

Holybourne Village Association

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Minutes

Committee Members	Jerry Janes, Vanessa Gist, Andy Muir, Sam Dalton, Rob Law, Stuart Hunt, Megan-Beth Millar, Pat Lerew.
Ex Officio	Don Hammond (ATC);
Holybourne Members	

No	Item	Action
1	Opening of Meeting and Apologies for Absence	
1.1	Jerry opened the meeting	
1.2	Apologies were received from Cllr Graham Hill (EHDC and ATC); Cllr Andrew Joy (HCC); Jan Morgan	
2	Minutes of Last Meeting	
2.1	The June Minutes were accepted subject to minor alterations. (DH wished to clarify 5.3 by adding "to progress to Regulation 14" after "... voted for the plan": and the document he produced should have accompanied those minutes but was missing.) <small>(Post meeting note – member have this pdf document now)</small>	
2.2	Matters Arising It was becoming critical that the fireworks need to be purchased, together with the hire of the loos and the insurance. RL MBM will contact JM and indirectly VK to progress this.	MBM RL
3	Members Open Forum No issues were raised	
4	Current Issues Events and Projects	
4.1	Fireworks: as stated in matters arising, there are some financial issues which need to be chased in order for the fireworks to go ahead. These are becoming critical.	MBM /RL/JM
4.2	Village Picnic/Fête: Unfortunately the band from last years do cannot make it so there will be no live music. The large tent will be inspected next week and its erection tested. Jerry to chase the cricket club for opening the bar. There are now a number of concession stands from various groups within the village and nearby. Food has been arranged and volunteers for holding races are currently being approached. All is in hand.	JJ/AM JJ
5	Planning and Development Issues in and around Holybourne / Alton	
5.1	Application 60102/001 – 3 detached houses with garages on land adjacent to Westbrook House, 17 Howards Lane, Holybourne, Alton This is a revised application from the original 4 houses, however it still does not meet the ANP and local plan criteria for development within the Holybourne Church Lane conservation area. Comments have been noted. (Currently undecided.)	
5.2	ANP Jerry stated that the village ANP review subcommittee fundamentally disagrees with the ATC decision to progress the plan to Regulation 14. There has been little consultation on this with the public. The plan states that there was 'some opposition' to the development around Holybourne and that if the proposal is adopted then 'some traffic mitigation will be needed'. The current plan also suggests that sites for 1800 houses are to be identified around the town of Alton. This is hugely in excess of the housing allocations for Alton and Holybourne. The phrase, 'some opposition' clearly and purposefully underestimates the massive opposition that was recorded at the public consultation in February 2024. Little or	

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	<p>no account has been taken of brownfield sites and areas which have current plans on them.</p> <p>There was opposition to the development on Windmill Hill, a site which materialised after the public consultation. A full re-assessment of the planning needs within the Alton catchment to align it with the currently Govt. identified targets.</p> <p>With regard to this Govt. target – which does not reflect the high proportion of Hampshire which is within the Southdowns National Park and has far more restrictive development targets; King Counsel was approached to determine if it was worth challenging the premise. KC has reported back that there would be little if no chance of a challenge succeeding.</p> <p>There was some discussion as to the timeline of the ANP and whether it should follow the Local Plan, when the EHDC housing targets will be known and sites can then be identified, rather than identify a larger number of sites to cover all LP options.</p> <p>DH confirmed that at present the ANP will be going to Reg14 review during which site may and will be removed, but previously unidentified sites could not be added so to have more at present is purely practical.</p>	
6	<p>Village Communications</p> <p>6.1 The website: Nothing new to report.</p> <p>6.2 Magazine: The magazine editorial is behind schedule and the summer edition will be printed later than expected. Nick Cane, a distributor has left the village and a replacement has been found: distribution remains in good shape.</p> <p>6.3 FB Holybourne Community Group keeping abreast of things. WhatsApp- a much more proactive group for local activities. The village noticeboard is back in place: access to it is still to be arranged. (The shop are not keen to hold a key as this implies policing of the content)</p> <p>6.4 No input from the Church</p>	
7	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>7.1 Chair: - attended 12 various meetings mainly concerning development within the village and coordination of action groups. Other input is already recorded in the minutes above.</p> <p>7.2 Treasurer: - The saga about the change in signatories on the bank account is still ongoing but looks like it is reaching a conclusion soon. We still have no access to the account, it being firmly in the hands of the outgoing (since October) treasurer. This makes running the HVA extremely difficult.</p> <p>7.3 Friends of the Pond: - The outlet weir still needs some work and a contractor will be asked to look at it (courtesy of DH of ATC). Following another duck death, signage was questioned. There are signs for speed limits and presence of ducks. These appear to be ignored by motorists.</p> <p>7.4 Flood Action: - no real problems so far this year floodwater appears to be getting away in a timely manner. There are questions about the sewage pumping station by the path between the Neatham Mill Lanes. This will spill during storm events but should not at any other time. Do we monitor?</p>	
8	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Nick Cane has been a great supporter and contributor to the HVA. JJ to write to Nick to thank him for his time and input. He also was holder of the dinghy to access the island on the pond for maintenance. We should be finding a home for this.</p> <p>Fireworks admin (as per item 4.1)</p> <p>RL pointed out that the defibrillator (outside the White Hart) needs a replacement battery. Some of the proceeds from the Summer Picnic/Fete including the WI stall takings will be put toward this.</p> <p>Plaque unveiling is all sorted for the 10th July.</p> <p>The Summer Picnic/Fete is organised and ready to go ahead. Any last minute details will be shared on 'The Hub'</p>	<p>JJ</p> <p>MBM /JJ</p>
9	<p>Close – DONM</p> <p>The next meeting is on 13th August at 7:30pm.</p>	