

Holybourne Village Association

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10th December 2024

Minutes

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| Committee Members | Rob Law(Chair), Andy Muir, Stuart Hunt, Pat Lerew, Celia Wood, Caroline Wallis, Jerry Janes |
| Ex Officio | Cllr Graham Hill (EHDC and ATC),Cllr Don Hammond (ATC) Cllr Andrew Joy (HCC) |
| Holybourne Members | Nick Whitehead. |

ATC = Alton Town Council: EHDC = East Hampshire District Council: HCC = Hampshire County Council

| No | Item | Action |
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| 1 | Opening of Meeting and Apologies for Absence | |
| 1.1 | Rob opened the meeting and accepted apologies from Megan-Beth Millar and Sam Dalton. He also said that he would be away for the February meeting and thus it would need to be chaired by someone else. This also served to emphasise that we are still looking to appoint a Vice Chair. | |
| 2 | Minutes of Last Meeting | |
| 2.1 | The minutes of the November meeting were ratified and will be uploaded to the website. | |
| 2.2 | Matters Arising Re to elect to become a Parish Council. The sub-committee has been formed from Pat Lerew, Sam Dalton and Celia Wood it will report back in the March meeting. Cllr Graham Hill agreed to assist in an ex officio role. | |
| 2.3 | Treloars public nuisance issues. Cllr Graham Hill met Simon Birch (Treloars estate manager) and raised the various issues we had. These have been answered and will be passed to the committee. It is noted though that no improvements have been seen so far. | |
| 2.4 | We are making progress to accessing our bank account. The issue is ongoing with Sam and Rob. | |
| 2.5 | The Remembrance Day invoices are to be paid, at this time via liaison with Vickie | SD/RL |
| 3 | Members Open Forum | |
| 3.1 | Parking Issues This seems to be an ongoing issue especially near Andrew's Endowed School and several vehicle continue to park on the double yellow lines making exiting from Howards Lane and Upper Neatham Lane very hazardous. Cllr A Joy stated that the best thing to do is to report all vehicles which do this each time it happens and this will emphasise the problem and will cause the parking team in HCC to act, East Hants website has a specific place to do so and a photo can be uploaded as well.(https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/parking/parking-contravention) | |
| 4 | Current Issues Events and Projects | |
| 4.1 | Fireworks. Just prior to the fireworks event, we were visited by Historic England who satisfied themselves that we cooperated with their requirements. Next year however we will need to make the application much sooner and will possibly have a much more onerous set of stipulations. They have made it clear however that we would not be able to have a bonfire on the land – in its present form. A cruel consequence of the measures imposed this year and its ill phrased reporting in the local press was that we made a loss on the event as did The White Hart. | |

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| 4.2 | <p>An invoice from St John's needs to be paid. The White Hart are considering whether it is worth their while supporting the event in future. Although this year proved to be one of the best displays in recent times, it was not well attended being mainly a result of mis-messages from various media. We do intend on holding it next year as it the HVA only income stream. We have no levy on the residents of Holybourne. The firework subcommittee will endeavour to modify the event to meet the future criteria. Importantly feedback suggested that field lighting could be improved.</p> <p>Village Picnic Although this is a substantial event and should be in the centre of the village, the restrictions put on us by Historic England have led us to seek an alternative venue for next year.</p> | |
| 4.3 | <p>Archives Megan Beth is currently preparing much of the archives for digitising to make it more easily accessible to all. This activity is currently underway for the WI by Stuart and it can be made available for use by HVA. Megan Beth to liaise with Stuart.</p> | MBM/ SH |
| 5 | Planning and Development Issues in and around Holybourne / Alton | |
| 5.1 | <p>(Current planning applications can be accessed from the HVA website planning applications page.) . There have been no new applications in Holybourne this month</p> | |
| 5.2 | <p>Local Plan/Neighbourhood Plan (LP; NP) We are still awaiting the deliberation from the Central Government in order to begin the process of pulling together a local plan. The response is due before Christmas. It has been noted that Bordon and Liphook have approved their NP and they have not included any site allocations within the plans. The ATC are actively trying to establish a new Steering Group (SG) for the Alton NP (ANP). All sites that are currently listed with ATC and on the LAA are being fully screened by Aecom and their report will be needed before the SG can start to work. It is also clear that more public consultation will be necessary and ATC will look for external help with this.</p> | |
| 6 | Village Communications | |
| 6.1 | <p>The village website continues to publish local information and should indeed be a preferential source of this for the more static items such as Bin collections Shop openings etc. This would lessen the duplication on the WhatsApp group(s).</p> | |
| 6.2 | <p>Village Magazine was published and is being distributed.</p> | |
| 6.3 | <p>FB WhatsApp. Mainly self-policing although some overview is present to maintain the standards. Some guidance may need to be given over the 2 main WhatsApp groups. A number of items "for sale" appear on the "Support Hub" when they should really be on "Hol-eBay" and vice versa for news items.</p> | |
| 6.4 | <p>The Church promotes itself well on the Web and FB, but continues to be supported on the HVA site.</p> | |
| 7 | Committee Reports | |
| 7.1 | <p>As previously mentioned, Rob stated that he will be absent for the February meeting and he is actively hunting for a Vice Chair. Other items have been covered in the minutes.</p> | RL |
| 7.2 | <p>Treasurer The Treasurer was not present at the meeting and is still pursuing access to the bank account. This hopefully will be completed by the next meeting.</p> | SD |
| 7.3 | <p>Friends of the Pond The pond continues to cause an issue with silting and its leaking weir wall however the ownership is not fully clear and thus the responsibility for repair is uncertain. It</p> | |

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| 7.4 | <p>was thought that we might contact the EA to see if there was any funding available for maintenance. Cllr Don Hammond had asked for quotes to repair the weir wall and has received a reply from 1 of the 3; awaiting the other 2.</p> <p>Flood Action Group</p> <p>Again this month Howards Lane (by the church) was flooded due to silt coming off the fields Rob will speak to Andrew Kirby (Redbrown Farms) to see what can be improved.</p> <p>Cllr Graham Hill said that he has received a letter from Jerry Janes about the effects of global warming on the risk of flooding and will make sure relevant people in ATC will consider it.</p> | RL |
| 8 | Any Other Business | |
| 8.1 | Money has been collected to purchase the new battery for the defibrillator and this will be done as soon as we have access to the accounts. | |
| 8.2 | The Lidl complex work by Hargreaves is almost complete, there are a few pieces of equipment still to be collected and removed from the area. This is imminent. | |
| 8.3 | There has been a spate of fly tipping at the Cuckoo's Corner end of the village which is unsightly and a great nuisance. Photos have been taken and again the issue should be reported to HCC. | |
| 9 | <p>Close – DONM</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8:55 pm.</p> <p>The next meeting is at 7:30pm on 14th January 2025</p> <p>All are welcome to attend this.</p> | |

Action Items

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| Remembrance Day invoice | SD/RL |
| Scanning of archives | MBM/ SH |
| Vice Chair | RL |
| Bank Account | SD |
| Flooding and silt (Redbrown) | RL |