



Craven Vale Community Association

Minutes of Open Meeting

March 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, Ian Simpson, Geoff Wilcock; Residents: Rosemary Dugay, Owen Gaston, Sally Slater; Others: Amy Allison (TDC Ruth Sennett, Amy Allison (Trust for developing Communities), Keely McDonald (BHCC Resident Involvement Officer), Cllr Gill Mitchell

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Betty Field, Clive Taplin, Nick Wood and Cllr Adrian Morris

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

These were accepted as accurate.

3. Matters arising:

- a) Dawson Terrace cleared space. Cllr Mitchell said this had been investigated and the case was currently closed, but might be re-opened if necessary
- b) Fly-tipping. Sally said the Southwater tip had been cleared the previous week. Sally would hand details of vehicle registrations to Cllr Mitchell. The double bed in Craven Path had been reported at least twice to City Clean but was still there
- c) New communal bins had been ordered
- d) There was still some money available in the Healthy Neighbourhood Fund if people knew of any groups that could benefit

4. Correspondence

East Brighton Trust had invited members of the community to its 'Half a Million' party on March 17th. Amy and Gill were intending to go

5. Finance

The Community Association bank account has around £2,800 (most of it on trust for the Healthy Neighbourhood Fund), and the Vale Centre account has around £3,300

6. Estate Development Budget

There is one outstanding project for 2016/17, the new footpath from Hadlow Close to Queensway.

ACTION: check current status of this project (Keely).

The only large EDB bid for 2017/18 is for steps from Parham Close to the woods, and we will hear the decision on 10 April. We have also submitted a "quick bid" for a lockable bollard to stop parking over the Hadlow Close fire hydrant.

The proposal for a footpath at 65-78 Queensway has been withdrawn following the death of the resident whose relative had suggested the path.

7. Car Parking (Cllr Gill Mitchell)

Cllr Mitchell reported the results of the Craven Vale parking survey. There were 111 replies, representing a 28% response from households in the area.

- 65% of respondents were in favour of some form of parking scheme.
- If a scheme is introduced, 59% said they preferred a full scheme (7 days a week from 9 am to 8 pm) over a "light touch" one with shorter hours.

Gill confirmed the scheme will include The Causeway and Monument View. Residents explained that some Hadlow, Parham and Southwater Close parking spaces are on Housing Department land.

ACTION: check Housing is involved in the process (Keely)

If the report is approved by the Council's Environment, Transport and Sustainability Committee on Tuesday 14 March, council staff will advertise the Traffic Regulation Order and will aim to start the scheme in the summer.

8. Community Association Activities (Amy Allison)

Amy showed a copy of "The Social Circle" newsletter on ways to combat loneliness, which will be delivered to all homes on the estate next week. The meeting thanked Amy and Grant for producing an excellent publication.

The Wednesday Café is going well, with a group of friendly regulars who would welcome more users.

ACTION: Explore grants for a dishwashing machine so crockery and cutlery can be washed in boiling water, as strongly recommended by the Food Partnership

The Fifty Plus group meets on the last Thursday of each month, and everyone aged 50 years and over is very welcome.

The Food Bank meets on Fridays at 12.30. It aims to be sociable as well as practical. At the moment around 25-30 people use it each week. Although this is near full capacity, new users are welcome (but they will need proof that they live locally).

Claire, our local youth worker, will remain in her job for a while despite the cuts to her team.

Planning is starting for Craven Vale's Easter Event on Good Friday. One suggestion is a workshop making bird boxes that can be fitted to the eaves of blocks. Everyone is encouraged to become involved; contact Amy for details. **ACTION:** Contact Housing to discuss fitting bird boxes to blocks (Secretary)

9. Any Other Business

- a) The Leaseholders Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday 1 April at the Friends Meeting House, from 10 am (registration from 9.30) to 1 pm
- b) There is free training in April on using video on phones and tablets: contact Keely for details.
- c) A block sign is needed on 5-27 Queensway. **ACTION:** Ask Rachel if Housing Council will buy the sign, otherwise make an EDB bid (Secretary)
- d) The Hadlow Close noticeboard needs a proper name-board promoting CVCA
- e) The damaged paving slab at the bus stop now seems scheduled for repair
- f) Members praised the workers who have been trimming back hedges etc.

Next Meetings: Wednesday April 12th – Committee Meeting

Wednesday May 10th – Open Meeting

Wednesday July 12th – Annual General Meeting

The meeting closed at 8pm.