

# Holybourne Village Association

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## Minutes

Committee Members	Jerry Janes; Pat Lerew, Vanessa Gist; Andy Muir, Jan Morgan; Stuart Hunt; Sam Dalton.
Ex Officio	Cllr Don Hammond (ATC), Cllr Graham Hill (EHDC and ATC); Andy Kirby (Farm Manager Belport for Redbrown)
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No	Item	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Opening of Meeting and Apologies for Absence</b>	
1.1	Apologies were received from Rob Law, Megan-Beth Millar, Cllr Andrew Joy and Cllr Graham Hill advises that he will be late due to a meeting in EHDC.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b>	
2.1	The December minutes were accepted by the committee members present..	
2.2	Matters Arising none	
<b>3</b>	<b>Members Open Forum</b> <p>From Cllr Andrew Joy – For those who have yet to do so, he recommends downloading HCC’s free App ‘OurHants’. It enables very straightforward access to most aspects and, particularly, greatly simplifies reporting of concerns, defects etc. Hampshire County Council need to make £132m budget cuts and have set out proposals as to how it will be achieved. Either through the above App or by going to <a href="http://www.hants.gov.uk">www.hants.gov.uk</a> you can read/download the “Future Services Consultation” and make comments on it.</p> <p>Jerry invited Andy Kirby, the farm manager to give us an overview of the recent and current activities and aims of the Belport Farm. He started by noting that Belport took over a number of tenant farms and are in the process of amalgamating them into a single more efficient unit. There had been little or no investment in the infrastructure, probably since the 60’s and as such overgrown hedgerows and rutted tracks were in need of upgrading. To this end – and already noticed- many of the hedgerow have been severely cut back. It is the intention to replant and regrow the hedgerows and keep them under control. The farm tracks have been regraded with the intention of ensuring that most movement of farm vehicles will be within the land and not on the surrounding lanes and roads. Farm vehicles have substantially increased in size making the use of public roads more hazardous. The site near West End Farm will now become the main grain store and also for biomass storage. This should reduce or remove the movement of straw lorries on Howards Lane/London Road. As well as farm land, the estate is investigating potential forestry investment. The present farm office is at Bonhams Farm in the closed weddings venue. This will eventually move to the West End Farm site. Mr Kirby was happy to attend future meetings and give updates on issues. We asked that it would be good if he could advise us in advance if there were to be excess farm traffic movement in and around the village; and he said this would be possible.</p>	

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<b>4</b>	<b>Current Issues Events and Projects</b>	
4.1	The Alton Runners will be holding their annual Alton10 race on Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May. They will start and end at Holybourne Sports Field. We have no special requirements for them although it is noted that in the past the Cricket Pavilion was not opened so there are no toilets on the site. We should let the new race director know this.	JJ
<b>5</b>	<b>Planning and Development Issues in and around Holybourne / Alton</b>	
5.1	The rubble on Howards Lane has now been removed by the builders. Restoration of the damaged verges is yet to be completed. Cllr Hill is continuing to press HCC to ensure that the builders re-instate the verge.	
5.2	No significant new applications have been lodged on the council planning hub. All current applications are on our website.	
5.3	<p>ANP and Village meeting</p> <p>The Village meeting was very well attended with over 300 people turning out. Many people have also written comments and messages of thanks too. Two major issues were highlighted.</p> <p>1 Traffic impact was not reported in the planning brief and following the village meeting the developers are considering commissioning one.</p> <p>2 It was noted that the flood survey was inaccurate. The main field on which the development is sited is called 'stream acres' (for very good reasons being a source of many springs) and is currently running with on surface water. Cllr Don Hammond suggested that we report this to the developers to get them to re-survey both issues.</p> <p>Details and the slides from the meeting are on the HVA website under the Alton Neighbourhood Plan banner.</p> <p>Cllr Hill reported that the EHDC Draft Local Plan is now published (and produced a 50-75mm thick printout of 550 pages). It is now for consultation. For 6 weeks. There will then be a public meeting, in "The Maltings" on Saturday 3 February from 10.00 to 2.00pm February and residents are encouraged to go along and express their views.</p> <p>It is noted that Neatham Down is in the plan and it has a substantial contribution to the housing that Hampshire are required to find. There remains a figure of 700 homes which Alton and its surroundings still need to find. This number has been passed to the Alton Neighbourhood Plan steering group who now know what is needed. The steering group will now be looking at all sites which were identified and presented at the public meeting last year. They will also be open to any new information and the best way to raise these will be by email to Pat Harris (townclerk@alton.gov.uk).</p> <p>One important thing is that we would try to ensure that primary infrastructure is put in place before the sale of housing begins. This should be part of any planned large scale development.</p>	JJ/AM
<b>6</b>	<b>Village Communications</b>	
6.1	The website continues to be updated with information on a regular basis. The web host has forwarded an invoice (£210) for the next year. This has been passed to the old and new treasurer for action.	
6.2	Magazine, The Winter edition is out and circulated. Stuart reported that 880 copies were purchased, 822 have been circulated leaving 58 spare copies. The chairman will write a letter of thanks to all the magazine distributors. Meanwhile Stuart will review the current list to make sure we cover the whole village. (Post meeting note:- the pdf copy is also on the website)	
6.3	There was no new message from the church. We welcomed the new associate vicar, Revd. David Chattell.	All

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6.4	Members discussed the use of the village notice board by the shop and noted it needed refurbishing. Vickie Kemp is the key holder. Cllr Hill has contacted the Mens' Shed who are willing to undertake the repairs.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Committee Reports</b>	
7.1	Chair Report: - Jerry again expressed thank to the village as a whole for the turnout at the meeting with Redbrown representatives in the Church. The feeling of the village was quite clear.	
7.2	Treasurer's Report; The new treasurer will be getting together with the outgoing one for a complete handover. In this interim, paying invoices is proving somewhat tricky. We will look to streamline the signatories on the bank account. Meanwhile the magazine group are looking at the advertising revenue stream to make it more efficient and clearer for both advertisers and the HVA.	
7.3	Friends of the Pond: Cllr Don Hammond said that the pond is still leaking but with the current rainfall it is overtopping the weir and so cannot be inspected for repair until it subsides. It was pointed out that it is also now very silted up, with a great deal of the silt coming from the land drainage off the farm field and neighbouring road. The farm manager Andy said that the farm has a number of useful machines and when the time comes he could get together with us to help remove the silt. This was very much appreciated.	
7.4	Flood Action Group/Emergency Planning: Rob advised the meeting by writing that he would update the committee next month with the recent flooding situation from the heavy rainfall. He did report that it was of little concern.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
8.1	Pat again reported that vehicles were being parked on the central green in Complins. Over the festive period a statue of a deer was erected which has stopped car from parking at that spot. (It has now returned to "The North Pole!" However its effect may start a trend.	
8.2	Pat also said that she had a brief conversation with Charles Buckley of Redbrown about the former Froyle estate providing the village with a Christmas Tree. He said that it was likely that the new management would look favourably on reviving this tradition.	
<b>9</b>	<b>Close – DONM</b> Jerry thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20:50 <b>The next meeting is on 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm.</b>	