



# Craven Vale Community Association

## Minutes of Open Meeting

March 8<sup>th</sup> 2017, 7.00pm at The Vale Community Centre, 17a Hadlow Close

**Present:** Committee Members: Grant Scott (Chairman); Christine Harrop; Rosemary Johnson; Ian Simpson; Nick Wood; Others: Amy Allison (TDC)

### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Alan Cooke, Betty Field, Clive Taplin and Geoff Wilcock

### 2. Minutes of the Open Meeting of March 8th.

The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

### 3. Matters arising:

- a) The footpath will be laid as soon as the weather allows the use of the necessary equipment.
- b) Parking on Housing land – item *carried over* to the next meeting.
- c) Dishwasher for Centre – must be narrow; *carried over* to next meeting.
- d) Sign for 5-27 Queensway – item *carried over* to the next meeting.

### 4. Correspondence

- a) The Housing Department have announced that the East Area Residents Meeting will be held at the Vale Centre at 2.00 pm on Thursday 27 April.
- b) Maggie Chamberlain (Housing Officer) has been contacted by a tenant who wants a children's play area in Parham Close. The Committee felt an Estate Development Budget bid would fail as EDB bids are not accepted if the work will create on-going maintenance costs. It was agreed we need more information before deciding whether to consult local residents on the suggestion. **ACTION:** contact Maggie for more info (Alan).
- c) A resident has emailed us complaining that cars parked across the entrance to Southwater Close garages are blocking access to the garages themselves. One option might be a locked gate with keys for garage owners. Alternatively parking controls could be introduced, but these would need policing. **ACTION:** discuss options with Housing staff (Alan and Keely).
- d) A meeting with Cllr Mears and council staff showed support for the use of the Southwater Close bin stores for a Men in Sheds project, but we need the Council's agreement in writing before we can develop an EDB bid. **ACTION:** ask Housing for formal written support to use the unused bin stores (Alan).

### 5. Finance

No significant change from the last meeting.

## **6. Estate Development Budget**

Grant attended the EDB meeting on Monday. The bid for the steps at Parham Close has been accepted. We can submit up to five £750 Quick Bids a year.

## **7. CVCA Activities**

- a) The Easter event has been cancelled as several residents are away for the holiday. Instead, a larger summer event is proposed for Saturday 15 July.
- b) The first Craven Vale quiz will be held on Weds 19 April, 7.00 pm with the quiz starting at 7.30 pm, entry £1. If successful it could be a monthly event.

## **8. Any Other Business**

- a) The Vale Centre gate is still swinging open. There was a suggestion that it be removed and replaced with a slide-in gate on hooks when needed.
- b) A resident has suggested planting shrubs and bushes to prevent anti-social behaviour, e.g. to protect the Centre downpipes from climbing. Suggested plants for an EDB Quick Bid included holly and barberry.

Next Meetings: Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> – Open Meeting

Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup> – Committee Meeting

Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup> – Annual General Meeting

The meeting closed at 7:50pm.