

# Howe Green Community Association

Minutes of the meeting of the Association  
held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2003  
at Howe Green Chapel

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| <b>Chairperson</b>      | David Pearson |
| <b>Vice Chairman</b>    | Ken Wedon     |
| <b>Minute Secretary</b> | None          |
| <b>Treasurer</b>        | Wendy Spooner |

## **Committee Members :-**

Judy Bynom  
Martin Cross  
Lesley Franklin  
David Hewitt  
Caroline Hartard  
Pauline Hollingsworth  
David McGregor  
Vic Morgan  
Richard Spooner  
David Yolland

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

Judy Bynom  
Caroline Hartard

## **2. Minutes from the last meeting held in July 2003**

Not available

## **3. Parish Council Update**

Neville Jessop provided an update on Parish Council affairs – attached. He pointed out that there will be a meeting of the Borough Council on 23rd September 2003 where they will be discussing the question of proposed access routes to Hyde Hall. He suggested that residents should attend in view of the likely resultant increase in traffic using the East Hanningfield Road. A final decision must be made at that meeting. Unless good reasons are put forward, the application is likely to go through.

## **4. Review of Survey results**

The committee reviewed the replies to two of questions in the HG Residents Survey of 2002/3:

### **What do you think a community association should do for Howe Green?**

**Traffic Calming** - It was decided that Ken Wedon would write to the Borough planning department to press for further traffic calming measures. It was pointed out that the new Hyde Hall access proposals were at odds with any measures to reduce traffic flow along East Hanningfield Road.

**Monitor planning developments** – This is done. Ken Wedon receives a regular statement outlining planning provisions and vets them for anything that will affect the community.

**Pub/Shop with a cash machine** – Some thought this would be a good idea but that there is no suitable location.

**Revive Neighbourhood Watch** – Neville Jessop is in contact with Chelmsford and South Woodham Ferrers authorities regarding crime reports etc. He will be revising the list of local neighbourhood watch co-ordinators and will present this committee with the current list. The neighbourhood watch organisation will provide leaflets and information on local crimes and crime prevention. There is concern over bogus calls on elderly people. Anyone at risk can obtain help, free of charge, with window catches, locks etc. Equipment is also available for indelible marking of belongings. It is possible to obtain a reduction in insurance policy premiums for registered members of a neighbourhood watch.

David McGregor pointed out that, on coming out of Alexander Mews, the view of traffic on the East Hanningfield road is restricted by a hedge, which should be cut back. It is believed that the owners of the hedge have refused to cut it back. Neville Jessop agreed to write to the Borough Council on this matter.

**What type of events would you like to see being held?**

Following a general discussion of possible events, the Social Committee (Vic Morgan and Lesley Franklin) agreed to investigate and submit proposals to the committee. Bowling (with competition between teams), BBQs, theatre, coach trips and coffee mornings were discussed.

**Walks** – Neville Jessop told the committee that he now has a copy of the Definitive Footpath Map. He asked for someone to become the Official Custodian of the map so that it would be available for general use for walks in the area. Volunteer required!

**Village Cleanup** – The Parish Council may be able to organise some cleaning of footpaths.

**5. Treasurer's report**

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| Current Account | £606.02   |
| Deposit Account | £1,213.48 |

Residents can now pay the subscription by standing order, due on 1st May each year. Any payments not received by the end of May would be collected by collectors. There are some vacancies in the list of collectors. The chairman agreed to find volunteers to fill the gaps.

**6. Any other business**

**Newsletter** - The practice of producing a newsletter twice a year will continue.

**Minutes Secretary vacancy** – It was agreed that Julie Hunt be asked to take up the post of Minutes Secretary.

**Frequency of Committee Meetings** – It was agreed that meetings continue to be held bi-monthly: the third Monday in the months of September, November, January, March and May, with the AGM in July.

**Web Site** – The chairman agreed to set up a web site for the community. This could include a list services and tradesmen (builders etc) that residents have used and can recommend.

**7. Date of next committee meeting**

17th November 2003