



Craven Vale Community Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting

November 11th 2015, 7pm at the Vale Community Centre, 17A Hadow Close

Present - Committee: Grant Scott (Chairman); Alan Cooke (Secretary); Betty Field; Ian Simpson; Nick Wood; Geoff Wilcock. Others: Amy Allison (Trust for Developing Communities); Keely McDonald (BHCC, Resident Involvement Officer), Ruth Sennett

1. Apologies

No apologies were received.

2. Minutes of the September and October meetings

The Minutes of the Committee meeting of 9 September and the Open meeting of 14 October were accepted as accurate records.

3. Matters arising

- (a) Grass verges: these are still being churned up by parking.
- (b) Queensway traffic: **ACTION**: Alan to request Stop or Give Way signs at top and bottom of Queensway.
- (c) Blocked gutters: Myers were seeking a price for this work in May. Council staff have told some residents that gutters either have been or will be cleared soon. **ACTION**: Alan to chase up.
- (d) Communal bins: **ACTION**: ask Cllr Mitchell if any funds will be available for repairs.
- (e) Fly-tipping is still continuing.
- (f) Painting of steps. Alan has emailed Community Payback but not received a reply. Paint, brushes, etc are stored in the Vale Centre. **ACTION**: CVCA members to paint the remaining steps.
- (g) Dawson Terrace: the Council is aware of the works, no action necessary.
- (h) Constitution: Agenda. **ACTION**: next Committee meeting to decide on proposed changes to be put to the 2016 AGM.

4. Correspondence

No correspondence has been received.

5. Finance

No change since the last meeting.

6. Healthy Neighbourhood Fund

Anticipated funding of around £2,500 for the coming year, but the amount is still to be confirmed. Around £2,000 has been provisionally allocated so far.

7. Estate Development Budget

It was agreed that the priorities for this year's bids will be:

- (1) A paved footpath from Hadlow Close to the bottom of Queensway.
- (2) Steps and footpath from 1-3 Queensway to 5-27 Queensway.
- (3) A sensor-operated light over the front door or noticeboard of the Vale Community Centre.
- (4) Fruit trees (e.g plum, pear), to be planted along the new Hadlow Close footpath. Agreed that Brighton Permaculture should be requested to provide the trees.
- (5) Larger noticeboard for junction of Craven Road and Queensway, with the current board relocated to top of Craven Road.
- (6) Shed panels for greater security. There is a query whether leaseholders might be charged for this work.

The Vale Community Centre light and noticeboard may be potential quick bids.

In addition, further investigation should be carried out on:

- (a) Mosaics at block entrances (potential EDB bid next year): this will need consultation with residents, and
- (b) Bird nesting boxes and feeders (a possible quick bid): noted that nesting boxes should be fitted to north-facing gables to prevent overheating.

There are still three outstanding EDB projects:

- (a) A feasibility study for an adventure playground in Parham Close (2013);
- (b) A feasibility study on Southwater Close bin store (2014), and
- (c) New chairs for the Vale Community Centre (2014).

8. Any other business

CVCA website needs updating, as the last changes were in August 2104. **ACTION:** Amy and Nick would discuss with Grant.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

The next Open meeting will be on December 9th. No speakers are booked.

The next Committee meeting will be on January 13th and will consider changes to the Constitution.