

# Holybourne Village Association

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9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## Minutes

Committee Members	Jerry Janes; Rob Law; Andy Muir; Vanessa Gist; Pat Lerew; Mary Blackwell; Stuart Hunt.
Ex Officio	Cllr Andrew Joy (HCC), Cllr Graham Hill (EHDC and ATC)
	Megan-Beth Millar

No	Item	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Opening of Meeting and Apologies for Absence</b>	
1.1	Apologies were received from Vickie Kemp.	
1.2	Megan-Beth Millar was introduced to the committee and thanked by all for the tremendous job she performed organising the Coronation Picnic. Jerry then asked if she would like to join the committee and following a positive answer he formally proposed that she should join the committee which was unanimously approved.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b>	
2.1	The Minutes of the April meeting were approved – with one small typo which was deemed inconsequential. Minutes were updated before publishing on the website.	
	Matters Arising:	
2.2	No significant matters arose which are not covered in the agenda	
<b>3</b>	<b>Members Open Forum</b>	
	There were no items brought up before the meeting.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Live Issues and Projects</b>	
4.1	<p>Coronation Celebration/Picnic</p> <p>Jerry stated, and it was totally agreed that the Coronation Picnic was a tremendous success. It was well attended by the village and had a range of activities and craft stalls which enhanced the day. Jerry and Andy submitted a successful application to HCC for a supporting grant of £500 to help with the cost of the event and there were stall-holders who were asked to pay for their attendance. The WI held a tombola and a “Name the Bear” competition and donated all the takings to the HVA. There were also many direct donations to the HVA and two donation buckets, one in the shop and one in the pub. In total we more than covered the cost of the event which has relieved our present financial position. The exact amount has not been calculated yet but will be reported by the treasurer at the next meeting.</p> <p>Thanks must go to Sid for his “Pop-up Shop”, the Cricket Club for running the bar, John MacLean for supervising the Bouncy Castle and “Blue-Eyed Soul” for entertaining us with excellent music. Then finally to Helen Waters and the Church for the rousing sing-song to close the event.</p> <p>Following this Mary said that we should make this an annual event to which we agreed, probably early July so that it does not clash with Jane Austen Week and so that the Cricket Club will be aware that the field is booked. There we calls for a better selection of adult races and these will be planned.</p>	
4.2	<p>HVA finances.</p> <p>Following the success of the picnic the pressure on finances has subsided a bit. But we still must be vigilant. JJ and AM still to approach the Treloar’s printing dept. to quote for magazine printing.</p>	AM JJ

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<b>5</b>	<b>Planning and Development Issues in and around Holybourne / Alton</b>	
5.1	<p>Cllr Graham Hill updated us on both The Local Plan and The Neighbourhood Plan. Now that the local election is over The Local Plan is now being worked on by EHDC. It is a county wide plan and will be put out for consultation later on this year. There is still the anomaly that the housing allocation is based on the whole area of E. Hants, even though 60% lies within The Southdowns National Park which has highly restricted building regulations thereby putting extra pressure on the rest of the county.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan is ongoing. Chaired by Mike Heelis and has a number of councillors on the team. Following a meeting in the Village Hall, Paul Fitzgibbon has volunteered to represent Holybourne Village. Cllr G Hill said that he would like to see a second rep from the village as the plan is such a crucial document. Stuart said that he would approach M Heelis with a view to fulfilling this role. Cllr G Hill also said that there was currently a vacancy for 1 ATC rep, but again he would like this to be 2. As a final note, one of the areas within The Local Plan is Neatham Down which is in the parish of Binsted so will <i>not</i> be covered by our Neighbourhood Plan. The Froyle Estates proposal will be within the NP.</p>	
5.2	<p>Cllr Graham Hill said that a planning application from Alton School (Anstey Lane) which had been refused has been sent to appeal. This is for 20 houses which will be accessed from Anstey Lane and built on the existing car park area.</p>	
5.3	<p>There have been no recent planning applications within Holybourne itself. (Details of applications can be found on the HVA Website under planning and are updated at least monthly).</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Village Communications</b>	
6.1	<p>Magazine: - We are looking for new advertisers for the magazine and it was proposed that we print some extra copies in the Summer Edition to distribute to the businesses in the Mill Lane industrial area to try and drum up some support. It was noted that Sid at the shop would be willing to re-advertise again and that Mint Condition would be happy to receive an invoice as they are regularly in the mag and on the website. The Summer Issue will be looking for contributions with a closing date of mid July. (already mentioned - JJ and AM will approach Treloar's printing to see if we can reduce the printing costs) Stephen Lewis – Mag layout, is happy to come along as well.</p>	JJ AM
6.2	<p>Website: - Info is being updated regularly. There was a query over whether we can get a "hit report". Andy will investigate this.</p>	AM
6.3	<p>Facebook/Social: - All widely used by much of the village.</p>	
6.4	<p>Church: - The Big help-out clean-up after the Coronation was very successful with a large number of volunteer helpers. The report was of many dead bees from 8 nests in the upper part of the church.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Committee Reports</b>	
7.1	<p>Chair Report: - Jerry had received a request from the deputy CEO of Treloar's to attend occasional meetings to brief us on developments at the college. Jerry had welcomed this approach and suggested he attend future meetings.</p>	
7.2	<p>Secretary Report: - Nothing to report.</p>	
7.3	<p>Treasurers Report: - The Treasurer will report next month.</p>	
7.4	<p>Friends of the Pond: - Rob Law re-iterated the work done at the pond and noted the criticism from people about problems with duck feeding - (the plan had two areas specifically for this). We have managed to discourage the Canadian Geese but must still keep an eye out for them. Cllr G Hill suggested that we write to the ATC to obtain notices about feeding ducks and to see if we can get some time from the council expert who is currently working on Kings Pond. Cllr G Hill to pursue.</p>	Cllr GH

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7.5	Flood Action Group/Emergency Planning: Just before the meeting there was a severe storm with torrents of rain. This resulted in flooding by the Church at the top of Howards Lane and the drain stanks in Cranford Drive being blocked by straw waste washed down from the road gutters on Howards Lane and London Road. Although intense at the time, the situation did resolve itself reasonably quickly. There is however a need to get the stanks cleared and the advice is to contact Highways at HCC to report the issues.	
8	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
8.1	Rob Law brought up the issue of this year's Fireworks Display. The committee authorised the budget of £2200 for the firework, which need to be ordered pre August. We also suggested that we should increase the ticket allocation to 1200 and it will be necessary to have a small increase in the ticket price this year. It was agreed that Fireworks will now be a "Current Issues" item on the agenda.	
8.2	Cllr Graham Hill noted that there had been various complaint about the workmanship around the village due to ongoing fibre installation and possibly gas works. Calls have been from Rakemakers and Cranford Drive. Cllr G Hill has contacted Swish to get the problem rectified. It also appears the re-instatement work is poor. Cllr A Joy stated that any poor work should be reported to HCC Highways Team. They have a right to instruct contractors to re-instate to satisfactory standards. There is a 6 month window from the finishing date to get it sorted.	
8.3	Pat Lerew (and Cllr G Hill) brought up the issue of the classification of the greenspace in Complins as verge. This means that the areas only get four cuts a year. This is insufficient for the area which in reality is an amenity greenspace and needs cutting at least once a month. The area is owned by HCC but the maintenance is run by EHDC. Cllr Andrew Joy said that HCC pay EHDC for 4 cuts per year and we need to write to them to get an increase in frequency. There was also an issue with some of the trees in the area. It was agreed that Complins Greenspace will be added to the Current Issue items in future.	
8.4	Stuart Hunt noted that following the departure of the contractors undertaking the gas infrastructure renewal, the road sign to Cranford drive had not been replaced and the ground left in a poor state. Cllr Andrew Joy said that issues such as this should be logged on the HCC website so that they can be recorded and HCC can follow it up.	
9	<b>Close – DONM</b> Jerry thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21:15 <b>The date of the next meeting is 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</b>	

Meeting addendum.

Following the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> June which aimed to ratify the minutes of the May meeting (this one) it was agreed that the apology from Cllr G Hill which was attached to the Magazine article should also be included in these minutes. It is therefore included below.

"I would like to correct some information that I wrote for the latest HVA Magazine regarding the defibrillator at the White Hart pub. The defibrillator was installed outside more than ten years ago following local fund raising of more than £3,000. However in January this year the original enclosure failed. This meant that the defibrillator had to be moved inside for the last few months making it temporarily inaccessible when the pub was closed. The grant that I provided paid only for a new enclosure such that the defibrillator could again be moved outside.  
Please accept my apologies for the error that I made in the article. Cllr Graham Hill"