

## HOLCOMBE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of General Meeting held Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2011

**The meeting opened with a fascinating and beautifully illustrated talk by John Risdon on “Torbay’s Glorious Coastline”**

#### **1. Welcome**

Gerry Chambers took the meeting and before he welcomed the members who had braved the very unpleasant weather to attend he gave a very sincere tribute to the memory of Douglas Bruce, past Treasurer of the Association, who has sadly died.

#### **2. Apologies**

Councillor Humphrey Clemens, Andy Watson, Kate Wolfendale, John and Lin Watson, John and Janet Evans, Lois Bromley, Geoff and Jill King, David Goodsell, Harold Hayden.

#### **3. Minutes of the Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> June 2011.**

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

#### **4. Matters Arising.**

There were no matters arising that were not covered by the Agenda.

#### **5. Current Association activities.**

5.1 Neighbourhood Plan Update. John Bromley told the meeting that the plan has reached the draft stage. Andy and John have attended the regular meetings and all information can be found on the website and in the Holcombe Newsletter. The final draft has been agreed for publication. There has been an enormous amount of information filtered through from the twelve different organisations involved in the Dawlish Parish with meetings and workshops also attended by County and Local Councillors. Over the next twenty years, 2000 houses are planned in the parish of which 20 will be in the village with 6 being affordable. This is only a draft and Teignbridge will refer back to the public in the New Year when there will be a referendum on the proposals. Andy and John are HRA representatives and welcome any input from villagers once the draft has been read. Councillor Ros Prowse, who is Chair of the Steering Group, said that the object of the plan is to protect the parish over the next twenty years whilst creating homes, jobs and opportunities. The Draft Consultation Document will be available after 16<sup>th</sup> September. Central government have provided £20000 for the project that must be completed by March when Teignbridge which is the first to go through the process, announces the Core Strategy. Comments on the draft Plan will be welcomed and should be received by Teignbridge by 7 October. Ros stressed that the plan is essential to pull all ideas together. With the new planning regulations proposed the plan is even more vital.

5.2 Open Forum Issues.

a. A379. A new letter has been received agreeing that all ideas put forward by the residents are good but there is no funding available. HRA will monitor the situation.

b. Gatehouse development/Smuggler's Lane. The gap in the wall is not subject to enforcement to be closed as the development has not been completed. Response by SW Water to complaints about the pumping station has been good but not very effective.

c. HRA has met the police to discuss using a speed camera to monitor traffic through the main road. The feelings of residents are now understood and the local officer will investigate ways of tackling the problem.

d. The problem of the narrow footpath around the bend of the A379 approaching from Teignmouth has been raised yet again. Once more it has become overgrown and is in a very bad state. Devon County Councillor John Clatworthy will approach the new Neighbourhood Highway's team.

e. The local police officer had delivered the recent crime figures for Dawlish in July.

5.3 Lunch Club. The new season is starting and everything is going well. Roger is willing to run any day trips should there be a demand and sufficient numbers.

5.4 Summer Fayre. The refreshment stall raised £119 for the Village Hall. Thanks to everyone who contributed or helped in any way.

5.5 Only a very few tickets are left for the Tony Beard evening on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

5.6 Barn Dance tickets will be available soon.

## **6. Planning**

a. 4 Ash Park. Appeal submitted against the refusal of permission to build a dwelling in the back garden.

b. Caravan in Little Leigh. Permission granted for one year only.

## **7. AOB.**

a. Bunty Pike brought attention to the problem of some dog owners picking up their dog waste but then abandoning the plastic bag instead of putting it in a bin. This has led to unsightly and unpleasant instances of bags in gardens and hedges etc. No one could offer a solution. A letter will be sent to the Town Council.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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