



# Craven Vale Community Association

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

March 9<sup>th</sup> 2016, 7.00pm at The Vale Community Centre, 17a Hadlow Close

**Present:** Committee Members: Grant Scott (Chair), Alan Cooke, Betty Field, Clive Taplin. Nick Wood; Others: Keely McDonald (RIO BHCC), Amy Allison (TDC)

### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Geoff Willcock.

### 2. Minutes of the February 10<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> January).

### 3. Matters Arising

- a) *Road signs in Queensway.* Alan Cooke reported on correspondence with Peter Turner of BHCC, responsible for lines and signs. A fuller report is awaited from Elaine Dignan, but nothing will happen before the result of any car parking consultation this spring.
- b) *Lighting by garages.* Alan Cooke reported on correspondence with Mears. The lighting in Southwater Close and Craven Road has been repaired, although there are still problems with one light on the walkway, which is being attended to.
- c) *Complaints about grass verges and blocking pavements.* Due to a shortage of cash there is little that can be done to protect the grass verges, particularly in Queensway. Grant and Alan will continue to raise the subject with the area panels, although there is no obvious cheap way of protecting these verges.
- d) *Notice Board.* Nick reported that the Council has still to re-erect the Hadlow Close Notice Board blown down in the January gales, despite regular phone calls.

### 4. Correspondence – none received

### 5. Finance

At February 15<sup>th</sup>, the Vale account held £3,191 and the Association account £2,895. Most of the Community Account was held in trust for the Healthy Neighbourhood Fund; some £575 of the HNF money still needs to be allocated by March 31<sup>st</sup>. It was agreed that this should be used for the annual summer event and for the proposed 'Loneliness' publication.

### 6. Estate Development Budget.

The EDB Panel will meet on April 9th to determine which bids will be funded. Keely will visit the Vale CC to record videos of our applications.

The QuickBid for 14 more chairs has yet to be heard. Outstanding EDB awards for 2014/15 and 2015/16 (both feasibility studies) were recently highlighted at an EDB staff meeting.

## 7. Constitution.

Two further amendments to the Constitution, as requested by the Council, were agreed by the Committee. This final new Constitution will be put to the AGM on June 8<sup>th</sup> for agreement.

## 8. Any Other Business

- a) *Bus Company.* Alan reported on correspondence with Mike Best of the bus company – problems had been encountered in putting timetables at the bus stops at the top of Manor Hill. Gill Mitchell said that she would pursue our requests for a bus shelter at the Causeway bus stop, and a possible build-out at the bus-stop outside Brighton College.
- b) *Loneliness publication.* Amy and Grant reported that the publication was taking more time than expected but was still on track. Funding streams were being investigated, but the HNF fund would be very helpful.
- c) *Forthcoming Events.* It was agreed to hold a small celebration for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday afternoon June 12<sup>th</sup>; while the annual Summer party was agreed to take place on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>. Keely said that the Homing In team would hope to attend the Easter Bonnets event on Friday March 25<sup>th</sup> although Amy said that we would provide photographs if they were unable to come that day.
- d) *Housing Department.* Carla Baden has advised us that Karen Lord is replacing her as Resident Officer for Craven Vale.

Next meetings – April 13<sup>th</sup> (full meeting), May 11<sup>th</sup> (committee members only) and June 8<sup>th</sup> (Annual General Meeting), all at 7pm

The meeting ended at 8pm