

# Howe Green Community Association

Minutes of the meeting of the Association Committee  
held on Tuesday 22 November 2005  
at Howe Green Chapel

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

## **Committee Members:**

Judy Bynom  
Martin Cross  
Gabi Everett - absent  
Caroline Travis  
Vic Morgan  
Richard Spooner – absent

**Visiting:** Yvonne and Paul Bullock

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

Richard Spooner

## **2. Minutes from the last meeting held in March 2005**

Caroline's name added to Apologies for Absence. Minutes were then accepted.

## **3. Matters arising from last meeting**

Martin was not able to find out about a commercial property on Southend Road, beyond Neville's house, as the notice had been removed.

Vic reported on the finances of the Garden Party:

Income £611.23

Expenses £344.13

Result £267.10 profit. This figure includes £114 profit from the raffle and takes account of surplus food and drink bought back by committee members.

As regards the car boot sales, Ken has not contacted the CBC, having been on holiday. However, the chairman stated that Ian Wright has been in contact with the CBC and moves are afoot to curb or close the activity, which has now ceased for the Winter. Martin said that Car Boot Sale notices (up to 18) are being put up on around the A130 roundabout between 2 and 4 am on Sunday mornings.

## **4. Parish Council update**

None available.

## **5. Village Design Statement**

The chairman reported on progress with the VDS. The committee is currently producing a questionnaire that will be distributed throughout the parish. The chairman showed a copy of the latest version of the questionnaire. Later there will be a public meeting to gain opinions from the community.

Vic presented an article from the Sunday Times 20 Nov 05 a blueprint for a 'sustainable suburbia'. The chairman will present this to the VDS committee at the next VDS meeting.

## 6. Environment

Wendy provided a copy of a letter received by a neighbour from the Essex Police Casualty Reduction Unit in response to her complaints about speeding vehicles on the Southend Road. The letter stated that a speed data survey of the road had been completed. The survey recorded 6807 vehicles in the day with 85% travelling at or below approximately 38.5 mph. As a result of the survey and because of the accident rate on the road, the police will try to spend time detecting speeding offences on the road, with uniformed police officers helping to reduce traffic speeds.

The committee discussed the heavy traffic congestion that occurs during the morning rush-hour – traffic backing up from the roundabout up East Hanningfield Road and down the Southend Road. The congestion occurs because traffic from Howe Green gets out onto the roundabout only between light changes for traffic from the A12 (North) and Chelmsford. The only compensation is that the congestion may discourage traffic from South Woodham Ferrers from using the East Hanningfield Road.

## 7. Social Events

The dinner will be discussed at the next meeting in January 2006.

## 8. Treasurer's Report

Current account:	£1729.65
Deposit account:	<u>£1267.79</u>
Total	<b>£2997.44</b>

The treasurer will transfer some funds from the current account to the deposit account.

## 9. Any other business

Next committee meeting: 16 January 2006.  
Provisional AGM date: 24 April 2006