

HOLCOMBE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of General Meeting held Friday 11th June 2010

The meeting began with a very informative talk about AIMS. A local group providing Activities, Interest, Music and Support for special needs children and their family presented by Sandra Littlejohn, co-ordinator for AIMS.

1. Welcome

The Chairman offered a warm welcome to 32 members, especially new members and including Mrs Ros Prowse and her husband who have become associate members of the HRA. Andy felt this was a good turnout considering there was a World Cup match between France and Uruguay.

2. Apologies

Beryl & Sam King, Lin Watson, Roger & Chris Tyler, Kate Wolfendale, Helen Bays, Carol Chambers.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held 12th February 2010.

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Gerry Chambers and seconded by Humphrey Clemens.

4. Matters Arising.

All matters arising were to be covered in the Agenda.

5. Current Association activities.

5.1 Officers and positions. Following election at the AGM committee positions are as listed on the Agenda. Janet Evans has been co-opted. All letters from the committee can be read on the web site. Andy expressed sincere thanks to John Watson for his years of dedication as secretary, playing a huge part in keeping the association going.

5.2 Lunches and visits. Gerry Chambers reported on the success of the monthly lunches, run in conjunction with the church. These are well attended, easily covering the break even figure of 36.

Roger Tyler is running the "Trips for a Tenner" again this summer. Derek King expressed thanks for Roger's hard work and the use of the Dawlish Community Transport.

The 3rd annual trip is being organised by the church. This will be for 5 nights to Holland and Bruges at a cost of £369.00.

5.3 Planning.

Little Leigh. Following objections from the committee the original proposal for 4 houses had been revised to remain inside the village envelope. Despite many individual objections outline planning has been passed with all reserved matters to be decided.

Trees. John Bromley reported that there is a proposal to remove a large pine from the skyline that is causing damage to the drive of Robin's Roost also a small diseased tree and some dead wooding at Wyndale in Windward Lane. An

objection to the felling of the large tree has been written based on the impact to the visual interest and asking for an alternative solution to be sought.

It is felt that the large Monterey Pine in the grounds of Leigh House in Forden's Lane should be preserved but to date Teignbridge have declined to issue a Tree Protection Order.

5.4 Future Activities. Following a committee discussion about how to further the aims of the Association a small questionnaire is to be delivered to each member. Hopefully this will provide information and ideas as to how this can be done, for instance should there be more emphasis on social events.

Janet Bolder addressed the meeting proposing the introduction of a village newsletter. Delivered to every house this would include reports and information about all village activities and would be funded by advertising. It is intended to be produced monthly from the autumn. Janet will edit and print the newsletter as a small business venture.

6.AOB

6.1 Gwyn Crossland asked about the legality of the For Sale boards that have started to appear on the junction of Windward Lane and the A379. Humphrey suggested we contact the estate agents concerned and John Clatworthy said it is a matter for the Local Service officer at Devon as they are not permitted on the highway only on private land.

6.2 John Watson contacted SWW and the Environment Agency following a letter in the press about the overflow of sewerage in Smugglers Lane on May Day. To his amazement he received a phone call from the Senior Environmental Officer for Devon and Cornwall to say he is checking the situation with SWW. The holding tank for "surge" in Hall Lane has an automatic system to protect the pumping station in Smugglers Lane which is obviously not working.

7. Dates of next events.

Next meeting: Friday 10th September at 7.15pm.

The speaker will be Dave Atkin, Port Manager ABP Teignmouth and Plymouth, who will talk on "ABP Devon Ports"

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed

Date