



Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12 June 2008

Present: Martin Phipps (MP) Noelin Hawkins (NH) John Sidwell (JS) Eileen McHugh (EMH) Pat Phipps (PP) Kate Brennan (KB) Jim Parker (JP) Andy Humphries (AH) Lorna Sage (LS)

Apologies: - Sylvia Cartwright, Grace Hampson

Minutes of previous meeting - 10/4 /08

The minutes were approved and will be signed by AH at the next committee meeting.

Matters Arising

None.

Tribute to Paul Newby

All members of the Committee acknowledged the tragic and sudden death of Paul Newby, a much loved member, with AH leading the tributes. Paul will be remembered by all for his wonderful cheery disposition and AH had brought along some treasured photos for the committee to remember him by. Several members discussed what could be done as a fitting tribute to Paul and it was suggested that his picture be placed on the front of the Annual Report and also on the AVS programme for 2008/09. AH said that this will be considered at a later stage in consultation with Paul's wife.

Walks/ Talks/Outings

The verdict on the last talk at the village hall was excellent and the last walk attracted 12 people. The summer outing is now fully booked. MP has offered to do a map for those who require one. The visit this year is to the Purity brewery near Alcester.

2008/2009 Programme

PP reported that the programme is now completed and ready to be sent to AH. LS has managed to recruit 4 new leaders to lead the walks in 2009 a number of which will take members to new areas not previously explored and to stagger these away walks for March and May 09. LS will pass on all information regarding the walks programme to AH.

AVS 40th Anniversary

In addition to the ideas put forward at the previous meeting a couple of new suggestions were made. EMH asked that we incorporate an event around the station and JP suggested that we consider having a meal at the Botanical gardens. JP will investigate costs and report back to the committee.

The idea of a daffodil plant was explored and it was agreed that the committee would ask if the village hall would like to join in this event. EMH will contact the Highways Agency and report back regarding issues at the next meeting. The committee will need to make decisions about where to carry out the daffodil plant

Membership

The membership list was distributed and everyone will undertake a cross check and notify any amends to AH. MP will give any spare copies of the village trail to KB to help mock up a membership pack. AH has offered to prepare some A4 flyers to be used in a campaign to drive up membership and NH will draw up a targeted distribution list.

NH suggested that we pursue efforts to attract younger members and form a junior AVS by carrying out a campaign at the new school with 9-11 year olds. After some discussion it was agreed that the committee need to focus on areas where the AVS can make the most impact.

Finance and Admin

The current account stands at £1432.25 and the parish footpaths is the same as the last minutes. A cheque was paid in for £1,420 and one new member has been recruited.

No reply has been received from Digby Jones regarding the recent letter sent by AH and LS has offered to follow up by phone.

PP resigns as programme secretary in 2009 and EMH has offered to ask GH and report back at the next meeting.

AH will consult with the Parish Council regarding the appointment of a parish path warden.

Footpath Report

AH will discuss auger training with Worcester County Council and this item will be carried forward to the next committee meeting.

Marketing - Web-site development/leaflets

AH will see Geoff Franklin to start the process. NH will ask Andrew Simpson to get a quote from the Printers to enable the production of more walks leaflets.

Notice Boards

The notice board in the car park needs repairing. AH and JS will get together after the meeting to discuss who looks after each of the boards for the future.

Planning

MP reported that planning permission has been given for the addition of 20 houses at Hopwood and a proposal for a further 30 affordable homes on Birmingham Road next to the M42 is being looked at by BDC.

The village design statement will be relaunched as the Parish Design Statement and has already been incorporated into BDC planning guidance. AH will involve AVS in reviewing the design statement.

Village Issues

The next meeting of the Alvechurch Neighbourhood Group is due to take place on 18/6/08.....and there is a public meeting about the proposed MUGA at Swan's Length the following night in the Village Hall.

Any other Business

- The Crown Meadow summer celebration will take place on 21/6/08 between 2-5pm at the new school,
- AH had now made a list of AVS archives in his possession.....for discussion at the next Committee meeting.
- The next CPRE meeting will take place on 22/6/08 at Worcester University.
- The next litter pick is due to take place in August 2008.

The meeting finished at 8.55pm.
