



Craven Vale Community Association

Minutes of General Meeting

January 11th 2017, 7.00pm at The Vale Community Centre, 17a Hadlow Close

Present: Committee members: Grant Scott, Alan Cooke, Christine Harrop, Rosemary Johnson, Ian Simpson, Clive Taplin, Geoff Wilcox, Nick Wood; Residents - Alex Kakauelaku, Richard Simmowite, Altan Bejko, Sally Slater, Jenny Taylor, Maria Vanyo, Ewe Knebloch; Others: Amy Allison (Trust for Developing Communities), Ruth Sennett

1. Apologies

Betty Field, Keely McDonald (BHCC) and Councillors Barford, Chapman, Mitchell, Morgan and Morris all sent their apologies.

2. Minutes of the General Meeting of November 9th 2016

The Minutes were agreed as accurate.

3. Matters arising:

- (a) The deadline for responses on the car parking consultation is 14 January.
- (b) Cllr Mitchell will raise concerns over building work in Dawson Terrace with planners.

4. Correspondence

None.

5. Finance

- (a) The Community Association has £2,880 in its bank account.
- (b) The Vale Community Centre account has £3,290.

6. Estate Development Budget

- a) The feasibility study on a play area in Parham Close has been withdrawn as it is apparent now that the Council would not be able to afford to maintain it.
- b) The Council has told CVCA the Southwater Close bin stores cannot be used for community projects such as Men in Sheds because some sheds are owned by leaseholders. Options:
 - Explore whether other local buildings can be used instead.
 - More information is needed on ownership: how many sheds are actually owned by leaseholders, what would be the cost of purchasing these leaseholds, why does this prevent the other sheds being brought into use, and can leaseholders all be moved to one end of the sheds?
 - A further attempt will be made to obtain these answers in a few months' time
- c) The largest EDB projects for 2016/17 will be the Hadlow Close footpath and planting of more fruit trees; no definite dates yet but planting will need to be done by the Spring.
- d) This year's main EDB bid is for wooden steps from Parham Close to the wood; the bid has been submitted and will be voted on in early April.

e) We are waiting for costings for the proposed footpath at 65-75 Queensway. It seems the person who requested this project may now have moved.

7. **CVCA Constitution**

The meeting considered the revisions to the Association's Constitution, and heard that both the Committee and the Resident Involvement team are happy with the new draft.

Members adopted the changes with 13 votes in favour, no votes against or abstentions.

8. **Any Other Business**

(a) Fly-tipping is occurring at the end of the Southwater Close garages. It is unclear whether the land is private or owned by Housing. **ACTION:** *Alan and Grant to visit, then raise with Council.*

(b) Parking consultation: it appears Southwater Close is too narrow to allow controlled parking, except for designated parking bays.

(c) We are still waiting for news on replacement rubbish bins. Commercial fly-tipping may be occurring at the bins. Suggestions included hiring a van or skip for an estate clearance day and more information on fly-tipping. **ACTION:** *raise with Cllr Mitchell*

(d) A latch needs to be fitted to the wooden gate at the Vale Centre. **ACTION:** *Nick*

(e) The next Leaseholder Action Group meeting is on 1 April.

(f) The new Chess Club has started its meetings at the Vale Community Centre.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday February 8th at 7pm

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The meeting ended at 8.15 p.m.