

Holybourne Village Association

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Minutes

Committee Members	Jerry Janes; Andy Muir; Pat Lerew, Mary Blackwell, Stuart Hunt, Vickie Kemp, Megan-Beth Millar
Ex Officio	Cllr Graham Hill (EHDC and ATC), Cllr Don Hammond (ATC)

No	Item	Action
1	Opening of Meeting and Apologies for Absence	
1.1	Jerry welcomed us all to this (extra) meeting as the previous one was disrupted by holidays and other commitments.	
1.2	Apologies were received from Vanessa Gist; Cllr Andrew Joy (Via G. Hill) and Rob Law offered his apologies for the next (September) meeting	
2	Minutes of Last Meeting	
2.1	The July minutes were accepted by the committee members present.	
2.2	Matters Arising: - nothing specific.	
3	Members Open Forum No members attended and no prior items were submitted for comment	
4	Live Issues and Projects	
4.1	The playground Zip Wire. Cllr Graham Hill gave an update: the zip wire is being repaired via the Town Council, it has similar issues to those found on other Council maintained zip wires and requires a replacement part. This is on order and will be reinstated as soon as the repairs are complete.	
4.2	Fireworks: The paperwork for the display has been submitted to the Safety Group of EHDC. New poster flyers will be printed and put up around the village. It was proposed that individual door to door flyers will not be produced this year in an effort to keep costs down. There will be plenty of publicity on the social media and website outlets as well as the village posters.	
4.3	New meeting time; as was put forward last meeting it was proposed that the HVA meeting should start at 7:30pm rather than 8:00pm. This was agreed by the majority, however Stuart has indicated that he cannot commit to a 7:30 start. The time change will be implemented from the next meeting and it is hoped that Stuart will be able to attend from 8:00 onward and may miss some earlier discussions. We will need to be mindful of the earlier topics.	
5	Planning and Development Issues in and around Holybourne / Alton	
5.1	New Applications No new applications have be registered since the last meeting.	
5.2	Issues Arising	
(a)	Further updates are required for the proposed development of the 4 houses next to Westbrook House within the conservation area of Howards Lane/Church Lane. Cllr Graham Hill also pointed out that (as written in the proposers correspondence and recorded last month) his comments of objection were in fact correct and stand.	

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<p>(b) There has been no further progress on the development of social housing in Lower Neatham Lane.</p> <p>(c) The recent applications for the development of various farm tracks on the Froyle Estate have been refused.</p> <p>5.4 Update on the Alton Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Graham Hill gave an update. There has been a lot of work going on with the Neighbourhood Plan and it is progressing toward the next public consultation stage on the 8th and 9th of September to be held in The Assembly Rooms Alton. Details of the programme can be found online at www.alton.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan Towards the bottom of the page are headings giving you the details. It is still important to make comments and raise objections to the details if needbe. Note that this is the Alton Neighbourhood Plan and of the three potential development sites muted, only the Brockham Hill/Belport one is within the plan. The developments at Chawton Park and Neatham Down fall outside this plan's boundary so although they will have an effect on Alton they are not directly covered in the plan. Jerry also enquired of Cllr Graham Hill whether it would be possible to have funding to employ a planning consultant to advise on how we might fight the Brockham Hill/Belport site. It is also important to note that this site is outside the currently identified Settlement Policy Boundary which was revised in 2018</p>	
<p>6 Village Communications</p> <p>6.1 Magazine: - The summer edition of the magazine is complete and will be out in the next 7-10 days. Mary Blackwell will edit the next edition in December but it will be her last as she is likely to be moving on. Jerry has tabled requests to find a new editor for the Spring 2024 and onwards.</p> <p>Website: - An article was put forward for the summer magazine which requested the inclusion of an index for the archives stored at a venue in The Lawns. It was felt that this would be better placed as a page on the HVA website and Mary and Andy will meet with Linda – the Archivist to progress this.</p> <p>6.2 Facebook/Social: - All widely used, nothing further to report.</p> <p>6.3 Church: - nothing special to report only that Wednesday lunches are being served in the church during August. Dates are on social media and the web.</p>	<p>MB AM</p>
<p>7 Committee Reports</p> <p>7.1 Chair Report: - Nothing further that has not been covered.</p> <p>7.2 Treasurers Report The treasurer reported that we have £3590.10 in the bank with £700.00 due in outstanding advert revenue. Pre funding for the fireworks will be £2345.00 and the Christmas magazine £1200.00. So we do have just enough money to cover this. It is hoped that advert revenue will increase again next year and that ticket sales for the fireworks will cover the costs for the following year. Finances are tight but we are solvent.</p> <p>7.3 Friends of the Pond: The Canadian Geese have gone much to the delights of the pond's local residents. Nick Cane at present stores the small inflatable boat used to reach the island for maintenance. He would like to pass this on to someone else as he is no longer part of the working party.</p> <p>7.4 Flood Action Group/Emergency Planning: Nothing to report</p>	
<p>8 Any Other Business</p> <p>Mary Blackwell pointed out that the entrance to the Treloars school both off London Road and Howards Lane are both looking very dishevelled. The coping stones lining the London Road entrance have been dislodged and are lying on the grounds and have been for at least 4 years. This detracts from the whole entrance to the village</p>	<p>GH</p>

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	<p>and we should ask Treloars to rectify the situation. Cllr Graham Hill agreed to speak to Treloars about this.</p> <p>Cllr Graham Hill gave an update on the Lidl situation. The footpath towards Holybourne is under discussion with Hampshire Highways and should be resolved soon. It is unlikely that the stores will open before Christmas. The recent activity there is to complete a footpath and cycle way back to Anstey Mill Lane, where it can continue under the railway line and give access from Alton.</p> <p>For completeness the footpath work associated with the development is as follows. There will be traffic lights controlling the junction of Mill Lane and Montecchio Way. There will be a footpath on the left hand side of the road (towards town) which will affect the road lane layout on Mill Lane.</p> <p>The footpath will continue over the railway line and culminate on that side of the road at a pedestrian crossing point, This will include an island refuge in the centre of the road but no traffic lights. The path will then continue on the right hand side of the road and then join up with the pavement on London Road.</p> <p>Cllr Graham Hill said that he has access to £4000 in grants for small projects and we should try to think of projects that could be covered by this. One suggestion was to repair the pedestrian access gate onto the Sports Field which would be a task which Mens' Shed Alton could undertake for the price of materials. NVA to formalise this with Cllr Graham Hill.</p> <p>Cllr Graham Hill also noted that there were grants available from the CIL which can be used to tackle bigger jobs and again HVA should submit proposals for these. Two were immediately thought of, one to fund a replacement toilet block by the cricket pavilion as the existing portakabin one is in a dire state and not really serviceable. The other is to investigate the overflow system from the village pond. During times of low and no inflow the pond should be retained by the weir. However the weir is being by-passed, probably by the drain down pipework. Repairs to this would be quite a complex logistical task and we should start by having it professionally surveyed.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>Close – DONM</p> <p>Jerry thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21:10</p> <p>The date of the next meeting is 12th September 2023 NOW at 7:30pm.</p>	

Action points

- 1 MB and AM to arrange to meet Linda to discuss the archives and document referencing.
- 2 GH to contact Treloars about the state of their two entrances.
- 3 HVA to consider a list of small projects and substantial projects and submit applications to Cllr Graham Hill
- 4 ALL to remember the next meeting is at 7:30pm not 8:00pm.