

Holybourne Village Association

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Minutes

Committee Members	Jerry Janes, Jan Morgan, Vanessa Gist, Andy Muir, Sam Dalton, Rob Law, Stuart Hunt, Megan-Beth Millar,
Ex Officio	Cllr Graham Hill (EHDC and ATC); Don Hammond (ATC); Cllr Andrew Joy (HCC)
Holybourne Members	Andrew Kirby (Farm Manager) – invited

No	Item	Action
1	Opening of Meeting and Apologies for Absence	
1.1	Jerry opened the meeting and welcomed Andrew Kirby who was invited to appraise the committee on the effects of Belpport Farms on the village	
1.2	Apologies were received from Pat Lerew.	
2	Minutes of Last Meeting	
2.1	The April Minutes were accepted subject to minor alterations. (Meeting month in heading, typo in treasurer's report and change of wording "proforma letter" to "resolution document", also in treasurer's report.	
2.2	Matters Arising None not covered by agenda items.	
3	Members Open Forum Signs have appeared on some footpaths around the village which have cause concern. Andrew Kirby was invited to explain. He opened by saying that the management of the farming business had no direct knowledge of any notices erected on footpaths. He suggested that we should forward to him the locations of the signs so he can identify the paths. The estate is currently reviewing all the land use and this includes 'right of way' footpaths and 'permissive paths'. (A permissive path is a path which the landowner expressly permits the public to use, with the intention that it should not become a public right of way. The landowner may erect notices to that effect and, perhaps, close the path from time-to-time. Permissive paths may also be provided by formal agreement, such as through an agri-environment scheme, or with a local authority or council. Because a permissive path is not a public right of way, it is not subject to rights of way law and claims cannot be made to have the path added to the definitive map on the basis of user evidence during a 20-year period where it was known that the path was permissive.) The previous owner, Froyle Estates, had entered into a Higher Level Stewardship scheme (see Govuk website for details) with the government and this is now ending. The new estate intends to mark all public R.O.W paths and consider the permissive paths. These are the ones which have had signs recently erected. One of the intentions of the estate is to re-introduce deer stalking and thus it is important that they know where the general public may be. Some permissive paths may therefore close. The Estate will, through Andrew Kirby issue a map showing all paths and their current and future status. Andrew Kirby added that progress has been made with hedge coppicing and the hedges addressed last year were now showing positive signs of controlled regeneration. The farm is continuing to upgrade its own tracks with a view to reducing the need for its farm vehicles to use public roads. It is also erecting a new general purpose building within the boundary. Jerry thanked Andrew for this information and said he looked forward to receiving the map of the estate. He will supply the location of the signs using What3words.	JJ

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<p>4</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p>	<p>Current Issues Events and Projects</p> <p>Fireworks: Currently the group is preparing an order for the fireworks and also for hire of facilities (Loos for Dos): for this a £50 deposit is needed. An invoice will be forwarded to the treasurer for this. It was noted that the cost of the fireworks has not changed since last year and that Holybourne seems to be holding the only display in the area.</p> <p>Village Picnic/Fête: Invitations have gone out to interested bodies that may wish to rent a space at the picnic and several have already agreed and booked spots. There is a general call for gazebos to cover the stalls. Unfortunately the local band who were at the previous 2 events cannot make this one so there is also a call now for anyone who can provide entertainment, preferably free. With regard to gazebos, Jerry and Andy have yet to erect the HVA one and this is now becoming a high profile issue. (We need to know how it goes up!!).</p>	JJ/AM
<p>5</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p> <p>5.3</p>	<p>Planning and Development Issues in and around Holybourne / Alton</p> <p>There is a planning application (52366/004) for tree work to be done at Beech House Howards Lane in the conservation area.</p> <p>Post meeting Addition. There is a notice for a proposed extension to the operation of the oilfield site on The Avenue, Lasham. It was pinned to a tree behind the cricket ground. Details can be found at (www.humblyenergy.consultationonline.co.uk)</p> <p>Alton Neighbourhood Plan (ANP) and Local Plan (LP): At a meeting of the full council on Wednesday 5th June was attended by many members of the public who were invited to speak, unanimously in favour of deferring the vote but despite this strongly voiced opposition, the ATC voted to accept the draft ANP and to put it forward to the next stage in the process. Jerry said that he was extremely disappointed that the two Holybourne Councillors did not fight for us at the meeting and that as it stands the ANP will not pass the next milestone and will not be approved. Cllr Graham Hill has a 'conflict of interest' dilemma, being part of the ANP steering group. He explained that he had to therefore abstain from the voting at that meeting; though in principle he entirely agreed with our objection to the housing allocation. Cllr Don Hammond, explained that the reason he voted for the Plan was because if the process was not moved forward there was a real danger that the plan would run out of time to be submitted and that all the work within it would be lost. To this end he has produced a document setting out his reasons for following this path and it will be appended to these minutes. The ATC continues to oppose the EHDC Local Plan especially around the over development of the Alton area and the criteria on which this was set. Cllr Andrew Joy said that Central Government has imposed a development need which it expect EHDC to meet and this is what is driving the housing numbers in the Local Plan. ATC have engaged a KC to investigate whether it was feasible to challenge the Govt figures which, if successful would alter the building targets and take some pressure off the LP and also the ANP. Jerry thanked all the Councillors for their help in this matter and would continue to assist the process by forming a sub group from all areas around Alton to attempt to identify other development sites which could take pressure off greenfield development.</p>	
<p>6</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p> <p>6.4</p>	<p>Village Communications</p> <p>The website: Nothing new to report.</p> <p>Magazine. 1 distributor has resigned due to moving and a replacement has been found. It was agreed by all that Andrew Kirby should be added to the delivery and placing a second copy with Jan Morgan (last house before the farm) it could be easily got to the farm estate office.</p> <p>Social media WhatsApp social media groups are the main rapid communication tools. The FB group is still in use.</p> <p>Church:-Nothing new this month</p>	

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7	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>7.1 <u>Chair Report</u>: - Jerry announced his decision to step down from chairman at the next AGM but is willing to remain on the committee.</p> <p>7.2 <u>Treasurer's Report</u>; There has been little change in the situation since last month. Jan produced the Resolution Document for the change in signatories on the bank account which will enable transfer of the banking system from Vickie. The document was signed by Jerry Janes (Chair), Andy Muir (Secretary) and Jan Morgan (Treasurer) in the presence of Councillor Graham Hill who signed as witness to the above. Jan will proceed to submit this to the TSB for action. A review of the adverts in the magazine has shown that many people still advertising have not paid for their ads and these should be removed. In future, all adverts must be paid up front. Jan will liaise with Barry Lawrence (ad manager)</p> <p>7.3 <u>Friends of the Pond</u> Nick Cane is leaving the village and he stored the dinghy, among other things, used to maintain the pond. A new home will be needed for these items.</p> <p>7.4 <u>Flood Action Group/Emergency Planning</u>: Rob thanks Andrew Kirby for the help the farm has given in clearing the Brockhamhill Lane road grips.</p>	
8	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Cllr A Joy reported that following "No mow May" EHDC are now in the process of verge and central reservation cutting. Due to the large growth in the spring the roads are now suffering from large amounts of 'hay'. He encourages everyone to report this to EHDC so that it can be quickly cleared up..</p> <p>Jerry pointed out the facsimiles of the two commemoration plaques placed in the Hall where the real ones will be erected. He also said that we would be getting an official unveiling as soon as a satisfactory date can be arranged.</p>	
9	<p>Close – DONM</p> <p>Jerry thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20:45 The next meeting is on 9th July at 7:30pm.</p>	