

HOLCOMBE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of General Meeting held Friday 13th February 2009

1. Welcome

The Chairman offered a warm welcome to 33 members.

2. Apologies

Lois Bromley, Brenda Bruce, William & Rosemary Tuohey, Graham Greetham, Martin Parsons, Chris & Lynn Lavis, John and Barbara Wright, Val Wedlake.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held 7th November 2008.

The minutes were approved and signed as a true and fair record.

4. Matters Arising.

- a. Community Owned Common Ground. This is dependant on Lottery funding which has not materialised. DCC will pass on the information should this come through.
- b. The potholes in Windward Lane have been filled.

5. Current Association activities.

- 5.1 **Monthly lunches.** The coffee mornings have developed into lunches, the next one will be held on 23rd February. Catering is limited to 36. HRA and the St George's Church have been running these with some funding now coming from The Celia Trust. John Watson expressed thanks to Chairman Gerry for his initiative and creating terrific community spirit.

5.2 Planning applications

- a. Holcombe Hall. An informal hearing is to be held to hear the appeal against Teignbridge District Council's refusal to grant planning permission. All objectors will receive notification and be invited to speak. Andy Watson will be the spokesperson for HRA. Humphrey advised that all who wished would be given the opportunity to speak and added that there is a booklet available from Teignbridge "How to Speak at Appeals" which is very useful.
- b. 71 Teignmouth Road. Richard Rain said that the property is now for sale and attracting a great deal of interest at £330,000
- c. Holcombe Drive. There is concern over unauthorised access in this private road. Two properties in Windward Lane have obtained planning permission to build in their gardens but have no vehicular rights to use the Drive. Humphrey advised that in the event of any attempts to begin building before the improvement to the junction with the A379, which is a stipulation of the planning approval, should be reported to the Enforcement Officer.

- 5.3 **Footpath along the A379.** Margaret Behenna has raised concern about the width of this path now that the vegetation and soil from the cliff have encroached onto it, making it very narrow and dangerous. John Watson has written to DCC Highways who replied that they would investigate and respond in due course. Letters are available on the website and should anyone like to add register their concern it is good to have as many voices as possible.

- 5.4 **Christmas Fayre and Barn Dance.** The Nearly New stall was very successful, raising £51.50 for the Village Hall. Attendance was down so this was a good effort. The Barn Dance was great fun and made £158.00 profit. Red Shed and the Hall have been booked for 27th November.

5.5 **Arts and Crafts Exhibition.** Roger reported that planning is continuing and some twenty replies have been received from prospective exhibitors so far. We have been unable to access any funding as yet, Teignbridge is a definite no but local councillors will be asked if they have grants available.

6.AOB

- a. Gerry has received a letter from the Village Hall committee asking if there is anyone who would be interested in standing at the AGM. Several of their members have worked for more than twenty years and they would like some new people. Meetings are monthly. Volunteers are being sought to help with the upkeep of the exterior areas. Gerry suggested this would be a good opportunity to involve some younger members in both the HRA and the Village Hall. The AGM for the Village Hall will be held on 11th May at 7.30.
- b. HRA AGM will be held on 24th April. The speaker will be from Network Rail about the stabilising of the cliffs between the Parsons and Shell tunnels. Humphrey was given only fourteen days warning of the work starting on 1st December and no right of objection. All work should be completed by 22nd June 2009.
- c. The website is going from strength to strength and is a great source of information. Thanks to Andy Watson for all his input and hard work.
- d. Roger reminded members of the monthly produce market on The Lawn in Dawlish.
- e. On 12th March there will be a meeting at the Shaftesbury Theatre of the Greening Campaign. This is to set groups in individual areas to fight climate change.

7. The date of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be the AGM to be held on Friday 24th April at 7.15pm.
Speaker Network Rail.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed

Date

The meeting was followed by a very informative talk by Jo Wilcocks a Devon Trading Standards Officer.