

Holybourne Village Association

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Minutes

Committee Members	Jerry Janes, Megan-Beth Millar, Pat Lerew, Andy Muir, Sam Dalton.
Ex Officio	Cllr Graham Hill (EHDC and ATC); Cllr Andrew Joy (HCC) Cllr Don Hammond (ATC)
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No	Item	Action
1	Opening of Meeting and Apologies for Absence	
1.1	Apologies were received from Vanessa Gist, Rob Law, Jan Morgan; Stuart Hunt.	
2	Minutes of Last Meeting	
2.1	The February minutes were accepted with amendment to the date and to the description for Cllr A Joy amended to HCC.	
2.2	Matters Arising None not covered by agenda items.	
3	Members Open Forum	
	No members present and no raised issues.	
4	Current Issues Events and Projects	
4.1	Fireworks: The newly formed fireworks sub-committee have organised meetings to move this on appropriately.	
4.2	Village Picnic: a provisional date was proposed being 14 th July. Jerry to contact the cricket club to make sure this does not clash with a home match.	JJ
4.3	Big Help Out: The Big Help Out is a national scheme bringing volunteering together and sharing events. This year it will be held from 7 th June to 9 th June. Holybourne is keen to partake and various tasks should be considered. One issue raised was the tidying and cleaning of the main pavements near "The Lawns"; another is the fixing of broken fencing along London Road. Both will greatly improve the appearance of Holybourne.	
4.4	Jerry suggested that we could also do a village "open gardens" event, it has been done in the past and was very successful. David Tomlinson was part of the organising team then and Pat said she'd contact him to glean some info. It is something which could be incorporated with the village picnic. There will be an article in the next Easter village magazine.	PL
5	Planning and Development Issues in and around Holybourne / Alton	
5.1	Cllr Hill confirmed that there were no new planning applications within Holybourne. All current applications are on our website.	
5.2	Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan Updates.	
5.2.1	Cllr Hill gave an update on both The Neighbourhood Plan and the Local Plan. The Local Plan: At the recently held ATC Extraordinary Full Council Meeting ATC decided to make a detailed twenty page response to the EHDC Local Plan. They engaged consultants to assist with this and following a draft response and some	

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	<p>revisions a Full Council Response was prepared – the text of which is on the ATC website. The Council agreed to submit this response to EHDC. In letters to the Alton Herald six Alton Councillors state that the number of houses that the Local Plan are proposing is far too onerous on Alton itself and this area of East Hampshire in general. This has been countered by a letter from Cllr Tree which has stated that reducing the Alton allocation will inevitably lead to extra housing in the Whitehill and Bordon area.</p> <p>Cllr Hill made it very clear that district councillors cannot comment on individual sites as that would be seen as bias toward (or against) them. Cllr Joy added to this by stating that a councillor can form an opinion based on the current available known facts and can be pre-disposed to an outcome. However they cannot be seen to predetermine the outcome. There is an important difference and the view of Cllr Tree is being reviewed.</p> <p>Both Cllr Hill and Cllr Joy continue to meet D Hinds (MP) with regard to the planning policy. There is an open meeting with Damian on 21st March to review this.</p> <p>5.2.2 Neighbourhood Plan (ANP): Although it is an important part, planning is not the only part within the ANP. What is very much more important is that Alton has in place a current Neighbourhood Plan. If sites were to be put into the plan then this is tantamount to the plan accepting the figures from EHDC but the very inclusion of sites would alienate communities within Alton who would then vote against the plan and defeat it leaving Alton vulnerable to all the other issues with which the plan deals. Importantly if the ANP is in place then the ATC will continue to get a 10% increase in the proportion of CIL from any development in Alton. The ANP can set guidance and standards on how sites are to be developed and these will govern any site that is proposed by EHDC. So it is considered best not to acknowledge any proposed sites but to ensure that there will be firm guidance on how development proceeds.</p> <p>On another point the national government policy has recently changed and has extended the duration of the existing ANP till November 2026.</p> <p>5.3 Traffic:</p> <p>5.3.1 Results of the recent survey are available on the HVA website. Megan-Beth is arranging to undertake another traffic survey, this time following the protocol of Highways surveys, namely the duration being 7:00am to 7:00pm. A WhatsApp group will collate resources for this.</p> <p>5.3.2 Cllr Joy clarified the current position of the footpath from Lidl (Mill Lane) to Holybourne. Highways have received details from the contractor giving their requirements to complete the resurfacing, namely that they will require traffic control and restriction on Montecchio Way for a period of 2 weeks. Given that Montecchio Way form part of the diversion route for the current work being undertaken by SSEN on the cabling to Bordon, Hampshire Highways cannot permit the closure or restriction of Montecchio way until the SSEN works have completed. They have reviewed the SSEN programme of works and there is no space within it to enable this work to be done. They recommend that it will be reviewed when SSEN complete which will be in August. Cllr Joy will keep the situation monitored.</p>	Cllr AJI
<p>6</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p>	<p>Village Communications</p> <p>The website continues to be updated with information on a regular basis.</p> <p>Magazine. This is now at the compilation stage and will shortly be going to the printers. The magazine development process is nearing the end of its streamlining review. Distribution is also being looked at. Stuart Hunt has mapped the magazine distribution onto a street plan of Holybourne using a design tool, each layer is allocated to each distributor. Not all the distributors responded to a request for information. There are several areas of uncertainty which are still in the process of resolving:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barley Fields. Where is the boundary for distribution? 2. Garston Way - we deliver to odd numbers from 29 onward. 3. Cuckoos Corner. I'm not sure if we cover this. 4. London Road - towards Alton, no limits of distribution have been defined. 	

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6.3	SH suggests we keep the number of copies to 880 until the plan is fully resolved.	
6.4	Social media is the major communication channel for the village.	
6.4	Church:- Rev David Chattell starts as Assistant Vicar on 14 th April. He is “assistant” as Rev Andrew Micklefield is the head Vicar for the whole Alton Parish. But Rev David has a special responsibility for Holybourne and will be living in the Vicarage on Church Lane. By coincidence his wife is called Ruth.	
7	Committee Reports	
7.1	<u>Chair Report</u> : - meetings, meetings, meetings: chair updates are contained within the other agenda items.	
7.2	<u>Treasurer’s Report</u> ; The treasurer was unable to attend but will hopefully be able to give an update before minutes are finalised; to be included.	
7.3	<u>Friends of the Pond</u> Chris Sawyer, local resident has arranged for work to be done pruning vegetation around the pond. Cllr Hill is arranging for Alton Mens Shed to pick up and dispose of these prunings. Pat has made another request to have “Don’t feed the ducks” notices put up.	
7.4	<u>Flood Action Group/Emergency Planning</u> : The Montecchio Way puddle is still there. Cllr Joy said that it is due to a structural issue and is not likely to be resolved quickly. Cllr Hammond said that there have been teams out gully sucking to improve the efficiency of drainage.	
8	Any Other Business	
8.1	Cllr Hill said that Holybourne Theatre applied for a grant of £1500 for electrical work. He can raise £1000 and will source the other £500 elsewhere. The cricket nets need to be replaced and Jerry will talk to Cllr Hill to see if this would be worthy of a grant. A bigger expense would be the replacement of the dilapidated toilet block behind the pavilion. This maybe something which could be covered by a CIL grant.	
9	Close – DONM Jerry thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20:35 The next meeting is on 9th April at 7:30pm.	