



Craven Vale

Community Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting

July 13th 2016, 7.00pm at The Vale Community Centre, 17a Hadlow Close

Present: Committee members: Alan Cooke, Christine Harrop, Rosemary Johnson, Grant Scott, Ian Simpson, Clive Taplin, Nick Wood. Others: Amy Allison (Trust for Developing Communities).

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Geoff Willcock

2. **Minutes of the Committee Meeting of May 11th 2016**

The Minutes were agreed as accurate.

3. **Matters arising**

- (a) The Queen's Birthday Tea Party attracted around a dozen residents.
- (b) The Café will resume opening on Wednesday mornings from July 20th.
- (c) The Food Bank has changed its opening hours to Mondays at 1.30 pm.

4. **Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of June 8th 2016**

The Committee agreed the following changes to the draft Minutes:

- (a) Chair's Report: correct "Friends of Whitehawk Hill" to "Friends of Craven Wood"
- (b) Constitution: change point (a) to "an altered section on non-discrimination", restrict point (d) to simply "Changes to procedures for the AGM"
- (c) AOB (Parking) in paragraph two clarify that some residents supported three periods.

5. **Matters arising.** All were covered in later parts of the meeting.

6. **Correspondence**

The Chair has received notification of the next Area Panel Meeting at Robert Lodge on July 16th.

There will be a meeting for all East Brighton residents at the Vale Community Centre on August 2nd starting at 6.00 pm.

7. **Finance**

The Food Bank has donated £200 to CVCA.

8. **Estate Development Budget**

Alan explained that two pieces of work from previous years are still outstanding: the feasibility study for Parham Close and the disused building in Southwater Close. The latter is a particular problem as it is ideal for the 'Men in Sheds' project. In addition, there had been no news on

four QuickBid applications raised between January and April.

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- **ACTION:** Grant and Alan to raise at the Area Panel meeting next Monday, failing which Keeley and Cllr Mitchell be asked to raise it directly with Mears.

9. Projects and Activities

It was agreed to cancel the Olympic Party on July 23rd due to a lack of volunteers, and offers of assistance, and replace it with an Olympic-themed event, provisionally on Monday August 15th after the Food Bank. This could include an invitation to the Dance Group and organise some low-key sporting activities.

- **ACTION:** Amy and Nick to announce the cancellation on the notice boards and Facebook

10. Constitution

The Committee proposed the following amendments to the draft Constitution:

- (a) Clause 3, para 1: delete “and their households”
- (b) Clause 3, para 4: add “status” after “marriage or civil partnership”; and transfer whole para to become Clause 2, para 7;
- (c) Clause 4, para 3: change “officers” to “committee members”;
- (d) Clause 4, para 4: add “the Committee may call additional General Meetings as desired”;
- (e) Clause 4, para 5: rephrase wording on who can make agreements and include phrase “without express permission or delegated responsibility”;
- (f) Clause 4, paras 7 and 8: rephrase completely, to include “including reasons, which must relate to misconduct or inactivity, including fraud and criminal conviction”;
- (g) Clause 5, para 2: rephrase to delete saying parts twice;
- (h) Clause 5, para 4: rephrase sentence including ‘independent person’;
- (i) Clause 6: rephrase as current wording reflects constitution of the Area Panel, not an association;
- (j) Clause 8, paras 2 and 3: delete “minimum of” in relation to quorums;
- (k) Clause 9, para 3: expand to include need for independent examination annually;
- (l) Clause 10: clarify meaning of “grants and debts”
- (m) After initial definition of CVCA in Clause 1 use “the Association” throughout;

- **ACTION:** Rosemary to redraft the Constitution as directed above
- **ACTION:** Alan to send final draft to Keely, stressing that the wording has changed but not the substance
- **ACTION:** This redrafted Constitution will be put to the next General Meeting on September 14th.

11. Any Other Business

Nick reported that youngsters children have written graffiti tags “Tyler” and “Rosie” on the Vale Community Centre mural. There were also many other reports of anti-social behaviour, including racist abuse of a resident and an increase in drug dealing by a known number of youngsters. With the removal of neighbourhood PCSOs it is essential that all incidents are reported to the police and housing department. Alan has requested Keely and the Housing Management Team to comment on a draft letter to the parents of those involved, but to date there has been no response.

- **ACTION**: contact housing department to discuss proposed letter and anti-social behaviour generally (Alan).
- **ACTION**: then send letter to parents of the children concerning Vale Centre graffiti (Secretary).
- **ACTION**: send copy of the Queens Park ASB leaflet to Alan (Amy).
- **ACTION**: produce and deliver local leaflet on reporting ASB (Alan & Ian).

The meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.

Next meetings:

Wednesday September 14th – General Meeting, 7pm

Wednesday October 12th – Committee Meeting, 7pm