

HOLCOMBE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of General Meeting held Friday 10th September 2010

The meeting began with an informative talk by Dave Atkin, Port Manager, Teignmouth and Plymouth on “Associated British Ports”

1. Welcome

The Chairman offered a warm welcome to members.

2. Apologies

David Smith, Gwyn Crossland, Janet Evans, Carol Chambers, Fred and Carole Comber, Barbara Wright, Derek and Mary King, Martin Parsons, Graham Greetham, David and Jill Harrison, Chris and Lynn Lavis.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held 11th June 2010.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed as correct.

4. Matters Arising.

- a. The “For Sale” signs that had appeared on the main road were reported to DCC who contacted the estate agents concerned. The signs were removed with haste.
- b. Following the complaints about sewage overflowing and flooding Smugglers Lane by the secretary on behalf of members there has been a very positive response from the Environment Agency and from South West Water. There has been a site meeting attended by all parties. The problem is caused by the combination of sewage and surface water after heavy rainfall causing the holding tanks in Hall Lane to overwhelm the pumping station. The equipment in place to prevent a surge failed, in extreme conditions, to allow a permitted overflow into the sea through a pipe under the railway. SWW have a duty to respond to any report of any smell or overflow. This can be done on freephone 0800 169 11 44, please do so on the same day that a problem occurs. SWW have promised action to check filters and storm retention etc and a further meeting will be held in one month. Councillor Clemens said that SWW are admitting that the system is beyond capacity which could be relevant to planning applications when the Environment Agency will comment, not SWW.

5. Current Association activities.

5.1 Many thanks to Janet Evans and all who helped and contributed to the refreshments at the Summer Fayre. £78.05 was raised for the Village Hall.

5.2 Lunches. Gerry Chambers reported on the success of the lunches.

5.3 Planning.

- a. 4 Ash Park. An objection to the application to build a dwelling in the garden has been sent based on overdevelopment, garden grabbing, access and amenity issues.
- b. Teignbridge Planning Officer is to hold a strategic meeting with HRA in order to outline how Holcombe fits into the local plan and to understand the impact of new government policies etc.

5.4 Future Activities. The questionnaire delivered to all members is to help the committee plan in the future and to meet the aims and objectives of the Association. The results will be collated and reported at the next meeting.

6. Sustrans Cycle Path through Holcombe.

Sustrans (sustainable transport) have been actively involved in The Exe Estuary route - Exeter to Dawlish is almost complete and plans for Teignmouth to Newton Abbot are laid for the future but none yet for Dawlish to Teignmouth. This is obviously difficult and on being asked about this plan Sustrans said it was a very good question and had the Association any ideas! If anyone can offer help please contact the committee to help put together a proposal.

7. AOB

- a. Devon County Councillor John Clatworthy reported that the cycle path from Cockwood to Dawlish Warren will be developed in the new year.
- b. There will be a review of the necessity of street lighting from 12.30am to 5.30am. This will not affect main roads. Much discussion followed resulting in the general feeling that the lights should be turned off, as indeed they were in the past. The Association's comments can be found on the website and individuals were asked to comment by 22 September via the Dawlish Town Cryer website, prior to a meeting of DCC on 6th October.
- c. Harold Hayden asked if there was any news on the provision of a pedestrian island in Holcombe Dip. John Watson said that this was a concern reflected in the questionnaire. It would be part of a planning gain from Holcombe Drive, should that happen and HRA will try to pressure Highways.

8. Next Event

Friday 28th November

Christmas Barn Dance to "Red Shed"

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed

Date