.2	There has been no further update to the proposed development in Lower Neatham Lane	
5.3	The Local Plan 2021-2040 (Part one) results are in and they are being analysed.	
5.4	Alton Town Council will produce a new update to the Neighbourhood Plan and this will then go to a referendum. The previous plan was delayed due to Hampshire Highways Dept, who are refreshing the plans around the junctions within the area. This was having an impact on the outcome.	
5.5	Lidl update. There are still issues between Hampshire Highways and the contracting partners who are delivering the project. Until these are resolved the stores are unable to open. Many fingers are being pointed in all directions as to where the blame lies so it is best to let them sort it out. To add to the issues, it now appears that the laying of a power line to the required road crossing will cross the rail bridge which will bring Network Rail into the mix as well.	
6	Village Communications	
6.1	Magazine: - The Spring Issue of the magazine will be the first under our new Magazine Editor, Mary Blackwell. Mary also has a new Advertising Manager Kay Ball. The closing date for submissions for the magazine is 24 th Feb (e.o.w.) Cllr Graham Hill said that residents in Anstey Mill Lane are very interested in having copies of the magazine. He said that if 40 could be taken to him he could arrange the additional distribution. The local elections will be in May and the Hall will be needed. A note should be in the magazine about this.	
6.2	Website: - Info is being updated regularly, nothing else to report.	
6.3	Facebook/Social: - The HVA meeting agenda is now on social media platforms as well as the website.	
6.4	Church: - Andrew Micklefield the main vicar of the parish had a heart attack recently. He is recovering at home but it does have an impact on the work of the parish and to Gordon's workload. The church wall is in need of some attention particularly with the regard to removal of ivy and they are looking into how to fund the work. Cllr Graham Hill has kindly agreed, via his Councillor Grant, to fund the replacement of the rowan tree in the churchyard. This tree was planted to mark the 300 th anniversary of the school – with a twin tree planted in the school grounds. The school has some vacancies for governors. Other church activities, working alongside the school, the nursery and the Lawn; coffee mornings, toddler group all continue as normal.	
7	Committee Reports	
7.1	Chair Report: - There has been no response to maintaining speedwatch and so this activity will not restart. However ATC have 3 automatic speed limit reminder devices which are mobile and designed to fix to existing roadside furniture. Cllr Graham Hill has arranged for 2 to be erected in Holybourne on three occasions within the next 6 months. The units provide a visual warning if the limit is exceeded and they record the number plate details, though they are not connected to an ANPR system.	
7.2	Secretary Report: - Nothing to report.	
7.3	Treasurers Report The current bank balance was recorded at £4,197.86 although we are still owed £870 from magazine advertising and we still owe £150 for the pipe band. The invoice has been requested on several occasions and will only be paid on its receipt. The defibrillator enclosure cost £620.40 and Cllr Graham Hill has given us £471 towards this from his Councillor grant.	

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7.4	Friends of the Pond: - John Rapley has indicated that due to health issues he has had to pull out of covering control of this activity. Rob Law has said he will step in to ensure that the ATC grant is spent and the work is completed. We will use the plans drawn up by John Rapley and order materials from Travis Perkins. Mary Blackwell said that she could assist in the procurement process. Once the details are clear, we will arrange a small working party to meet at the pond to undertake the work. A number of people have volunteered to help and it will be a case of circulating the date – a weekend when we can receive the materials and place them.	
7.5	Flood Action Group/Emergency Planning: - It was agreed that the flood issue has diminished and the work considered a success.	
8	Any Other Business	
8.1	Andy Muir has received a request about the possibility of putting a flyer into the magazine. This was discussed and the implications may have some undesirable knock on effects. It was resolved that we should not have commercial flyers in the magazine but suggest that the proposer contact the ad manager and place a normal ad in the magazine. AM to write to the proposer and pass details to ad manager.	AM
8.2	Cllr Graham Hill gave an update on Kings Pond. There has been a lively public meeting which has resulted in the ATC agreeing to fund the project to the tune of £250k. (£175k of which is from the neighbourhood CIL). Initially two feasibility studies will be carried out. One to take the pond off-line and the other to dredge the pond. Once these have been completed the results will be judged and acted upon.	
8.3	Cllr Andrew Joy informed us that the majority of councils will be raising the Council Tax by 5% and it is almost certain that Hampshire will do so. 2% of this rise will be earmarked for social care, the other 3% will be split between District, Town and Police/Fire & Rescue.	
8.4	Cllr Graham Hill informed us that the new swimming pool changing rooms at Treloars Collage are now open.	
8.5	Pat Lerew reminded us that she will be writing an obituary for Linda Mizen who had been a member of the HVA and magazine editor some years ago.	PL
9	Close – DONM RL thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21:50 The date of the next is 14th March 2023	