

Holybourne Village Association

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Minutes

Committee Members	Jerry Janes, Andy Muir, Sam Dalton, Stuart Hunt, Megan-Beth Millar, Pat Lerew, Rob Law, Celia Wood, Caroline Wallis
Ex Officio	Cllr Graham Hill (EHDC and ATC)
Holybourne Members	Nick Whitehead.

No	Item	Action
1	Opening of Meeting and Apologies for Absence	
1.1	<p>Jerry opened the meeting and welcome everyone, asking also for any apologies for absence.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Vanessa Gist, Cllr Andrew Joy (HCC), Don Hammond (ATC).</p> <p>Jerry then stated that, following the AGM he is stepping down from the chair and would like to thank everyone on the committee who have helped him during his chairmanship. He said that although he was stepping down from the role of chair he would be willing to serve for another year as the planning liaison contact with the ATC. He then left the chair, handing temporary control of the meeting to Andy Muir (Sec).</p>	
2	Appointment of officers following the AGM	
	<p>The roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are needed.</p> <p>Secretary – Andy Muir said that he would be willing to serve another term as secretary: he was proposed by Rob, seconded by Pat</p> <p>Chair - Jerry proposed Rob Law, seconded by Megan-Beth to which Rob agreed and took the chair.</p> <p>Treasurer – Rob proposed Sam Dalton, seconded by Pat to which Sam agreed.</p> <p>The role of Vice Chair was unfilled and will be pursued during the month.</p>	
3	Minutes of Last Meeting	
3.1	The minutes of the September meeting and the AGM were agreed with no further amendments.	
3.2	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>From item 3.2 - Cars parking on double yellow lines: this still is a problem, including a taxi which has had its photo taken and reported to HDC. A number of people have been approached and it is suggested that in future all instances should be reported to the police which may lead to some further action from them.</p> <p>Also from item 3.2 – the school crossing patrol seems to be safe and not subjected to cuts.</p>	
3.3	Item 3.3 – To form a Parish Council or not. There followed a lengthy discussion with regard to this topic. Whereas there may be advantages, particularly with planning issues and identity, there were issues around the boundary, the financial implications and serving villagers. It was agreed that the whole issue needs a more in depth review and that we would set up a sub-committee to do this. Pat Lerew, Sam Dalton and Celia Wood agreed to be this sub-committee and would report back at our March meeting. Cllr Graham Hill agreed to assist in an ex officio role.	PL/SD/ CW (GH)
4	Members Open Forum	
4.1	Nick Whitehead raised the issue of noise and light pollution from Treloars which was adversely affecting residents in Complins. This was especially so during the recent open air screening of a film (Top Gun) where the speakers were placed right on the border with Complins. Another issue was prolonged leaf blowing of around 6 hours But one consistent problem was the nose to tail traffic driving up	

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	<p>Powell Drive, many of which have loud music ‘thumping’ from their cars. This tends to run from around 6am to 9am every day.</p> <p>The lights on Powell Drive also tend to spill over into Complins. Time was that the lights were shrouded so that this did not happen. It was thought that shrouding the lights would address this issue.</p> <p>In general it was said that the residents of Complins do not want to stop the activities of Treloars but would like to have personal advanced notice of any event which may result in excess noise so that they might prepare for it. It was noted that this did happen in the past but has ceased.</p> <p>The traffic situation would need to be addressed separately.</p> <p>Cllr Graham Hill said that he is in regular contact with the management and staff at Treloars and would raise the issues with them. The Vice Principle, Simon Birch, has attended one of the HVA meetings and has indicated that he would be willing to do so again. It was agreed that we should invite him to do so.</p>	GH
<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>(Current planning applications can be accessed from the HVA website planning applications page.) .</p> <p>Since the September meeting there have been 4 applications. One relates to the pruning of vegetation at The Lawns (within the conservation area): one relates to single storey extensions to existing properties one is investigate whether it would be lawful to undertake an extension. The fourth being the continued use of the temporary dining facility erected at Treloars due to Covid restrictions. Due to the advantages which became apparent with its initial use, it is proposed that this building be used for a further 3 years during which time the situation can be reviewed.</p> <p>None of these applications have any significant bearing on Holybourne and no objections will be raised.</p> <p>The application 60102/001 – formerly 3 detached houses with garages on land adjacent to Westbrook House, 17 Howards Lane, was rejected at appeal and is being revisited with probably 2 houses. Cllr Graham Hill has been in contact with one of the applicants and has strongly advised them to put in for pre-application advice. This will allow them to evolve their application without having the full cost of a re-submission. It is thought that providing the future application meets the criteria of the existing ANP then it should be successful.</p> <p>Jerry Janes has agreed to be our point of contact with the issues surrounding the developing ANP and the implications of the new Local Plan.</p> <p>Following the Alton Town Council (ATC) meeting on 4th Sept. where the vote carried was to defer the ANP, almost all of the existing ANP Steering Group (SG) resigned. A new SG is needed and ATC is holding a workshop w/c 18/11 which will draw up desired attributes for a new SG roles. Jerry said that it would be very important that the SG represented the whole of Alton and its demographic and that the existing meeting times of the SG effectively prevented any working person from participating. It was also pointed out that 2 of the original SG rarely if ever attended the meeting. It was further noted that the original group was poor with communication and that this must be enhanced if true progress is to be made.</p> <p>Land Availability Assessment (LAA). Cllr Graham Hill stated that EHDC had published a new LAA which was available to view from the council website and he showed the committee a printed list highlighting all areas within the ANP boundary. It was noted at this point that the Neatham Down areas and those to the south of the A31 were not on this list as they fell outside the ANP boundary being in the Binsted Parish. There is a link to the LAA on the home page of the HVA. Of particular interest to Holybourne is area 80 – land on the east side of Montecchio Way and bordering the A31 roundabout; this indicates space for 30 houses and area 62 to the west of Lower Neatham Mill Lane and south of the railway line, again bordering the A31; indicated as 17 houses.</p> <p>It must be noted that EHDC and ATC strongly object to the proposals from the Central Government particularly as they are severely affected by the decision of the South Downs National Park to only accept 60 of the East Hampshire allocation of 1074 meaning that the 40% of East Hampshire lying outside the National Park will be expected to take the remaining 1014. EHDC are currently awaiting a response from Central Government.</p>	

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6	Current Issues Events and Projects (re-ordered from agenda)	
6.1	Fireworks. There were a great many issues with the fireworks display this year. They arose from a very late contact from Heritage England who banned us from having a bonfire and required us to apply for a licence for the fireworks. Unfortunately this was reported in the local Alton Herald under the headline Bonfire Banned and as a consequence many people thought the fireworks themselves were banned – this was spread on social media and thus the turnout this year was low. As a result, the display ran at a loss although all those attending had nothing but praise for what was an extremely good display. The HVA will be looking carefully at how this activity is planned in future and we hope to continue it.	All MBM
6.2	Christmas Tree: The Holybourne Hobbies and Crafters raised money earlier in the year to contribute to the Christmas Tree. Thanasi and The White Hart will provide the tree using this donation. There will be carol singing around the tree on Monday 23 rd Dec.	
6.3	Village Picnic Although the Sports Field is a general village asset, the Cricket Club seem to have it booked for most dates that we would like and therefore in the coming year the HVA will be looking for alternative sites for the picnic. We will also be talking to the Sports Field Trust to see if we can still hold it here as the location is very convenient for the village.	
6.4	Parish Council consideration – refer to item 3.3 above.	
6.5	Archives – Megan-Beth said that we would like to digitise as much as possible of the archives so that it could be more available to everyone. This would involve the purchase of an A3 scanner and PC. Stuart Hunt said that he would be willing to help with this. We will need to raise funds for it.	MBM/SH
7	Village Communications	
7.1	The website: Holybourne.com continues to be updated with many useful links notably to the EHDC LAA site. (It also has the bin collection dates). The front page now shows any local flyers for up and coming events. Email to secretary if you have anything you wish to promote. There was also some discussion about Redbrown agreeing to supply the Christmas tree annually as Froyle Estates always did.	
7.2		
7.3	Magazine: The magazine will be printed on 1 st Dec and will be ready for distribution on 4 th Dec.	
7.4	FB Holybourne Community Group WhatsApp- groups - maintain themselves.	
	The Church says keep an eye out for posters publicising their Christmas events – these are also on the HVA website.	
8	Committee Reports	
8.1	Chair: - Rob recognised two new committee members, Caroline Wallis and Celia Wood. He stated that as he has only just taken over he does not have anything to report as yet but he expects to stand down after one year as chair.	
8.2	Treasurer: - Sam said that he would progress organising the HVA accounts and endeavour to separate various streams to clarify the financial status. He requested that we organise a route to gain full access to the existing bank account. The chair sec and treasurer will discuss this post meeting.	RL/SD/ AM
7.3	Friends of the Pond: - The leak near the weir in the pond was discussed. Cllr Don Hammond has requested quotes for repair and received headline costs. The major issue is that we are unsure of the true owner of the pond. Cllr Graham Hill suggested two other possible funding routes. One being the Environment Agency as it forms part of the integrity of the watercourse. The other being BNG	

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7.4	<p>(Biodiversity Net Gain); this is for projects which enhance the biodiversity of the regions. The HVA will consider both avenues.</p> <p>Flood Action: - HCC Highways have been clearing road grips, especially on Brockham Hill Lane. This has reduced the incidence of flooding. At the AGM two villagers, Andy Hankin and Bob Page expressed an interest in helping with understanding the flooding situation. HVA will approach them to request their assistance.</p>	RL
8	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Funds were raised at the Fête and the fireworks to go towards a new battery and pads for the defibrillator.</p> <p>There are invoices to pay for the pipe band and wreaths related to the Remembrance Day Service. Funding for this in future was discussed. It was considered that maybe we could have a collection on the day or days before hand.</p> <p>Cllr G Hill gave an update on the works on Montecchio Way related to the Lidl complex. The recent chaos caused by the temporary traffic lights was due to time taken for the contractors to finish re-surfacing the pavement areas. Some planned work finished ahead of schedule but subsequent work kept to the same timetable resulting in a period where nothing seemed to be happening. The work is now 90+% complete but some traffic cones and barriers are yet to be picked up. This will happen soon.</p>	SD
9	<p>Close – DONM</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9:00 pm and the next meeting is at 7:30pm on 10th December.</p> <p>All are welcome to attend this.</p>	

Action Items

Parish Council Investigation	Pat L; Sam D; Celia W
Treloars incidents of public nuisance:	Cllr Graham H (Ex officio)
Future of Fireworks: Coordinated by	Megan-Beth M, all to help
Future of Archives:	Megan-Beth M; Stuart H
Progress Bank Resolution	Sam D; Rob L; Andy M
Contact Andy H & Bob P	Rob L
Remembrance finances	Rob L (via Vickie); Sam D