

# Howe Green Community Association

Minutes of the meeting of the Association Committee  
held on Tuesday 16 November 2004  
at Howe Green Chapel

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

## **Committee Members:**

Judy Bynom  
Martin Cross - absent  
Gabi Everett - absent  
Caroline Travis - absent  
David McGregor  
Vic Morgan  
Mark Rayner - absent  
Richard Spooner - absent

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

Richard Spooner  
Caroline Travis  
Gabi Everett  
Martin Cross  
Mark Rayner

## **2. Minutes from the last meeting held in Sept 2004**

Minutes not available.

## **3. Parish Council update from Neville**

Neville not present. *The chairman agreed to contact Neville again to organise a new representative.*

## **4. Environment**

### **Hyde Hall Access**

The chairman outlined the new proposal for access via Creephedge Lane. From the point of view of Howe Green residents, this would appear to be a worse alternative than the previous one as traffic from the North is most likely to travel via East Hanningfield and Howe Green. Furthermore, the proposal included a plan to improve (straighten) Creephedge Lane; this is likely to encourage residents of South Woodham Ferrers to use this route. EH parish council are opposing the proposal: their document is included on the Howe Green web site.

*It was agreed that the chairman contact Neville with a view to encouraging Sandon PC to oppose the new route. Ken will write to the CBC on behalf of the committee to oppose the new route.*

### **A130 Road Works**

*It was agreed that Ken contact the CBC to find out what is proposed regarding rerouting of A130 traffic via the old A130 during road works. We can then make appropriate representation.*

### **Cycle Path - Cleaning**

The cycle path still has not been cleaned. It is a hazard, to such an extent that cyclists are using the main road instead. *Vic agreed to write on behalf of the committee.*

### **Missing Chalklands Road Sign**

*Ken agreed to contact the CBC regarding a new road sign.*

## **Kelly Turkeys**

Having visited Kelly Turkeys on the 8 Nov, the chairman reported his findings to the committee.

“Four of us visited Kelly Turkeys and were shown round by Paul Kelly.

Extending the operation to 365 days per year could open the way to abuse but what they actually need to be able to do is to slaughter a few birds on any day to meet an order. The current 21-day limit would not allow for this.

We were assured that there will be no smell resulting from their operations. The cause of smell which, in the past, resulted from processing of the feathers was traced and eradicated. Waste products are taken away.

Foreign workers. They no longer employ the agency workers who caused problems in the past. They use the same temporary Polish workers every year. These people know the work and travel to and from the site by minibus.

We were assured that there would be no increase in traffic and very little overnight traffic.

I was impressed with the set-up and convinced that extending the permitted days of operation from 21 to 50 days per year should be permitted. This, in my opinion, would not lead to any expansion of operations or nuisance. In fact, not to allow the extension could result in more local nuisance. “

Ken read extracts from the extensive report on the Kelly planning application. The Planning Committee rejected the application by a large majority.

Opinions on the committee were divided. It was decided to arrange a visit to Kelly farms on 6th December, while slaughtering is in progress, by committee members who had not seen the site. *The chairman agreed to arrange this.*

## **5. Social Events**

### **Dinner**

It was agreed to organise a dinner for around Feb/March 2005. *Vic will look into it.*

## **6. Finance**

Wendy presented the accounts. We have £913.61 in current account and £1240.05 on deposit. This includes £6.46 interest.

The results of the garden party were:

Expenditure:	£491.93
Income:	£587.02
Profit:	<b>£95.09</b>

Vic suggested that whoever organised the event should also coordinate the finances and present a completed project to the treasurer. This will be done in future.

## **7. Any other business**

There will be a Christmas Carol Service on Thursday 9th December 2004 in the chapel. All welcome. It will be a service of Nine Lessons and Carols and they would like a volunteer to read a lesson. *The chairman agreed to put the item on the web site.*

A resident requested that the dates for the Saturday refuse collection for next year be put in the newsletter. *The chairman agreed to put it in the Spring newsletter, provided the information is available at that time.*

Next meeting 17th January 2005.