

HOLCOMBE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of General Meeting held Friday 12th June 2009

Before the meeting opened members were addressed by the police officer for Starcross and Kenton, the Dawlish officers Terry and Neil being unavailable. She was questioned about motorcycle speeding/racing through Holcombe Dip and Smugglers Dip and suggested that a mobile Speed Trolley could be used as a deterrent. There were also complaints about the noise levels of some vehicles.

1. Welcome

The Chairman offered a warm welcome to members, remembering to point out the emergency exits.

2. Apologies

John & Lin Watson, John & Lois Bromley, Charles & Gwyn Crossland, Brenda Bruce, Graham Greetham, Martin Parsons, Chris & Lynn Lavis, Derek & Mary King, Mr & Mrs Sprague, Brian & Jane Pearce, John Partridge, Katherine Wolfendale.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held 13th February 2009.

After correcting the minute 5.1 that the Celia Trust had helped with the funding of the lunch at the Village Hall as a one off occasion not an ongoing arrangement, the minutes were approved and signed as a true and fair record.

4. Matters Arising.

Matters from the minutes will be dealt with via the Agenda.

5. Current Association activities.

5.1 The list of officers for this year to be found at the bottom of the Agenda.

5.2 The next monthly lunch will be 21st September. On 29th June a day trip is planned to Sidmouth via Otter Nurseries by coach. In April 2010 a repeat of the trip to the Champagne Region is planned, more details later.

5.3 Planning.

- a. The 2 houses planned at 72 Teignmouth Road are being advertised for sale from the architect's drawings at around £400,000.
- b. It has been reported that Holcombe Hall is for sale with planning permission for the new extensions.

5.4 Summer Fayre will be held on 11th July. Carol circulated lists for food and offers of help.

5.5 Arts and Crafts Exhibition. Plans are well underway. Both rooms will be used to accommodate 30+ exhibitors. Andy is to organise the stewarding and is looking for volunteers. Carol will organise the refreshments.

6.AOB

- a. Following the speaker from British Rail at the AGM there has been exchange of communication regarding the safety of cycling along the sea wall. The conclusion is that it is against the by laws to cycle along the wall as you can only be on railway property on foot (19.12.2000) Also it is an offence to cycle against any traffic sign. So it is illegal but it is up to Network Rail to enforce this, although it is unlikely that the regular patrols necessary will ever be available. John Evans pointed out that cycling on pavements and footpaths is now common practice. The Association will pursue any ideas to deal with the problem.
- b. There is concern as to the condition of Holcombe Road following the surface dressing. John Clatworthy has visited the Minadab and Blue Waters and is on the case .
- c. It has been reported that the owners of Leigh House are merging with another company and there will be evidence of some action in the next six weeks.

7. The date of the next meeting.

Arts and Crafts Exhibition 12th 13th September 2009.

General meeting Friday 16th October 2009. The speaker will be Dr Gavin Haig whose subject will be "The Trials and Tribulations of a Surgeon"

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed

Date

The meeting was followed by a fascinating talk by Dr Todd Gray on "Devon's Lost Heritage"