



# Craven Vale Community Association

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> April 2013, 7.00 pm at The Vale Community Centre, 17a Hadlow Close

**Present:** Committee: Grant Scott (Chairman), Roger Carter, Alan Cooke, Bill Duff, Betty Field, Nick Wood; Others: Peter Mustow (Resident Involvement Officer)

1. Apologies: Roy Pennington, Amy Allison (Trust for Developing Communities)
2. Minutes of Meetings February 13<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup> 2013: These were agreed.
3. Matters Arising:
  - a) Alan will chase East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service for possible attendance at the May meeting.
  - b) Car parking issues in Baker's Bottom are being led by Queens Park LAT, and CV LAT will become involved when necessary.
  - c) Shirley Blount's problems with water penetration have been taken up by Cllr Morgan, and Mears have once more attended.
  - d) The problem of no representation by the Council at CVCA meetings if Peter Mustow is absent was discussed. Peter advised that providing deputies is difficult. If no-one attends, then CVCA could contact the Council's Customer Services on 293030 for all issues involving residents. However, Shirley had done that and achieved nothing. Peter considered that it was feasible for the CVCA to invite Nick Aldwinckle to attend as (effectively) the Estate Warden, but that he was unlikely to attend regularly. Bill asked to whom he should complain about Mears' inability to solve a simple plumbing problem, while Grant was unhappy about Mears' attitude after installing the wrong door. Peter advised residents (or the CVCA) to ring 293030 and ask for the Clerk of Works, who is responsible for holding Mears to account; or e-mail [clerkofworks@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:clerkofworks@brighton-hove.gov.uk).
4. Correspondence: None.
5. Finance: Both the Community Association and the Vale Community Centre accounts are in good shape. The EDB has now contributed £500 towards the cost of installing a new door for the Little Vale.
6. Estate Development Budget update: All of the five applications for 2013-14 EDB funds were approved on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Several EDB items for 2012-13 were still outstanding, including the re-design of the Vale disabled toilet and the Estate signs at each end of Queensway: Mears have been advised. Betty said that the Council electrician would be visiting on the 11<sup>th</sup> to see if the Tilgate Close lamp could be lit by solar power.
7. Updates on current projects:

a) The Kitchen. The telephone and broadband was due to be installed in the Little Vale on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and Amy and Claire expected to move across within the week. Once Mears have re-ordered the toilet, work can be started on re-positioning the toilet door and the existing cupboards, building the new kitchen walls and installing the kitchen equipment, ideally during August.

b) The Diamond Jubilee Book. The book is still on schedule for mid-May, although there were still problems in finding sufficient images of suitable quality.

c) The Web-site. This has now been set up (as cravenvale.org.uk) by Grant and members of the Committee are filling it with suitable material. The intention is to have it live by mid-May at the latest.

d) The Friends of Craven Wood. The Friends of Craven Wood held their AGM on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Grant, Roger and Alan are on the Committee, and work-sessions will be held initially on the second Saturday of each month at 10am.

#### 8. Any Other Business

a) Grant mentioned that some steps on the path through the Estate have become dangerous. This needs to be mentioned to Nick Aldwinckle or the Payback team.

b) There has been no Payback presence for some time, and no message from Nick or from Tony Baker.

c) Despite asking the grass-cutting team last year not to spray poison on the Estate, it has been done again this year, including round the base of the newly-planted fruit trees and on the Council's own wild-flower beds.

The meeting closed at 8:25 pm

The next meetings will be held at 7 pm on:

Wednesday **May 8<sup>th</sup>** (Full Meeting)

Wednesday **June 12<sup>th</sup>** (Committee Meeting)

Wednesday **July 10<sup>th</sup>** (Annual General Meeting)