

Holybourne Village Association

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Minutes

Committee Members	Jerry Janes; Andy Muir; Pat Lerew, Mary Blackwell, Stuart Hunt, Vickie Kemp, Vanessa Gist;
Ex Officio	Cllr Graham Hill (EHDC and ATC), Cllr Don Hammond (ATC)
Holybourne Members	David Maxwell, Judy Maxwell, Gill Marsden, Irene Midmore.

No	Item	Action
1	Opening of Meeting and Apologies for Absence	
1.1	Jerry welcomed us all to this meeting.	
1.2	Apologies were received from Cllr Andrew Joy (Via G. Hill), Rob Law and Megan-Beth Millar	
2	Minutes of Last Meeting	
2.1	The August minutes were accepted by the committee members present.	
2.2	Matters Arising: - Mary wished to give thanks to Cllr Graham Hill who approached Treloars over the state of their wall and the Howards Lane entrance. These have been speedily addressed by Treloars and are now satisfactory. Jerry to write a note of thanks to the governor of Treloars.	JJ
3	Members Open Forum	
	All four members present were interested in the progress of the Alton Neighbourhood Plan. As this is an agenda item it will be covered then.	
4	Live Issues and Projects	
4.1	As last time, the playground Zip Wire is still awaiting repair via the Town Council. The necessary part(s) are on order and will be reinstated as soon as the repairs are complete. (Update given by Cllr Graham Hill).	
4.2	Fireworks: Rob was not present but he sent an update stating that all was going to plan. Publicity will be on the social media and website outlets as well as the village posters.	
5	Planning and Development Issues in and around Holybourne / Alton	
5.1	New Applications No significant new applications have be registered since the last meeting. (Just pruning of a tree in the conservation area – 31 Howards Lane)	
5.2	Issues Arising The proposed development of the 4 houses next to Westbrook House within the conservation area of Howards Lane/Church Lane are being studied with relation to issues over refuse collection. The situation does not satisfy EHDC needs. The conservation officer is also strongly against the proposal which does not meet the criteria for the area. (Update by Cllr Graham Hill)	
5.3	Update on the Alton Neighbourhood Plan Jerry Janes and Cllr Graham Hill gave an update. The ANP Group have been extremely busy over the last few weeks. To start, 'The Local Plan' and the 'Alton Neighbourhood Plan' are two entirely different documents. The Local Plan is a document owned by EHDC and is in response to the determination from Central Govt. as to the number of houses that EHDC are required to build. The neighbourhood Plan is owned by Alton Town	

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	<p>Council and sets out the criteria under which development progresses. The ANP cannot prevent any building set out in the Local Plan, only define the best way to proceed.</p> <p>The Froyle Estate was bought by Belport for £41m and they will want to capitalise on their investment. They have put forward land from the estate to EHDC which can be regarded as “Available Land for development” If this accepted by EHDC, then it will be registered in the “Local Plan”. Our planning advice is to provide such evidence that the land is not seen as viable to the Local Plan and thus will not be registered. Just because a landowner says he has land available for development does not necessarily mean that it will be. There are many reasons why land can be unsuitable and the emphasis by our NP working group is to identify specific hard reasons why the land behind the cricket pitch and up to the houses backing onto Church Lane is unsuitable and therefore not included in the local plan.</p> <p>The Local Plan is scheduled to be drafted in January 2024 it will be reviewed within EHDC and a published draft plan for consultation is due July 2025. If that is accepted it will be submitted in December 2025 and adopted in September 2026. The Alton Neighbourhood Plan next come to public consultation in November 2023.</p>	
<p>6</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p> <p>6.4</p>	<p>Village Communications</p> <p>Magazine: - Jerry will be producing the Winter 2023 magazine and any submissions should be to chair@holybourne.com by November. Following on from then we will have a new editor, John Bound and we welcome him to the HVA.</p> <p>Website: - Mary and Andy met Linda – the Archivist and have received wealth of information to process. Some will find its way onto the website and importantly the scope of the archive will become visible to all. This is progressing. As much information as possible about the Alton Neighbourhood Plan is being regularly updated on the website under its own pages.</p> <p>Facebook/Social: - All widely used, nothing further to report.</p> <p>Church: - Gordon will be retiring at the end of October which means we have, sadly, to move away from Holybourne. Plans are in place to seek a replacement Associate Minister, but this will take time.</p> <p>We have a new Churchwarden, Matthew Bayliss, who joins our existing Churchwarden, Helen Walters; together they support the life and ministry of the church (along with a good number of other volunteers!).</p> <p>We were able to make a donation of £148 to the Anna Chaplaincy following the 'summer lunches' at Holy Rood during August. For those who don't know, the Anna Chaplaincy supports people in 'later life'. It is a national organisation set up by Debbie Thrower; Kate Powell is the Anna Chaplain based in Alton and she has a team of Anna Friends.</p> <p>We are planning a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Tuesday 26 September from 10am to 12noon at Holy Rood; all welcome!</p> <p>Dates are on social media and the web.</p>	<p>MB AM</p>
<p>7</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p> <p>7.4</p>	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Chair Report: - There are regular meeting with the planning group and correspondence with our planning consultant. Details publicised in the “blue letter” are still available There are copies left – contact “chair”. We have so far raised £4492.74 in our “Planning Fighting Fund” but will likely need more. Jerry will be speaking to The Alton Society at their AGM in November.</p> <p>Treasurers Report The treasurer reported that we have a working HVA balance of £1626.33 (not including the 'fighting fund') The fireworks have been paid for and thus we have enough at least to cover the cost of the Winter Magazine. There is still outstanding advertising revenue, £700 from last year and £600 from this year. VK has passed names on to Vanessa who will chase these amounts..</p> <p>Friends of the Pond: Nothing to report</p> <p>Flood Action Group/Emergency Planning: Nothing to report</p>	<p>VG</p>

