



Craven Vale Community Association

Minutes of Open Meeting

February 10th 2016, 7.00pm at The Vale Community Centre, 17a Hadlow Close

Present: Grant Scott (Chair); Betty Field; Nick Wood; Geoff Wilcock; Clive Taplin; Keely McDonald (RIO BHCC)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Alan Cooke, Amy Allison, Karen Barford, Maggie Barradell, Gill Mitchell, Warren Morgan.

2. Minutes of the December 9th Open Meeting.

The Minutes were accepted as an accurate record. (Note - we are still awaiting the Minutes of the Committee Meeting which was held on the 13th January).

3. Matters Arising

- a) Road signs in Queensway. Alan Cooke to **Action**. As we do not have the Minutes of the last Committee Meeting we would need to ask Alan to again report back on this item at the next meeting.
- b) Lighting by garages. CVCA to **Action**. Again, as per item 1. Ask Alan Cooke to report back at next meeting.
- c) Complaints about fly tipping. CVCA to **Action**. We will see if we can put something in the next newsletter. (This may be some time).
- d) Complaints about works churning up grass verges and blocking pavements. CVCA to **Action**. Contact liaison officer for these works. As per item 1. Ask Alan Cooke to report back. Grant Scott reported that he had raised the issue of parking on grass verges again at the Area Panel.

4. Correspondence

- a) Keely sent Alan an email with regards to changing the constitution. It was agreed to cover this at the next Committee Meeting on the 9th March 2016.
- b) Gill Mitchell sent Alan an email regarding the parking consultation: "In relation to the parking consultation, I'm not sure exactly when the initial consultation will be to gauge residents' opinions on the operating times for any scheme. It will probably be in about 4 - 6 weeks. If there are any queries from residents at the meeting, just send them through."

5. Finance

Since the last report, there has been no major change in our position.

It was recorded that we have received the sum of £100 from BHCC for an Easter event. Keely reported that Housing would like to attend the Easter event and cover it in "The Homing In" magazine.

6. Updates on Projects and Activities

- a) We are in the process of putting together a one-off full colour newsletter covering isolation and loneliness, If anyone wants to write an article for this please get in contact.
- b) Nick reported that the Wednesday Café was very busy today.
- c) Nick also reported that the Food Bank was going really well with 25-30 people attending.
- d) Grant reported that at the last workday of Friends of Craven Wood, five Sussex apple trees were planted to replace the ones that were set on fire.

7. Any Other Business (Community Association)

- a) The notice board at the top of Queensway has a faulty lock and the noticeboard at the top of Hadlow Close where the bus stop is has totally come off its hinges. Nick said he had spoken to Council repairs twice and no one has got back to him. Keely suggested trying again and to get a job number from them this time. If there is still a problem, contact Delia Hills at the Council. **Action:** Nick to try and contact the Council again.
- b) We have a number of new chairs in the Community Centre to replace the old ones. Clive asked should the Committee have been involved before they were purchased? Keely said that they were purchased as an EDB quick bid and there was no time to consult the full Committee at the time. Nick asked if we should get rid of the old heavy blue chairs? We all agreed that this should be done and Nick said he would try and take them over the tip. **Action:** Nick to arrange to remove the old chairs.
- c) Geoff asked if cars at the top of Queensway were allowed to park on the white road markings. Grant said that they were advisory only. Geoff asked if we could get double yellow lines installed. Grant said that we would probably need to wait to see the result of the parking consultation.
- d) Parking on grass verges was again raised. Can we do anything? Keely said that the one option would be “grasscrete” but would be extremely expensive.
- e) Clive mentioned that he received a feedback survey document from the Council with regards to the controlled parking at Bakers Bottom. Clive asked if there was any way to find out about the results of the feedback survey. Keely said that we could contact Cllr Gill Mitchell or Ben Tedder at the Council. **Action:** Grant said he would ask the Council on behalf of Clive.
- f) Betty suggested we had cream teas on the Queens Birthday! Maybe we could look at doing this at the Café. **Action:** CVCA to look into this.

8. Any Other Business (Tenants Association)

- a) Keely mentioned that the Council has entered into a new contract with K&T Heating Services as the approved service provider for gas servicing, and the contract will start on the 1st April 2016.
- b) Keely provided some posters for the noticeboards promoting a property mutual exchange event on the 18th February 11am-11pm at the Friends Meeting House.

9. Any Other Business (Local Action Team)

It was noted that our PCSO is very busy working in other areas.

Next meetings – March 9th (committee meeting), April 13th (full meeting), both at 7pm

The meeting ended at 19:50pm