



Craven Vale

Community Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting

June 10th 2015, 7.00 pm at The Vale Community Centre, 17a Hadlow Close

Present: Committee: Grant Scott (Chairman), Alan Cooke (Secretary), Bill Duff, Clive Taplin, Geoff Wilcock, Nick Wood; Others: Cllr Adrian Morris, Vanessa Deguzman

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Gill Mitchell, Amy Allison (Trust for Developing Communities)
2. **Minutes of meetings April 8th and May 13th 2015.** These were agreed.
3. **Matters Arising.**
 - a) *Bus Consultation.* Alan has still to receive a response from the bus company about its reported plan to hold a consultation on the number 2 and 22 routes.
 - b) *Car Parking Consultation.* This is now under way, and so far 71 responses have been received from the 334 households. Once the Consultation is completed on June 30th the results will be sent to Gill Mitchell to be tabled at the relevant Committee on July 7th.
 - c) *Blocked gutters.* Following the meeting on May 13th Cllr Mitchell raised this with the Council. They replied that Mears' *'Building Supervisor James McLaughlin attended on Friday 15th May to inspect the blocked guttering of the blocks around Craven Vale. He has confirmed that upon inspection, nearly all blocks are showing grass and vegetation over the edge of the gutters.*
In order to address this problem, Mears have asked their specialist Building Contractor to provide a quote to clear each one. As soon as a price is agreed upon, Mears will give the authorisation for the clearance of the guttering to be carried out as soon as possible'.
4. **Correspondence.** None received.
5. **Finance.** The finances remain healthy. £500 has been transferred from the healthy Vale Community Centre Account to the Craven Vale Community Association account which had been run down to very low levels. This donation has been used to pay for the Consultation postage. The Transport Planning Team which has been canvassing on the Estate has volunteered a donation of £200 for the use of the Vale CC during their stay.
6. **'Save the Cuthbert'**. Vanessa Deguzman from Cuthbert Road was invited by the Committee to outline the attempt by a group of local residents to preserve what was once the Cuthbert public house as a community facility and to oppose the current application to convert it into a number of private residences. Cllr Adrian Morris had also been invited to ensure that local councillors were aware of the situation, particularly the very tight timescale in which any objection had to be lodged, and to provide advice.

Although detailed plans had still to be drawn up, and sources of the necessary finance had still to be located, the committee were unanimous in their approval of the scheme, as it would complement the limited community facilities currently available at the Vale Community Centre. It was agreed to send a formal letter of objection to the current proposal, and to make available draft letters of objection which could be sent by any interested person. The Committee agreed to allow Vanessa to use 17A Hadlow Close as the group's interim postal address until a more permanent address was obtained.

7. **Annual General Meeting July 8th** The AGM would follow the usual format of a buffet at 6:30 followed by a 'quick' AGM and a presentation on a topic of interest. As always the problem lies in attracting sufficient local residents to attain the necessary quorum of twelve and Vanessa was asked if she and her committee would be prepared to attend to ensure the number was reached. At the moment no presentation was planned, although Cllr Mitchell would be asked to report back on the previous day's decision of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee on our car parking consultation. All the committee members present agreed to stand for a further year if elected.

8. **Craven Vale Fun Day Saturday July 11th**. A sub-committee have been planning the fun day for this year, which will include stalls, singing, dancing and activities for the young. A problem had arisen in securing the necessary closure of Hadlow Close for the day, as in all previous years. The Council now require the written agreement of two-thirds of all households in Hadlow Close, whereas until now the requirement has been 50%. Nick had been trying to collect signatures for more than a week and might just about achieve 50% by the deadline the following day, but – because of the nature of the households in Hadlow Close – there was never any possibility of contacting the extra five households and getting them to sign. No-one who had been contacted had refused to sign. It was agreed that the Secretary would seek the assistance of Keely and our six Councillors in seeking to overturn the rule change and to help us continue our success in hosting valuable community events.

9. **Any Other Business**

a) *Music Group*. Clive explained that the new music group for youngsters had started on Tuesday June 2nd but no youngsters had turned up. It was decided to change to a Monday, and on June 8th, two had arrived. The group would continue despite the very disappointing response so far.

b) *Southwater Close bin-store*. The Committee were reminded that the EDB had agreed that there would be a full feasibility study conducted on possible uses for this building, but that nothing would happen overnight.

c) *Pathway Behind Bute Street*. Clive asked if there had been any developments on the problem of the pathway – none were known of - and suggested that the Council could plant some thorn bushes along the wall so as to deter dogs from using that patch.

d) *Fly-tipping*. Alan reported that the fly-tipping in Craven Path had been cleared earlier that day following a repeat request to Nick Aldwinckle, whose earlier request had not been actioned. Nick would also be alerted to the major build-up of fly-tipping at the far end of the council garages in Southwater Close.

e) *Community Payback*. The six week period allocated to Community Payback expires this coming Sunday, but so far they have only attended once, to edge-paint steps on the Estate. Stephen Berry hoped to be here this weekend and would be asked to make specific bookings for any future Sundays as it was hampering our ability to host other groups.

8. **Dates of Next Meetings**

Annual General Meeting, 6:30 for 7 pm July 8th

The meeting closed at 8:20 pm.