

Holybourne Village Association

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Minutes

Committee Members	Jerry Janes, Rob Law, Megan-Beth Millar, Pat Lerew, Andy Muir, Jan Morgan; Stuart Hunt; Sam Dalton.
Ex Officio	Cllr Graham Hill (EHDC and ATC); Cllr Andrew Joy (HCC)
Holybourne Members	Theresa Wicking, Michael Fidler, Cllr Matthew Kellerman

No	Item	Action
1	Opening of Meeting and Apologies for Absence	
1.1	Apologies were received from Vanessa Gist.	
2	Minutes of Last Meeting	
2.1	The January minutes were accepted with amendment to Don Hammond (ATC not EHDC) and punctuation in 7.2.	
2.2	Matters Arising 6.4 - Vickie has handed the key to the Village Noticeboard to Jerry, further details below.	
3	Members Open Forum A question was received via Megan-Beth Millar from Siobhan Doyle –“Is there any way that we could make the meeting available on line to others?” – During lockdown we did run the meetings over “Zoom” so it could be feasible: the committee will look into this.	
4	Current Issues Events and Projects	
4.1	Jerry thanked Andy for organising the moving of the HVA equipment and tent which was held by David Tomlinson (Ex HVA chair) in his works lock-up store. It is now in the Sports field locked container along with the cricket club equipment. Andy handed Jerry an inventory of what it entails. Andy asked whether there were any photos of the erected tent as it is quite large and would be an interesting task to put up. He also suggested we try to do so sometime when the weather is better and before we need it in earnest.	
4.2	A new group has been formed to take over the running of the fireworks display. Megan-Beth is heading this and will be meeting with Rob to progress the handover.	
4.3	It was agreed that we should hold a village picnic again this year and to that end we need to liaise with the cricket club so as not to clash with their fixtures. Jerry agreed to talk to the cricket club to arrange a suitable day. Megan-Beth has agreed to head the group arranging the fixture. It is likely that “The Big Help Out” will happen again this year and it may be associated with the Village Picnic too.	
5	Planning and Development Issues in and around Holybourne / Alton	
5.1	Cllr Hill gave an update on current and new planning applications	
5.1.1	One new building application is live. It is for a rear extension on a house in Complins. It will have little or no impact and is totally acceptable. Two other recent applications are just for tree trimming in the Church Lane conservation area.	
5.1.2	The existing development of 4 houses in the conservation area which was rejected has now gone to appeal without any material change.	
5.1.3	The application for 2 houses next to The Priory still has areas of concern from the planning officer. The applicant will be meeting with the planning officer to understand the details.	

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5.1.4	The proposed alteration to the footpath (St. Swithuns Way) around Treloars car park is no longer going ahead. All current applications are on our website.	
5.2	Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan Updates.	
5.2.1	Jerry has submitted a letter to ATC and FOI request (a copy of which can be read from the ANP page on the website). Cllr Hill said that this has been acknowledged and will be answered within 10 days – Tuesday being day 1.	
5.2.2	Cllr Hill gave a short precis of the current situation with regard to the potential planning growth within the region. The current situation is that the housing requirement from the national government puts the onus on EHDC to find sites for 1,700 in and around the town of Alton. Sites have been listed in the EHDC Local Plan. Of this number 1,000 are at Neatham Down, 150 at Brick Kiln Lane, 90 at White Down Lane and 24 on Winchester Road (Travis Perkins site). These 1,264 lie outside the defined Alton Neighbourhood Plan. Within the ANP is a requirement for 436 houses. There is a deadline to make comments on the EHDC Local Plan of 4 th March. There is considerable opposition to the Neatham Down site. Alton Town Council have engaged a consultancy and are currently preparing a draft document to highlight areas of concern about this site. It will be put to a special meeting of the ATC on 28 th Feb so that the view of the ATC can be submitted to EHDC Planning by the deadline. It is also important that everyone who wishes to make comments should also do so by the deadline. Details of how to do this are on the EHDC Planning website and links to it are on our HVA website. There are particular concerns over the impact of this site on the town and its lack of connections with Alton and the amount of infrastructure which is needed. The site being on the 'other side' of the bypass. It is noted that the CIL attached to the site would be ring-fenced for the site alone and thus Alton will have no financial benefit from the development but will have the significant impact of the potential 2,000 extra vehicles which will use the linking roundabout and Montecchio Way.	
5.3	Other issues arising Cllr Hill gave an update on the Lidl + site. The footpath to Holybourne Village has not been completed yet as it requires Hampshire Highways to grant traffic management consent. The contractor has received a letter from HCC stating that this cannot be granted until the work by the SSE is completed and they proposed a date of around mid-August. This does not affect the opening of the shops Lidl is opening 22 Feb and Home Bargains 18 May. Cllr A Joy said that he could see no logical reason to tightly bind this consent with the SSE working on Caker Lane (B3004) and would contact HCC to try and expedite the matter.	Cllr AJI
6	Village Communications	
6.1	The website continues to be updated with information on a regular basis.	
6.2	Magazine. The advertising process is currently under review and is being streamlined. The treasurer will be involved in chasing invoices and to date has identified 4 outstanding ones from 2022 and 3 from 2023. Barry Lawrence who is the Advertising Manager is also trying to bring in new business so hopefully the magazine will return to being a major income source for the HVA.	
6.3	Social media remains a major communication channel for the village with WhatsApp probably overtaking Facebook as the 'goto' method.	
6.4	There was no new message from the church.	
6.5	Cllr Hill has contacted Alton Mens' Shed tasking them to refurbish the village notice board by the shop and also the notice board at Andrews Endowed school. The Mens' Shed will do the work but will submit invoices for materials only. This cost will be met by a grant from Cllr Hill. Sam Dalton has agreed to be key holder for the notice board (lives nearby).	

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7	Committee Reports	
7.1	<u>Chair Report</u> : - as previously noted Jerry again expressed concern that the former Town Clerk is working for the consultants engaged by the ANP Steering Group which may be a conflict of interest. Cllr Hill said that the ATC decision at the recent Full Council meeting was that to drop this consultancy now and to engage a new one would potentially mean a delay for the ANP and also missing the 4 March deadline for the ATC response to the Local Plan. The meeting with local landowners has not been of an advisory nature. (It is why records of any meetings are essential to maintain integrity of the process.).	
7.2	<u>Treasurer's Report</u> ; We have two accounts, a general one and a specific planning account. As at 13 th Feb 2024, the General Account balance is £5,365.11 and the Planning Account balance is £4367.86. There are outstanding invoices on the General Account totalling £636.00. There are a number of advertising invoices whose status is not clear and there is ongoing discussion with Vickie (outgoing treasurer) to sort this out. To update the signatories on the bank account(s) the bank have sort confirmation of the outgoing ones. Sec to pass appropriate minutes to the treasurer.	
7.3	<u>Friends of the Pond</u> no update.	
7.4	<u>Flood Action Group/Emergency Planning</u> : The recent weather has resulted in a very high groundwater table around the village. During periods of heavy rain a considerable amount of silt comes down the roads settling on the stretch of Howards Lane next to the church. A meeting has been held with Andy Kirby (Redbrown farm manager) to discuss this. Farming practices will change on the nearby fields which should hopefully prevent this in future.	
7.5	<u>Traffic Survey</u> Megan-Beth has organised a village run traffic survey for a working week from Mon 5 th Feb. The count was of all vehicular movements in and out of the village at the Complins Junction with London Road. This was a manual count with a clicker and readings noted every 5 minutes. Times were 8-9 and 2.30-4. Avg car movements 8-9 were 660, 2:30-3:30 were 465 and 3:30 – 4:00 285. The full survey report is on the Holybourne website. This activity is seen as very informative and will now form a separate agenda item. Treloars have shown interest in helping and after half term will be able to help. Detailed traffic volumes and speeds have been collected by EHDC/HCC on two occasions in the last two years and Cllr Hill has passed the data to HVA at the time.	
8	Any Other Business	
8.1	The farm manager wanted to let us know that there will/have been recent movements of heavy vehicles to consolidate more of the local farm track. This is with a view to stopping the future movement of hay transport through the village; although it will probably occur for one more season until the new hay store can be brought into service.	
8.2	Cllr Hill said that his new grant year starts on 2 nd April and he will be looking for projects to support financially. Secondly the Neighbourhood CIL window is opening soon, this will support bigger relevant projects, such as provision of a new toilet block on the sports field. Repair of the church wall would also qualify.	
8.3	Cllr Joy said that he too had access to a Community Support Fund grant which could cover small projects but the window closes on 29 th Feb.	
9	Close – DONM Jerry thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21:10 The next meeting is on 12th March at 7:30pm.	