

# Holybourne Village Association

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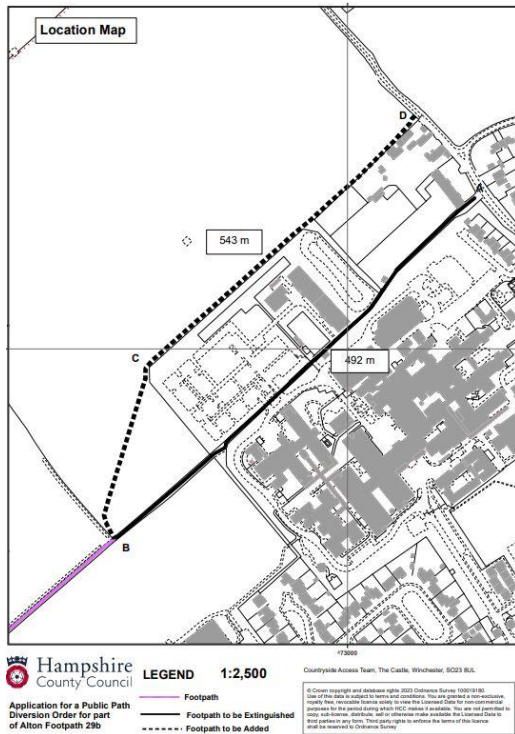
## Minutes

Committee Members	Jerry Janes; Rob Law; Andy Muir; Vanessa Gist; Pat Lerew; Mary Blackwell; Stuart Hunt; Vickie Kemp
Ex Officio	Cllr Andrew Joy (HCC), Cllr Graham Hill (EHDC and ATC)
	Frances & David M <sup>c</sup> Gahey; Lesley & Graham Cook; Simon Birch, Director of Facilities and Finance and Deputy CEO at Treloar's

No	Item	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Opening of Meeting and Apologies for Absence</b>	
1.1	Jerry welcomed four members of Holybourne Village and Simon Birch from Treloars, to the meeting.	
1.2	Apologies were received from Megan-Beth Millar.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b>	
2.1	Matters Arising from the Minutes of the April meeting. Item 8.3 was an apology which Cllr Graham Hill made when referring to the replacement cabinet for the defibrillator outside The White Hart. It was agreed that the full wording of that apology should be attached to the minutes of the May meeting before they could be ratified. This has now been done.	
2.2	Ratification of the minutes was subject to action 2.1 being implemented.	
2.3	Matters Arising: Andy noted that the Fireworks should have been added to the current agenda under Item 4 –so added.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Members Open Forum</b>	
	<p>Frances &amp; David M<sup>c</sup>Gahey sought clarification on the potential development of the area behind the Sports Field and up Brockham Hill. This was noted and will be recorded under item 5 2– Planning Issues.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the possibility of planting trees outside the sports field on an area referred to as a verge. It should be pointed out that this area is not truly defined as a verge and thus EHDC restrictions on verge planting would not apply. Nevertheless it does reach down to pavement of London Road and therefore care should be taken over the choice of trees. For instance a flowering cherry is very shallow rooted and can quickly cause problems to the footpath.</p> <p>There was also a question about planting trees in the playground area to provide shade. The playground is owned by Alton Town Council and any tree request should be sent to Cllr G Hill.</p> <p>There had been an accident on the zip-wire in the playpark resulting in a child breaking her collarbone. Cllr G Hill said that any accident in the playpark should be reported to the Alton Town Council (ATC) and then they could follow it up with the appropriate action. ATC own and manage a number of playparks within Alton and surroundings. It was pointed out that the zip-wire already had rubber matting beneath it so the comment that maybe rubber matting would be safer was not relevant to this accident. The HVA had full sympathy with the family involved but noted that in all walks of life accidents can occur. We would invite the family to report this to ATC so that they can take action.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Live Issues and Projects</b>	
4.1	It was noted on the WhatsApp Hub that the overgrowing vegetation on the pathway from the Farnham bound bus stop at Cuckoo's Corner had be cleared by James Bull and the HVA gave a vote of thanks to him.	

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4.2 Jerry introduced us to Simon Birch, from Treloar's to talk about their proposal to divert the track of the footpath from its present route through the school grounds to a route around the boarder of the school. The premise of this diversion was to enhance the security of the school which, as we know is home to vulnerable people.



The route of St Swithin's Way was bestowed on the current pathway in 2002 – prior to that it mainly followed the route of the A31. The diversion is through land owned by Treloar's, currently leased for farming. It adds some 51 m. to a path currently 492 m.in length – (10%). However to use this path one needs to start in Anstey Park and the current path from there is 1000 m. thus the true diversion is 5%. There was concern that this might prove difficult for some people although in general it was not thought onerous. It was pointed out that this is a third application for diversion, the other two were refused however it was relayed that the planners are supportive of this application.

Whilst Mr Birch was present some feedback was given to him concerning the street lighting on the premises. The main entrance and car park appear to have lights on all night. Mr Birch noted this and said that it should not be the case and he would follow it up. There was also an issue of staff parking on the London Road. He replied that while Treloar's provides a staff car park and encourages everyone to use it, some staff have children at the local schools and prefer to park in the front to have an easier pick up. It was also mentioned that the Howards Lane entrance to the school is rather unsightly and looks uncared for. Mr Birch said he would look into that.

4.3 Fireworks  
 Rob Law has ordered the fireworks and noted that the price had increased by 10% to £2,345. In view of this it was recognised that we would need to increase the price of the ticket. Rob will also approach the Sports Field Trust with a view to increase the gate allowance to 1200 people. The proposed ticket prices are as follows. Single Adult £6; single child £4; Family (2A+2C) £18; Small family (1A+2C) £12. It was noted that the main field was very dark and it was difficult to find or arrange to meet people: this was recognised and some further thought will be given. The catering at the Village Picnic was very successful and it was decided that catering outlets should again be approached to purchase pitches to provide food. Posh Scoff, although good were looked on as rather expensive so will be encouraged to provide a more affordable service. Woodfired Pizza could also be asked. Sid and the shop will be there too.

4.4 Leak in London Road This leak was first reported in August 2022 but at present has not been allocated a repair team. The Reference is 34905196. It will need a road closure to implement. Updates will be recorded here

**5 Planning and Development Issues in and around Holybourne / Alton**

5.1 New Applications  
 Trees to be felled and canopies raised on the land next to 110A London Road, currently a vacant plot.  
  
 Application to erect 4 houses next to Westbrook House within the conservation area of Howards Lane/Church Lane. The date for acceptance of objections has now

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<p>5.2</p> <p>5.3</p>	<p>passed, but this application fails to meet EHDC planning criteria and there are registered objections in place.</p> <p>The Alton Neighbourhood Plan (ANP) is ongoing. It has currently considered the land allocation areas identified by EHDC. The ANP shows three areas for large scale development and these will be assessed towards the end of this year. Specific site consultation will be sought early next year and following that areas which meet the goals will be put into the ANP. The area of most concern to Holybourne (including the villagers present at this meeting) is that owned by Redbrown, managed by Belport and formally known as The Froyle Estate. The proposal under discussion is to develop this area at a significant density which would be greater than the village of Holybourne itself. It is accepted that development should and must take place, but it is the scale and type of development which should be controlled. The HVA have put together a group of 8 people to try to create a strategic review of the area and as long as development meets the criteria, it would be supported. During its evaluations, the ANP team will look at this area and it will be part of the overall document. Thus any development in the area will have to comply with the ANP criteria.</p>	
	<p>(Post meeting note) Update from Paul Fitzgibbon:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I committed to an update on the "scenario planning" exercise that took part at the council today.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Whilst I can't share any detail (it's a confidential process with periods of time allocated for public consultation), I can give you some high level comments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At this stage, I feel OK with the process, it seems fair and reasonable.</li> <li>2. So far as the Alton steering team is concerned, we are being listened to.</li> <li>3. The work Jerry and the team are doing with respect to the future development of Holybourne remains vital.</li> </ol> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The next stage of the process is in mid July, I will report back after that.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">We are still on schedule for the next phase of public consultation in September.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">If you have any questions then please let me know.</p> <p>The ANP is fully funded by Alton Town Council paying consultants and we are represented on the working party. Cllr G Hill is the EHDC representative. The site in question is known now as Holybourne Hill development and particular attention is being given to the crucial criteria which it has to meet. Weight is given by EHDC planning to the ANP and if the site is deemed not to meet the criteria then it won't be registered as available in the EHDC Local Plan. Cllr G Hill said that our first line of defence would be that the site is not on the EHDC Local Plan.</p> <p>It was raised by Frances M<sup>c</sup>Gahey that a number of people in Cuckoos Corner were unaware of this possible development. The HVA will consider how we can address this.</p> <p>The ANP will soon be moving to other concerns such as transport and provision of health and amenities.</p>	
<p>5.4</p>	<p>Cllr Graham Hill gave us an update on the Lidl development. Hargreaves the contractor has experienced a programme delay and so activities due to have started in May will now be in August and those for October will be December. The recent works at the Mill Lane / Montecchio Way junction were to investigate locations of buried utilities, prior to commencing the construction of the footpath. The initial view is that to install the footpath will remove the partial left turn filter at the junction.</p>	
<p><b>6</b></p> <p>6.1</p>	<p><b>Village Communications</b></p> <p>Magazine: - We are still 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 closing date for articles in the Summer Issue is 7<sup>th</sup> July. It was</p>	

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	<p>confirmed by the treasurer that the Summer Edition can, if content allows, go back to the normal number of pages.          JJ and AM still to approach Treloar's printing to see if we can reduce the printing costs</p> <p>6.2 Website: - nothing to report</p> <p>6.3 Facebook/Social: - All widely used, nothing further to report.</p> <p>6.4 Church: - Firstly, we are very grateful to all the villagers who turned up to give the church a 'spring clean' on the Coronation Weekend Monday 'Big Give' event. It was wonderful to see so many people helping to spruce up our village church. Thank you also to all those who came along to the church stall at the Coronation Picnic to join in with the crafts and try to 'Splat the Rat'!</p> <p>* We continue to welcome school groups from Eggar's, Andrews' Endowed and the Pre-school; often they come on the same day as our Coffee Mornings and we encourage the children to 'interview' the coffee drinkers. It is wonderful to see different age groups interacting.</p> <p>* We have a new churchwarden, Matthew Bayliss, who many will know through his work at the Council. Matthew takes over from Alan Armstrong who has served the church for the past six years. We had a 'party' for Alan by way of a 'thank you'. Helen Walters is our other churchwarden and Gordon looks forward to working with them as they serve the church together.</p> <p>* The children from the Gardening Club at Andrews' Endowed School came to plant a new rowan tree in the churchyard; this was funded by a Councillor Grant from Graham Hill. A second tree has been gifted to the school.</p> <p>* We have the ongoing issue of bees gathering both inside and outside the church. Recently part of the vestry roof was removed and the bees found there were transferred to a new home.</p> <p>* Owing to a shortage of ministers and the fact we have seven churches in the parish, it is a sad fact that we are unable to hold a service at Holy Rood every Sunday. Services take place on the second, third and fourth Sundays of each month.</p> <p>* We are seeing increasing numbers of people at both Teddies (Toddler Group) and the Tuesday Coffee Mornings.</p>	<p>JJ AM</p> <p>AM</p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p> <p>7.4</p>	<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p> <p>Chair Report: - Nothing further that has not been covered.</p> <p>Treasurers Report The bank balance is currently £3913.10 and there are a few invoices yet to be paid so it should have increased by the time the fireworks invoice needs to be paid. The coronation picnic raised £860 which was helped by generous donations from Rakemakers Makers and The WI. JJ also wanted to thank all fundraisers including those from the donation buckets.</p> <p>Friends of the Pond: - there are still 2 Canadian Geese on the pond which is upsetting our resident elderly domestic geese. We need to replace the signs about feeding the ducks and Canadian Geese. The ones put up in April have been removed.</p> <p>Flood Action Group/Emergency Planning: Nothing to report</p>	
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>The new Alton Town Councillor (2<sup>nd</sup>) is Don Hammond. HVA should approach him with an invite to the HVA meetings</p>	
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Close – DONM</b></p> <p>Jerry thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 22:00(ish)  <b>The date of the next meeting is 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023.</b></p>	