

# Holybourne Village Association

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12<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Minutes

Committee Members	Jerry Janes; Andy Muir; Pat Lerew, Stuart Hunt, Vanessa Gist; Megan-Beth Millar
Ex Officio	Cllr Andrew Joy (EHDC), Cllr Graham Hill (EHDC and ATC), Cllr Don Hammond (ATC)
Holybourne Members	Simon Birch (Dep. Chief Exec at Treloars), Sam Dalton, Caroline Wallis

No	Item	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Opening of Meeting and Apologies for Absence</b>	
1.1	Jerry welcomed us all to this meeting and introduced Simon Birch the deputy chief executive of Treloars, then handed over to Andy Muir.	
1.2	Andy Muir recalled the minutes of the AGM and said that Jerry had indicated that he was prepared to re-stand as chairman. He then asked whether there were any other nominations for the role: there were none. Vanessa then proposed that we re-elect Jerry, seconded by Megan-Beth and the vote was unanimous. Jerry then took back control of the meeting.	
1.3	He proposed that Andy be re-elected as secretary, seconded by Vanessa and backed by the committee.	
1.4	He proposed that Rob Law be re-elected as Vice-Chairman seconded by Megan-Beth and backed by the committee.	
1.5	Jerry then stated that Vickie Kemp would be standing down as treasurer and Magazine distributor and asked whether anyone at the meeting would be prepared to take on the roles. There were no takers for the position of treasurer, but Stuart Hunt agreed to become magazine distributor. Jerry thanked him for this and said that he would be able to liaise with Vickie to see what was involved.	
1.6	Apologies were received from Vickie Kemp and Mary Blackwell,(who is resigning from the committee.)	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b>	
2.1	The September meeting and the October AGM minutes were accepted by the committee members present.	
2.2	Matters Arising: - From the October AGM, Sam Dalton expressed an interest in joining the committee. This was unanimously agreed and Jerry welcomed him to the position	
2.3	As Vickie has stood down from the role of treasurer it would be necessary to find a replacement fairly swiftly. The HVA would put out a call on the various social media outlets, including the Website and magazine. Jerry said that it would be necessary to ensure that there was clear distinction between the HVA account and the Planning account.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Members Open Forum</b>	
	Nothing was raised	

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<b>4</b>	<b>Live Issues and Projects</b>	
4.1	Fireworks: Rob said that the fireworks was very successful this year and raised over £2000 for the HVA. He said that having done it for the last 7 years this was his last one in charge. He recognised that is was time to get someone else involved so that there would be a natural progression of the role of organiser. He said that he would be happy to mentor anyone willing to take over but thought that it would be better if there were more than one. Megan-Beth then suggested that we could organise a sub-committee. Volunteers would be sought via the various village social media.	
4.2	The Remembrance Parade was again very well organised by Adrian Strata and thanks were expressed to all who helped in the running of it. It was noted that a number of the school children suffered from standing so long and it was suggested that maybe we should organise some seating for them as nowadays they are not taught how to stand for long period. It was particularly so this year as we had 2 speakers on the day and although very interesting it was felt that this section was very long. Appreciation was given to The White Hart for hosting the post service refreshments which were enjoyed by the village. Adrian Strata has also indicated that he would like to hand over running this event to an appropriate person.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Planning and Development Issues in and around Holybourne / Alton</b>	
5.1	<b>New Applications</b> No significant new applications have be registered since the last meeting.	
5.2	<b>Issues Arising</b>	
5.2.1	Jerry asked Simon Birch to give a summary of the details of the proposal at Gauvain house, Powell Drive. The development is to extend the building to provide a larger common room with new stores, office & lobby following demolition of the existing common room. The extension will be in keeping with the rest of the existing building; it is deep within the grounds of Treloars and not visible from the road. Cllr Graham Hill indicated that from a planning point of view, this will be considered to be 'permitted development'	
5.2.2	Update on the proposed 4 houses next to Westbrook House Howards Lane. The conservation officer still has issues with the design layout and the loss of trees. At least one felled tree will need replacing in the same position which will affect the access. There are also drainage issues. The application is ongoing.	
5.2.3	Proposed extension at 39 Howards Lane. The extension will more than double the size of the property and, being in The Conservation Area should pay regard to the attributes of the Conservation Area criteria for such development - although some do not apply as it is not a new build. The deadline for comments was extended to 20 <sup>th</sup> November and following a discussion within the committee it was decided that our objections to the proposal should be lodged. (Post meeting this has been done).	
5.2.4	Proposed new build on land next to The Priory, Howards Land This land is also within the conservation area and it does not comply with the Conservation Area building criteria. There are a number of outstanding questions asked of the Conservation Officer.	
5.3	<b>Update on the Alton Neighbourhood Plan</b> The team are currently working on various topics other than planning now as the plan covers a multitude of topics. There will then be another public consultation.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Village Communications</b>	
6.1	<b>Magazine:</b> - Jerry will be producing the Winter 2023 magazine and has had lots of input so it will be a full edition. Following that, John Bound will take over as editor but will not, as yet be on the committee. Barry Lawrence has agreed to take over the role of advertising manager and it is hoped that this will result in more prompt payment for the advert services from customers.	

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6.2	Website: - Continues to be updated on a regular basis and the archiving topic is still being progressed. A call is put out to send any input to the HVA secretary.	
6.3	Facebook/Social: - All widely used, nothing further to report.	
6.4	Church: - Following Gordon's retirement, the church are currently interviewing for a new vicar. In the meantime to report church news to this HVA meeting Andy will contact the church wardens, Helen and/or Matthew.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Committee Reports</b>	
7.1	Chair Report: - The planning group will shortly meet with developers. The Alton Society decided against Jerry speaking to them at their AGM but neglected to inform him in advance.	
7.2	Treasurers Report; No report and no up to date info.	
7.3	Friends of the Pond: A leak in the retaining wall was identified but its severity needs to be assessed. Cllr Don Hammond agreed to organise this and obtain quotes for undertaking repair	Cllr DH
7.4	Flood Action Group/Emergency Planning: Nothing new to report. In fact there was comment that after the recent heavy rains the flooding subsided much quicker than before. People were encouraged to report any blocked drains and flooding directly to the EHDC website so that it can be logged and addressed. It was also said that the gully clearing teams were working flat out.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
	Cllr G. Hill gave an update on the opening date of the new Lidl store as 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan. In conjunction with this the contractor Hope and Clay have put out notices stating that there are to be full nightly road closures of Montecchio Way between 20/11/23 and 1/12/23. Cllr A Joy considers this to be excessive and will investigate.	Cllr AJ
	A question was raised about the service duration of committee members. Currently a committee member's term is 3 years. Pat said that in the past the secretary held a record of these and would regularly update the committee with them Andy was not aware of this and said that he would investigate, record details and report them at the next meeting.	AM
	It was noted that the large Jehovah's Witness sign had been removed. We are yet to see if a smaller one, in line with the details of the planning permission, will be erected.	
	The large number of 8 wheeler lorries driving up Howards Lane over the last month were delivering 'road planings' to Manor Farm for use to upgrade the farm tracks within the area. This activity has now stopped is one which could need planning permission and Cllr Graham Hill said he would look into it.	Cllr GH
	<b>POST MEETING NOTE</b> The White Hart have said that they will be organising the village Christmas tree this year and have had donations from two villagers. This together with the funds raised at the local craft fair on Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov will be sufficient to purchase the tree.	
<b>9</b>	<b>Close – DONM</b>	
	Jerry thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20:40 <b>The next meeting is on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7:30pm.</b>	

### Action points

- 1 Cllr Don Hammond to arrange an assessment of cost of the pond leak.
- 2 Cllr A. Joy to investigate the duration of Montecchio Way road closures
- 3 AM to prepare a committee members time served list.
- 4 Cllr G Hill to investigate the Redbrown planning status with regard to farm track repair
- 5 ALL remember the next meeting is at 7:30pm on 12<sup>th</sup> Dec.