



Craven Vale Community Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting

February 8th 2017, 7.00pm at The Vale Community Centre, 17a Hadlow Close

Present: Committee Members: Alan Cooke, Betty Field, Christine Harrop, Rosemary Johnson, Grant Scott, Nick Wood; Others: Ruth Sennett, Amy Allison (TDC)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Clive Taplin, Geoff Wilcox and Keely McDonald (BHCC Resident Involvement Officer)

2. Minutes of the Open Meeting of January 11th.

These were accepted as accurate. The Minutes of the Committee Meeting of December 12th had been put on the website and would be circulated to Committee members and Keely.

3. Matters arising:

- a) Fly-tipping. Grant and Alan had still to visit Southwater Close. Betty would report the mattress in Craven Path to CityClean.
- b) The re-cycling bins by Tilgate Close were still inaccessible without risk to residents, while the paper recycling bins both there and in Craven Road were regularly overflowing, despite complaints to CityClean.
- c) The gate leading into the Community Centre had twice been fitted with latches, and both times they had been removed. Nick would ask a carpenter to suggest a more vandal-proof solution. The carpenter would also be asked to cover in the telephone line to the Little Vale, as this has twice been vandalised in recent months, even being pulled out of the wall on one occasion.
- d) Grant had called the police to deal with youngsters on the roof of the Little Vale – when the police arrived, the youngsters ran into a known property in Craven Road.
- e) The Chess Club has started well.

4. Correspondence

All council tenants and leaseholders were invited to a Residents meeting at the Vale CC the following afternoon at 2pm.

5. Finance

A discussion was held on the outstanding sums available in the Healthy Neighbourhood Fund accounts. It was important to ensure that monies made available in 2015/16 were spent by March 31st so that future grants are not affected. The money set aside for a loneliness newsletter ('Social Circle') was expected to be called upon during February.

Regarding funds still unallocated from the 2016/17 allocation, it was suggested that attention be given to setting up a men's group similar to a successful one in Woodingdean. Ruth offered to try and find out how that group had been started and what had made it successful.

It was also suggested that the fund be used to offer first aid courses to local residents.

6. Estate Development Budget

- (a) The voting on the 2017/18 applications would take place on April 10th
- (b) It was agreed that the Secretary would write to Keely formally withdrawing the application for a footpath from 77 Queensway to the pavement following the sad death of Rene Hutson. This would leave just the one application from CVCA, for a set of steps up from the Parham Close car park area.
- (c) There had been no notification of when the footpath from Hadlow Close to Craven Road / Queensway would take place (2016/17 agreement) together with the associated planting of fruit trees – Grant believed that the trees should be planted before the end of March.

7. Constitution

Copies of the agreed new Constitution were offered to Committee Members. Grant signed three copies, one of which would be sent to Keely.

8. Any Other Business

- a) Grant raised once more the ongoing problem with parking and driving on the grass verges. A vehicle had even been observed driving round the back of the Tilgate Close bus-stop to avoid a bus, which presumably had on-board CCTV which could have recorded the event.
- b) Betty described how a car had crashed through two sets of fencing and landed on the footway serving Tilgate Close.
- c) Rosemary sits on the Committee of the Leaseholder Action Group and will be glad to give residents more information. The Group will be holding a meeting at 7pm on February 27th at Hampshire Lodge, and all leaseholders are very welcome.

The next Open Meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday March 15th

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The meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.