



# Craven Vale Community Association

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

May 11<sup>th</sup> 2016, 7.00pm at The Vale Community Centre, 17a Hadlow Close

**Present:** Committee Members: Grant Scott (Chair), Alan Cooke, Ian Simpson, Nick Wood;  
Others: Amy Allison (TDC), Ruth Sennett

### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Clive Taplin, Geoff Willcock, Keely McDonald (RIO BHCC)

### 2. Minutes of the March 9<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting and April 13<sup>th</sup> Open Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> Open Meeting.

Both sets of Minutes were accepted as accurate records.

### 3. Matters Arising

- a) *Notice Board* at the top of Hadlow Close. This is still due to be replaced shortly.
- b) *QPCV Newsletter*. The next issue is due out July 10<sup>th</sup> and will advertise the Summer Event.
- c) *Communal bins*. No response yet from Cllr Mitchell re replacement of some bins on Craven Road.
- d) *Resignation of Carol Manton PCSO*. Carol will be invited to the AGM and/or the Summer event, where we will be able to thank her publicly for her ten years' service to Craven Vale.

### 4. Correspondence

- a) The Resident Inspector's team have agreed to attend the AGM on June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- b) Trevor Jones is advertising a Jobs Fair at Jury's Inn on June 3rd. Amy offered to print out leaflets for the Food Bank.

### 5. Finance

At March 15<sup>th</sup>, the Vale account held a fraction under £3,000 and the Association account around £2,400. Most of the Association Account is held in trust for activities funded by the Healthy Neighbourhood Fund; only some £200 is available for community association activities, but this is sufficient.

Next year's Healthy Neighbourhood Fund money will soon become available and we need to consider groups and activities that need financial assistance.

Amy confirmed that TDC are happy to continue renting the Little Vale at £1,000 a year, plus telephone charges.

### 6. Estate Development Budget

The four remaining bids by the association for Housing department funds were all agreed – a new tarmac path from Hadlow Close to the Queensway / Craven Road junction; eight more fruit trees to line this new path; a replacement light by the door to the Vale Community Centre (already replaced); and a larger replacement notice board for the Queensway / Craven Road junction, with the current one being repositioned at the top end of Craven Road.

All the major bids for previous years have been completed, except for the feasibility studies for a possible play area at the far end of Parham Close and the rehabilitation of the disused storage building behind Southwater Close. These are now due to be undertaken later in the spring.

QuickBids are for small repairs and improvements costing less than £750. The request for a repair or replacement of the notice board at the top of Hadlow Close has been agreed. An earlier request for the replacement of the remaining chairs in the Community Centre was due to be heard at the next meeting at the end of April. The Association has also submitted further bids for an extra light on the wall of the storage area between 131 and 133 Craven Road, for a cigarette-end bin on the wall by 99 Craven Road, and for replacement of rotting birds-mouth fencing around the Estate.

Alan stated that, following a meeting with Peter Huntbach of the Housing Department (Seniors) he had asked the EDB team to include the possibility of examining the feasibility of the Southwater Close bin-store as a 'Men in Sheds' location, to supplement the smaller project currently planned for the Leach Court site. This was supported enthusiastically by those present, especially as it did not rule out the possibility of joint use with the proposed apple store concept.

## **7. Updates on projects and activities.**

Amy updated the meeting with a report on all future activities, all at the Vale Community Centre:

- a) Tea Party for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, 2-4pm, Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> with strawberries, cream and cake. Free. To be advertised on the AGM leaflet.
- b) The Wednesday Morning café might have to be transferred to Thursdays for a few weeks due to other commitments for Nick.
- c) Fifty-Plus group, 10-12 am, last Thursday of every month: the next session on May 26<sup>th</sup> would be on reminiscences of jobs held.

## **8. Constitution.**

The revised constitution will be voted on at the AGM on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The meeting itself need to be advertised on the Notice Boards by May 25<sup>th</sup>, with the usual leaflet going out around June 4<sup>th</sup>. 15-20 copies of the new Constitution will be provided at the meeting.

## **9. Any Other Matters**

- a) PSA Checks for Prostate Cancer. Ruth will seek to advertise the next Woodingdean session in Craven Vale as soon as she is given dates and locations.
- b) Nick will report the broken drainpipe at the Vale CC to Mears.
- c) Tesco are now donating additional food on a Saturday for the weekly (Friday) Food Bank – these non-perishable supplies will be stored in the Little Vale.

The meeting ended at 8:20pm

Next meeting – June 8<sup>th</sup> (Annual General Meeting), 6:30 buffet for 7pm start