

Holybourne Village Association

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Minutes

Committee Members	Jerry Janes (In the Chair), Andy Muir, Pat Lerew, Celia Wood, Caroline Wallis, Megan-Beth Millar Stuart Hunt, Sam Dalton, Vanessa Gist
Ex Officio	Cllr Graham Hill (EHDC and ATC), Cllr Andrew Joy (HCC), Cllr Don Hammond (ATC)
Holybourne Members	Chris Sawyer, Andy Hankin, Barry Lawrence, Bob Page, Keith Halcrow, Juliet MacColl, Paul Susans

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

No	Item	Action
1	Opening of Meeting and Apologies for Absence	
1.1	Jerry Janes (JJ) opened the meeting standing in for Rob Law (RL) and accepted apologies from RL, Caroline Wallis and Celia Wood.	
2	Minutes of Last Meeting	
2.1	The minutes of the March meeting were ratified and will be uploaded to the website.	AM
2.2	Matters Arising No specific items were brought up which would not be covered in later in the agenda.	
3	Members Open Forum JJ invited Andy Hankin and Bob Page to given a resume of their work on the pond, springs, bournes and drainage within the village. Andy Hankin has undertaken an in-depth (no pun intended) survey of the pond and has identified a number of internal springs feeding it. He has also confirmed, with Bob, that the flow of water from around the side of the weir is not from a pond leak but is a separate spring outflow. BP's calculations would indicate that if it were a leak, the pond would have drained within hours. They have also surveyed springs and bournes within the village, including the proposed development site and have indicated these on a map. This is all recorded in this edition of the Holybourne Village Magazine.	
4	Current Issues Events and Projects	
4.1	Village Picnic. At present we are still waiting on a response from The Lawns to see if we can hold the picnic there. The proposed date of 12 th July (as arranged with the Cricket Club) still stands, however it may change when we finalise a new venue. The restrictions on the use of the sports field will effectively rule out its use for this activity.	RL/ FrWks team
4.2	VE Day: This year, the 8 th May will be the 80 th anniversary of VE day. Information on Holybourne's participation in this national event has been posted on our website and social media outlets. The participation on the 8 th May will be a gathering at the War memorial at 9:00 pm (21:00) for lantern lighting and an act of remembrance. Villagers are also encouraged to have street parties on 10 th as well.	
4.3	Fireworks: RL has demonstrated a method of securing the fireworks which will meet the restrictions imposed by Historic England. We can therefore go ahead with the fireworks display on the sports field. There will be an expense to construct the securing units which can be used for all future events too. It is thought that £200 will cover the costs. Cllr Graham Hill said that he holds a sum of money which can be used for local projects and that we should apply to him to fund this expense. We should endeavour to get full early advertisement of the event to prevent a reoccurrence of last year's problems.	

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4.4	<p>20MPH speed limit through village. JJ invited Paul Susans (Our 'lollypop man') to speak. PS said that at present HCC are still funding the crossing patrol outside Andrew's Endowed but as he will be retiring fairly soon he would like to think that the safety of this crossing point will be secure in the future. He is concerned that cars continue to speed through this part of the village and indeed some do not even heed the use of the lollypop (This is a legal road sign which must be obeyed). Incidents of non-compliance have been reported back to Sarah James HCC school crossing supervisor. There has been substantial village support for a 20 MPH speed limit to be introduced throughout the village and this would go a long way to securing the future safety of the crossing. A paper on this subject was submitted to the HVA and can be found on the HVA Website. We discussed other complementary methods such as flashing signs at the school, speed indicators and speed humps. (Speed indicators fixed to suitable posts cost around £3000). Speeding through urban areas is a known problem and all councillors are actively in support of tackling the issue. Cllr A Joy has long campaigned for a 20 MPH limit across the urban area (including Holybourne) and will also raise it at the next ATC meeting supported by our ATC councillors Cllr GH and Cllr DH.</p>	
4.5	<p>Proposal to form a Parish Council: this is an ongoing project but has been slightly delayed. It will continue to be investigated and reported to the committee.</p>	PL
5	Planning and Development Issues in and around Holybourne / Alton	
5.1	<p>New Planning Applications There has been one new application for tree pruning in the conservation area and on full planning application ref EHDC-25-0363-FUL: Westbrook House, 17 Howards Lane:- One self-build detached dwelling and garage with associated works including access drive and landscaping</p>	
5.2	<p>With regard to the Redbrown development it is widely thought that there will be a outline planning permission submission in early May which will enable the affected statutory bodies to have their input on the impact of the proposal. JJ also said that our village planning team are aware of this and will be ready to act. It is likely that the team will organise another village meeting to publicise the situation and give pointers as to how the village can react. Cllr GH said that owing to the size of this potential development it will be overseen by a committee not just a single planning officer.</p>	
5.3	<p>Local Plan ANP No new development.</p>	
6	<p>Village Communications Website: no issues Magazine: Stuart Hunt reported that all the magazines are currently with the volunteer distributors and are being delivered as we write. Some people have them some are yet to, but it is in hand. There was a vacancy for a distributor but this has now been filled. After this edition SH will be rationalising the rounds to better match the distribution team. Barry Lawrence (mag advertising manager) confirmed that we have received £4700 advertising and this should increase to £5,000. It makes the magazine future more secure as it does now cover its costs. Social Media – Jerry Janes continues to administrate the community FB page and the WhatsApp group. Reluctantly having to ensure children's faces are masked due to the risk of malicious use by uncontrolled AI sources. The Church most church details are available on the POTR website: Easter services are also on the HVA website.</p>	
7	Committee Reports	
7.1	<p>Chair Nothing to report.</p>	
7.2	<p>Treasurer No progress with the bank account signature changes. Sam will chase David Tomlinson and liaise with Vickie (Ex treasurer and currently our sole account access point.).</p>	SD

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7.3	<p>Friends of the Pond</p> <p>Andy Hankin gave an update on the pond concurrent with his and Bob Page's summary earlier. Silt is the major problem in the pond and is still coming in through the road drainage picking up the run-off from the fields and Brockhamhill Lane. The farm will help us remove the silt provided that we complete all the legal requirements. This will involve toxicity testing of the silt and a budget quotation of £3,422 has been obtained for this service. Cllr Don Hammond believed that this was excessive and said that he would contact the firm to see if there could be any movement in this price. The spring which surfaces by the weir is thought to be somewhere within the church grounds near the west door. He would like to undertake a Ground Penetrating Radar survey to finally locate the actual spring. This can then be logged on the extensive survey he and BP carried out (featured in the HVA spring magazine).</p> <p>Flood Action Group. No issues.</p>	Cllr DH
8 8.1	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Post meeting information: The Preschool group have contracted to install a new picket fence on top of the brick wall at the Village Hall bringing the 'barrier' up to a recommended 1 metre and therefore making the ground safe for the children to use as a playground. Up till now Preschool has had to erect a plastic mesh fence for this purpose.</p>	
9	<p>Close – DONM</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9:20 pm.</p> <p>The next meeting is at 7:30pm on 13th May 2025</p> <p>All are welcome to attend this.</p>	

Action Items

Upload previous minutes	AM
Liaise with Cllr G Hill about a grant for	
Fireworks launching platforms	RL/Fireworks Team
Continue Parish Council status	PL
Bank account access	SD
Query cost of toxicity testing of silt	Cllr DH