

# Holybourne Village Association

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## 10th October 2023 AGM MINUTES

<b>Committee Members</b>	Jerry Janes (Chair); Rob Law (Vice Chair); Vickie Kemp (Treasurer); Andy Muir (Secretary, Website); Pat Lerew; Mary Blackwell (Magazine); Stuart Hunt; Vanessa Gist; Megan-Beth Millar
<b>Ex Officio</b>	Graham Hill (EHDC and ATC); Andrew Joy (HCC)
<b>Village Members</b>	Nick Cane; Janet Cane; Sam Dalton; Jane Brown; Tina Rhodes; Jeroen Hodges; Brian Gortelow; Barry Lawrence; Liz Lawrence; Caroline Wams; Sarah Mainl Lynn Kelly; Richard Kelly; Michael Fidler; Peter Packham; Frances M <sup>c</sup> Gahey
<b>No</b>	<b>Item</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Opening of Meeting and Apologies for Absence</b> Jerry Janes opened the meeting and warmly welcomed all attendees. He then called for apologies. Apologies were received from:- Ben Kemp, Julia Muir, Don Hammond.
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b> The Minutes of the 48th AGM held on 12th October 2022 were agreed subject to an amendment in paragraph 3 of section 3 substituting Cllr Graham Hill for Cllr Andrew Joy (as recorded). They were then approved.
<b>3</b>	<b>Annual audited accounts</b> Vickie Kemp passed round the annual accounts. The accounts are for the year up to 31 <sup>st</sup> August. The closing balance is £4,114.33. Income has been down this year mainly due to a considerable reduction in the number of businesses taking advertisements in the magazine. It is also noted that as a result of the cut-off date for auditing, 4 magazine printing costs were included in this year, one being for the previous year's copy. The Web hosting fee has also increased. With the ongoing concern relating to potential house building (see later), a 'fighting fund' has been set up and is currently standing at £5,500. This is held separately so it can be easily identified. It is also receiving ongoing donations. To date we have spent £1200 from this fund for a planning consultant.  The accounts were accepted.
<b>4</b>	<b>Annual committee reports</b> The chairman (Jerry Janes) gave thanks to Councillors Andrew Joy, Graham Hill and Don Hammond for their dedication to the HVA meetings and their help on the various issues which arose during the year. He hoped that this would continue through the following year too. He thanked Rob Law for his continued work on organising the firework displays and for his support at Vice-Chair of the HVA. He also paid tribute to the Secretary, Andy Muir for his tireless work for the committee and for his willingness to get involved in so much around the village. Finally he thanked the members of the HVA for their work on behalf of the village.
<b>5</b>	<b>Election of Committee Members</b> Jerry Janes, Vickie Kemp, Andy Muir, Rob Law have all agreed to continue in their roles. Pat Lerew may be leaving us in due course but all other committee members will continue. The committee structure will be discussed and agreed at the next HVA meeting in November.
<b>6</b>	<b>Auditor</b> Angie Moulton was asked and has agreed to continue as auditor of the HVA accounts.

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<b>7</b>	<p><b>Holybourne Cup</b>  This year the cup was awarded to Pat Lerew for her sterling contribution to the HVA and Village over a number of years. Jerry Janes particularly wanted to thank her for the way in which she held councillors and other officials to account over their actions and words.  This concluded the AGM part of the meeting and it was opened to the floor for any other issues to be raised.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Other Issues Raised.</b>  Vickie has asked if people could volunteer to deliver the village magazine. She currently has 18 people but some are likely to be stopping and so extra help is needed. If you wish to help please contact her. There will be a 'call for' put in the next magazine.  The proposed diversion of the footpath around the new border of Treloars was discussed at length. The reason put forward by Treloars is one of security as the footpath presently runs through an area of the premises. It was pointed out however that the path originally skirted the premises and was on the settlement boundary line. Treloars built outside the settlement boundary and in so doing had development each side of the footpath thus creating the problem. Objections need to be put in to East Hants planning. This will need to be immediate and not an issue for the AGM next year. A vote was taken that the HVA should also object supported unanimously.</p> <p>The issue of the Jehovah's Witness sign was discussed. It was reported that the sign was much bigger than the declared size in the planning application. A member of the Jehovah's Witness group was there and said that this would be taken back to the group and acted on. He suggested that the sign in question was probably a standard one which is put on many buildings and it was an oversight that it was placed here. It was said and agreed that the work was done in a very professional and courteous manner by all the volunteers working on the project over the period of the construction.</p> <p>Planning development  The landowner of the land from the children's playground to St Swithun's Way has approached the Council seeking to lodge an application to build 220 houses on the site. This would include the children's playground which will need to be re-sited. At present the land is not highlighted in the 'Local Plan' which is under development at the moment. It was suggested that this application was 'a feeler' to see if they could get approval as they had already intimated that under the present planning system they could build up to 1200 houses on this land. There is no current proposal in the system and as such there is nothing at present to object to. However it is imperative that the village be aware of this and strive to prevent the land from being registered as part of the Land Availability Assessment (LAA). If this is successful then no major development can take place. The work of the volunteers assisting with the development of the Alton Neighbourhood Plan are striving to do this. Many questions were asked about the suitability of this land for development and its effect on the village. There is information on the HVA website and comments/objections should be made individually to East Hants Planning (details on their website under planning).</p> <p>It was reported that Central Government requires East Hants to plan for 3000 houses over the next 5 years, and as 60% of the land is within the South Downs National Park where development is severely restricted the large majority of these houses will need to be on the remaining 40% of Hampshire. Links to the EHDC planning site are also on the HVA website.</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Closure of meeting – Date of next AGM 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 7:30pm</b>  Following the closure of the meeting the chair was approached by a village member who expressed an interest in joining the committee. This will be actively followed up.</p>