

Minutes of General Meeting 4 of HaVACE held 8pm 12/10/2011 at Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall

Present Martin Coppen, James Croser , David and Rekha Ankcorn, John Scott SMB, John Scott LP, Pat Jones, Mark and Fenella Williams , Lyn North, Eve Lind-Smith, Valerie Kennett, Robert Sykes , Terry and Ruth Hemming, Mike Nash (Hurstbourne Tarrant), Win and Bill Coventry, Andy Smith (representing Longparish Community Association.) (All those present to be identified by their initials in the minutes, LP Longparish, SMB St Mary Bourne, and HBP Hurstbourne Priors)

Chair: Canon Martin Coppen

The chairman outlined the aims of the meeting as set down in the agenda.

Agenda item 1)

Establish HaVACE as a charitable Association and adopt the constitution.

JC: updated those present about the discussions of the constitution subgroup. We are to have a gentle start, as the full aims of the group are still not clear. As we have already received £150 from St Mary Bourne Flower Show we need to open a bank account and thus must have a constitution. As we are unlikely to have an income greater than £5000 we are too small to register with the charities commission. We can however register with HMRC to recover VAT and tax on charitable donations.

MW: questioned, that as the constitution stood, the 3 purposes did not reach the charity commission's 12 headings and thus our aims would be no different from those of a parish council. Our activities may cause friction with the local parish councils. He felt we would not be credible and may store up problems, especially if we were broader than the Charity Commission's 12 headings.

The chair clarified that we had no intention of duplicating the role of a Parish council or any other bodies. We should be as broad as possible to start with, to enable the organization to change and grow.

JC pointed out that it was not appropriate to start at the level of a charity registered with the Charities Commission.

Chair said the constitution was to start to put some accountability on to the organization. It is not set in stone and is amendable. It allows us to open a bank account and makes the treasurer responsible.

MW questioned the need for members.

PJ explained that this had been discussed very fully and our legal representative DA had explained that members are required, so that there are clear lines of accountability for people working for the organization.

The first AGM, at the end of January, will be a time when the constitution can be changed

The vote for the constitution was proposed by David Ankcorn and seconded by John Scott LP

A vote was taken to adopt the constitution 17 for, 1 against

The founder members MC, JC, RA, JS, JS, DA and PJ agreed to act as interim trustees until the AGM.

Those present were asked to complete membership forms if they wished to be members.

(The agenda clarifies the differences between trustees, members and supporters.)

Agenda Item 2 Brief reports on current initiatives

a) Signposting. MW has collected a large volume of material to be put on the website once it is running and to be incorporated into information pages for the Hill and Valley. He gave an update on the elderly person's needs questionnaire and the feedback he had had

MC felt this was a big job for one person and asked if MW wanted some help and he agreed that that would be useful.

b) Neighbour care following a meeting it had been decided that it would be easier for each village to set up its own system, but SMB with a lot of experience would be happy to help and advise

Andy Smith from Longparish community association felt that they could do more and will be investigating.

c) Village agents This is a 15month pilot, sponsored by Age Concern Winchester, aimed at rural communities and vulnerable people. LN and VK have completed most of their training and are trying to piggy back their availability on the other organizations that are currently running. Such as the health walk, the coffee morning and the lunch. At the moment they are not sure that they are meeting the most vulnerable and feel it will take time for the word to spread.

All people within the parishes can drop in for advice although the initiative is centered on SMB.

d) Parish nursing scheme. This is starting as an exploration to see if needed. It would be a part time nurse (probably voluntary with expenses paid) working under the auspices of the church. Parish nurses give health advice but do not perform any invasive nursing procedures or treatments. A meeting has been set up with a parish nurse to find out more. The local GP is enthusiastic.

e) Coffee morning at The Coronation. This had a very good start with 20 people attending. A good age range and a good social atmosphere. It is open to the whole area. At the moment it is the 3rd Tuesday in the month. There was some debate about clashing with the HBP monthly coffee morning and the tea at Wherwell on a Monday. This needed looking at.

f) Older persons needs survey. MW had contacted a researcher from the University of Kent. Although there had been some concerns from peoples feedback that the questionnaire was quite invasive. The research had shown that you have to ask quite personal questions to get any answers. It has to be credible and a lot of thought needs to be put in to how it is done. Support will be needed from LP community association and other bodies. The trustees will discuss help for MW

g) The under or unemployed JS (LP) although website is set up, there has been no time to push it and advertise it. There have been no approaches as yet. More research required. Psychology of the unemployed is difficult to address. There was discussion around the difficulty of teenagers being able to learn skills that might interest them more than school work, due to regulations and

insurance. Mentoring for teenagers was put forward as a new initiative. It was pointed out that mentoring and counselling are two very different disciplines. Counselling helps people to make decisions for themselves where as mentoring gives guidance.

h) Fuel Syndicate, the telephone number needs to be included in every Parish Magazine. People that have used it so far have been happy.

Agenda Item 3 Ideas for new initiatives and things to keep on the list.

- 1) Vacation Lunch for children that get free school meals.
- 2) Exchange system e.g. child care for gardening.
- 3) Respite care home.
- 4) Car share scheme.
- 5) Meals on wheels.
- 6) Food distribution (as in Andover Food bank)
- 7) Lending of equipment etc (as in LP Community Association. Loan of barbecues, tents etc)

Agenda item 4 date of next meeting. Wednesday 25th January 2012