



## Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13 November 2008

Present: Martin Phipps (MP), Pat Phipps (PP) Jim Parker (JP) Andy Humphries (AH) Lorna Sage (LS) Eileen McHugh (EMH) John Sidwell (JS)

Apologies: - Sylvia Cartwright (SC), Mark Peters (MP), Bob Dale (BD). Noelin Hawkins (NH), Kate Brennan (KB), Grace Hampson (GC)

### Minutes of previous meeting – 16/10/08

Minutes approved with one change (we should stress those who did financially support the daffodil plant rather than those who didn't).

### Matters Arising

Memorial for Paul Newby  
Notice board Plaque

Carried forward to January 2009.

JS has clarified the wording and will now order the plaque.

### Finance and Admin

The current account stands at £824.79 and the PFP account stands at £1200.88. The auger money had been paid by Worcestershire County Council as part of last and this year's grants....it had not been explicitly recorded as a separate item.

AH had written to members who hadn't paid their 2008 subs.....most have now paid .....2 had already paid and 4 have decided not to renew their membership MP / PP will check with 2 neighbours in Birmingham Road and AH will contact the small number of remaining members a second time. The daffodil plant has brought in 8 members to the Society and 3 additional members have joined in the last month. **This was good news and AH took the opportunity to thank EMcH and GH for their efforts in planning and running the daffodil plant which had proved such a success for AVS.**

A request for 2009 subs would be put in the Annual Report, supported at evening meetings. Receipts should continue to be offered to individuals but issued automatically to organisations

### Programme Secretary

GH has too many commitments currently to take on this role and EMcH would prefer not to do it on her own. MP offered to help PP for another year, with EMcH shadowing them. AH will put something in Grapevine asking for Committee volunteers, especially a Programme Secretary. **AH thanked MP and PP for helping the Committee out in this area.**

### Walks and Talks

October talk (Magistrates in the Community) excellent with a good turn out. AVS was invited to visit the Birmingham Law Courts next year as a follow-up. November walk good.

Xmas Revels being planned....slight food changes but PP happy.

### Planning

No significant planning applications but 2 important planning issues discussed at the last Parish Council meeting:

1. Bromsgrove DC will no longer send all applications to the Parish Council in paper form for public inspection. They will be available online instead.....there are pros and cons to this change but it is becoming the way forward for many planning authorities. AH to check details and talk to AVS members for their views.
2. West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy.....is becoming public knowledge and is proposing a large increase in housing development, especially on the northern edges of Redditch. A public meeting had been held in Rowney Green but how well had it been advertised.

## AVS 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

JP brought in some old photos.....**more needed from other AVS members !**  
No further progress on events.

## Footpath report

The footpath breakfast on 8/11/08 attracted 16 volunteers + was successful. Decisions on a new Parish Paths Warden would be made during the winter. An inventory of tools and equipment had been sent to the County Council along with an early task list for 2009.

The Tanyard Lane car park notice board is now in a poor state and AVS has heard informally that Bromsgrove would like us to make it safe and / or move it. This will be done asap.....grant funding is still being sought to replace it. AH will raise at the Neighbourhood Group and EMcH will check on a Co-op based scheme.

## Village Issues

### The Meadows

AH had spoken to Roger Hollingworth and will raise the issue at the next Neighbourhood Group ,meeting on 20/11. He will stress the need a Community-wide approach to raise funds to drain the Meadows, then put together a public plan for its future use.

## Any other business

### The old school site

EMcH reported that the site was accessible from Tanyard Lane to travellers (only blocked by earth mounds.....**note the day after the meeting, concrete posts were installed here !**)

### CPRE

JP circulated a pack from CPRE backing up their Stop the Drop anti-litter campaign.

### Parish Leaflet

Worcestershire County Council were preparing a leaflet to attract visitors to every Parish. A draft was circulated....with footpath details, a Parish map etc. Idea very good....this draft needs only a few minor changes.

Meeting closed at 20.40.