

Howe Green Community Association

Minutes of the meeting of the Association
held on Monday 18th Nov 2003
at Howe Green Chapel

Chairperson	David Pearson
Vice Chairman	Ken Wedon
Minute Secretary	None
Treasurer	Wendy Spooner

Committee Members :-

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Leslie Frankland (resigned)
Caroline Hartard

2. Minutes from the last meeting held in Sept 2003

Approval proposed – Ken Wedon. Seconded – David Hewitt. Approved

3. Election of New Secretary

Julie Hunt had been proposed for the post but has declined. She indicated a willingness to help out but not on the committee. It was suggested that she might like to sit in on the next meeting to see what it is like.

It was agreed that the chairman would take the minutes of this meeting and that Martin would take the minutes of the next two meetings.

4. Election of New Member of Social Sub-committee

Judy Bynom has joined the Social Sub-committee.

5. Parish Council Update from Neville

- The Parish Council has now deliberated on the precept for next year. By carefully monitoring our spend this year we are able to put some monies into a reserve account and reduce the requirement for funds next year.
- The Council has purchased a number of daffodil and narcissi bulbs this year and would like volunteers to plant 250 in and around the Howe Green area.

Ken Wedon agreed to take delivery of the bulbs and asked for volunteers to help on Saturday morning at around 9 am.

- With a further resignation from the Parish Council we now have three vacancies. We are fortunate that resulting from the appear in our recent newsletter, three people have come forward for consideration. We hope the we can co-opt these at our December meeting.
- We have invited the Crime Reduction Officer to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the possibility of introducing the “Good Neighbour Scheme” in Sandon. The object of this scheme is to provide vulnerable elderly or infirm people the opportunity to call on a neighbour to help with negotiations with doorstep tradesmen and bogus callers.

The meeting discussed the 'Message in a Bottle' scheme.

6. Environment

Traffic

The meeting discussed the prospects of two new roundabouts at East Hanningfield that might slow, and therefore discourage, traffic from South Woodham Ferrers (on the basis that traffic from SWF would not have priority).

As regards other traffic measures, there is currently no funding for further work on traffic calming measures for Howe Green.

Traffic is still entering Howe Green at too high a speed. It was suggested that the 30 mph signs were not visible enough and that they should be supplemented, perhaps by markings on the road surface. This question will be referred to the Council.

Cleaning

Mud has accumulated on the bridlepath at the bottom of Gingerbread Hill. Cleaning is apparently an ECC responsibility. They are waiting for funds.

Sandon Waste Disposal Scheme Compost Maker

Sandon Parish Council are pushing for a totally-enclosed compost maker that will reduce the impact on the environment. It was agreed to keep a watching brief on the situation.

Hedge Clipping

The question of clipping the hedge to improve visibility at the exit from Alexander Mews has been referred to the Chelmsford Borough Council.

7. Social sub-committee report

A timetable for social events will be presented at the next meeting.

Sandon Gardening and Allotment Association are organising a trip to the Kent Show. Information to follow.

8. Disposal/Storage of Fair sideshow equipment

Peter Ellis will be approached with a view to storing the woodwork.

Martin agreed to store the tent with help from the chairman.

9. Treasurer's report

Current Account	£606.02
Deposit Account	£1,221.41

The meeting discussed the distribution of a standing order form that residents can use to set up a standing order with their banks. It was agreed that the chairman do a dummy run with the form through his bank.

The chairman was able to identify payments of £1 and £3 that had been made into the HGCA account.

10. Any other business

David Hewitt resigned from the committee. He was thanked for his efforts.

Neville agreed to compile a folder of information that could be presented to new residents.

11. Dates of future committee meetings

The chapel has been booked for 2004 meetings on 19th January, 15th March, 17th May and 19th July (AGM). Given sufficient notice these dates can be changed.