



Minutes of Open Meeting

May 10th 2017, 7.00pm at The Vale Community Centre, 17a Hadlow Close

Present: Committee Members: Alan Cooke, Betty Field, Christine Harrop, Grant Scott, Ian Simpson, Nick Wood; Residents: Gen Applebee, Owen Gaston, Shirley Grace, Gill Shoebeui, Sally Slater, Jenny Taylor; Others: Cllr Gill Mitchell, Cllr Warren Morgan, Keely McDonald (BHCC Resident Involvement Officer)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Amy Allison, Clive Taplin, Geoff Wilcock and Cllr Adrian Morris

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

These were accepted as accurate.

3. Matters arising:

- a) Estate Development Budget –the outstanding construction of a footpath from Hadlow Close to Craven Road has recently been completed – the fruit trees to line this path will now be planted in the autumn.
- b) Parking restrictions on Housing land – details are still awaited, but it was considered probable that it would take effect when the new parking zone is implemented.
- c) The first quiz night at the Vale went well, and further monthly quizzes will now be held.

4. Correspondence

No correspondence received since the previous meeting.

5. Finance

The Community Association bank account has around £2,300 (most of it on trust for the Healthy Neighbourhood Fund), and the Vale Centre account has around £3,500. It was agreed to advertise that there is still around £450 to be allocated from the Healthy Neighbourhood Fund for 2016/17, and more available shortly. It was agreed to publicise this availability on the Facebook page (**Action** – Nick) and publicise in forthcoming Newsletters and leaflets (**Action** – Alan)

6. Car Parking

Cllr Mitchell reported that all roads except Hadlow Close and the Causeway voted in favour of parking controls. The final Stage 3 consultation of the Traffic Regulation Order ends on 19 May. More details are on the Council website.

The Council approved the general scheme on 13 March. Craven Vale and the Causeway will become a new Area I, with parking restricted to permit holders in the area. Car owners in Bakers Bottom will not be allowed to park in the new area. Double yellow lines to stop parking at the top of Queensway should remove the traffic blind spot there.

Around 20% of parking spaces will be pay-and-display, with a maximum stay of 4 hours. The scheme will apply to Highways land; we are still waiting to see Housing's proposals.

Initially there will be one parking permit per household, with any spare permits given out on a case-by-case basis. Gill said on previous schemes permits not taken up by households without cars had allowed extra permits for other households. Permits will cost £130 a year, with a discount for low emission vehicles; day permits will cost £3.

After six months the scheme will be reviewed. If changes are needed at this stage local consultation and a Traffic Amendment Order will be possible to tweak the scheme.

Craven Vale residents reported that someone has removed the notices about the consultation. The CVCA has ensured details have been delivered to all homes in the area.

Causeway residents complained that they have voted twice against the parking scheme, but have still been included. Cllr Mitchell said leaving Causeway and Monument View out of the scheme would simply shift the parking problems from Craven Vale to these roads.

7. Estate Development Budget

All 2016/17 projects are now complete except new trees, which need the right planting season.

The only major bid for 2017/8, the steps at the end of Parham Close, has also been completed. There was a report that people walking through the young shrubs are damaging them. **ACTION:** examine the shrubs and consider whether extra planting needed (Alan)

Alan will meet Craven Place residents for a bid for fencing in front of their gardens. There may also be a Quick Bid for shrubs and bushes to prevent anti-social behaviour. Keely suggested the gardening fund could be used to buy these plants.

It was agreed to submit Quick Bids for (a) Craven Place fencing & (b) 5-27 Queensway signage.

Fire and ambulance staff are reported to be concerned that there is no level access to the Tilgate Close houses for people who are disabled or ill in an emergency. Cllr Mitchell would consider this.

8. Vale Centre

The Craven Vale Summer Event will take place on Sat 22 July, with the theme "Wild Life and Nature".

Details of activities at the Vale Centre including yoga (Mon am), Chess Club (Tues evenings), the Midweek Cafe (Wednesdays am), coffee mornings for older people (last Thursday of the month) and Food Bank (Fridays 12:30) are online at www.cravenvale.org.uk/the-vale-community-centre.html

9. Any Other Business

(a) The bollard installed to stop parking over the fire hydrant in Hadlow Close has been knocked down. **ACTION:** arrange replacement, possibly with a second bollard as well, and check if covered by H&S budget, otherwise Quick Bid needed (Keely).

(b) New bins will be replaced on a "worse first" basis. The bins outside 109-119 Craven Road are both broken. Cllr Mitchell will check if these are "Category 1" for early replacement.

Next Meetings: Wednesday June 14th – Committee Meeting, 7pm

Wednesday July 12th – Annual General Meeting, 6:30 for 7pm

The meeting closed at 8:10pm.