



Craven Vale Community Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting

October 12th 2016, 7.00pm at The Vale Community Centre, 17a Hadlow Close

Present: Committee Members: Alan Cooke, Christine Harrop, Grant Scott (towards end of meeting), Ian Simpson, Geoff Wilcox, Nick Wood; Others: Keely McDonald (BHCC Resident Involvement Officer), Amy Allison (Trust for Developing Communities), Ruth Sennett.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Betty Field and Clive Taplin, while Grant Scott sent his apologies for the first part of the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Open Meeting of 14 September – these were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

- (a) The Food Bank has now reverted to Fridays.
- (b) CVCA's HNF Panel has allocated £1,550 Healthy Neighbourhoods Fund money, leaving £450 still to be allocated. Applications have been approved for the Queens Park Run-A-Mile Club and the new Chess Club.
- (c) Christine has now started painting the step edges.

4. Correspondence

The Council has invited all residents to its Citywide Workshop on Thursday 17th November. It will run from 12.30 to 4.00 pm at Friends Meeting House in Ship Street.

5. Finance

No significant change in the funds available. CVCA aims to allocate NHF funds as quickly as possible, rather than leave the money sitting in a bank account.

6. Estate Development Budget

Previously agreed bids:

- (a) The cigarette bin is now in place.
- (b) Following a Quick Bid approval, the new external light at 131-133 Queensway has been placed in the wrong position, next to an existing light.
 - **ACTION:** Request that the light is moved to correct location (**Keely**).
- (c) The new fencing is two-thirds completed. There is still a section between Hadlow Close and the upper junction with Craven Road that remains to be done. However Tracy Horner, the new EDB Team Manager, may believe this job is finished.
 - **ACTION:** Check job status with Tracy Horner (**Keely**).

- **ACTION:** If job is 'completed', Quick Bid needed to request completion of work (**Committee**).
- (d) Mears have still not responded on the 2015/16 EDB approval to conduct a feasibility study on the disused bin store at Southwater Close.
- **ACTION:** Raise the delay with Tracy Horner (**Keely**).

Potential new bids for 2016/17:

- (e) The light outside 65-99 Queensway was agreed as a Quick Bid. It should be fitted in a location where it does not shine into a bedroom, possibly above a stairwell.
- (f) Having studied photographs, the Committee felt a sloping footpath leading to 65-73 Queensway could be problematic. It might be necessary to connect with the steps to provide a reasonable gradient. Keely offered to discuss the proposal with the disability team before deciding whether or not to proceed as an EDB bid – if so, this would require consultation with all residents of 65 – 99 Queensway.
- **ACTION:** Keely to follow up with relevant Council officers.
- (g) Parham Close steps: it was agreed to make an EDB bid for a set of wooden steps built to link Craven Wood with the parking area at Parham Close.
- (h) Parham Close path: the Committee agreed to bid for EDB funds to plant a variety of shrubs between the end of this path, the parking area and the paths to Craven Wood. Alternatively the shrubs could be purchased by the Gardening Club.
- These suggestions will be discussed at the next Open Meeting on November 9th. The deadline for Estate Development Budget bids is November 18th.

7. Any Other Business

- (a) Nick has stood down as Café chef and Amanda has taken over the duties.
- (b) Overgrown ivy at the rear of 5-27 Queensway needs cutting back from pathway with loppers, followed by bleach, or similar, to remove moss. Geoff and Nick volunteered to do this.

The meeting ended at 7.55 p.m.

Next Meetings – Wednesdays at 7pm at the Vale Community Centre

Open Meeting – November 9th

Committee Meeting December 14th