

Howe Green Community Association

Minutes of the meeting of the Association Committee
held on Wednesday 18 January 2006
at Howe Green Chapel

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

Committee Members:

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Wendy Spooner
Martin Cross
Gabi Everett
Caroline Travis

2. Minutes from the last meeting held in November 2005

Minutes were then accepted. Proposed: Ken Wedon. Seconded: Judy Bynom.

3. Matters arising from last meeting

Car boot sales: *Ken has not contacted the CBC, but pledged to do so.*

Auction sites: The existence of a new auction site was discussed. The opinion was expressed that such a change of use would require planning permission.

The police have been moving on vehicles that are parked on the cycle paths. They have also been monitoring and stopping speeding vehicles on the East Hanningfield Road.

4. Parish Council update

The parish council is now Chaired by Ian Wright following Neville Jessop's resignation due to ill health, and we also now have two new parish councillors, Ron Bullus who lives in Hammonds Road, Sandon, and Bernie Parmenter who lives in Sporhams Lane, Danbury. We still have one vacancy; we are in the process of advertising this - we are particularly keen to have someone in the Howe Green area on board so that this gives us a good spread of people around the parish. Perhaps there will be someone there tonight who would be interested in helping out a few hours a month! If anyone wants more info, please ask them to ring or email me and I will gladly help them.

As you know, we have started work on the Village Design Statement of which there are two members of the committee in Howe Green; the remaining members come from Sandon and Butts Green - again, it was felt to be important to have a spread of members around the parish so that all interests were catered for.

We have recently received a grant from Essex County Council of £1000 to be put towards IT equipment; I can report that a new computer was purchased and we are now in the process of

designing a website for the Parish Council - hopefully a link can be put in to the currently running HGCA website.

We have also been lucky enough to receive another grant from ECC, this time towards the purchase of a new tractor mower. We have felt for some time that the equipment that we purchased three years ago is not now suitable for the work we are now doing, and the new machine will make light work of the verges, especially some of the rougher grassed areas in the parish. We expect to take delivery of this within the next few weeks.

We are continuing to monitor the Quarry; we have set up a sub committee, retaining Neville Jessop on an advisory basis to keep abreast of this and ECC's waste management policies, especially in view of the Government's recent comments on incineration.

The new park and ride is nearing completion; an application for signage and a sculpture has been objected to by the Parish Council in view of it's size and multi-coloured facing which we feel is unacceptable in a rural situation, and we have requested that this is heard by the Planning Committee. We await the outcome.

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.

6. Kelly Turkeys

Kelly Turkeys have apparently reached an agreement with the planners regarding their activities. Paul Kelly has asked to address the community on this matter. *The committee agreed to reserve a slot at the AGM so that Paul Kelly can address the assembly.*

No notifications of changes in planning consent have been issued as far as is known by the committee.

7. Environment

Some favourable developments were welcomed: the speed trap in East Hanningfield Road, police moving on vehicles parked on cycle paths and road and path cleaning.

Some problems of parked vehicles remain. The chairman agreed to add a note to the next newsletter regarding these problems.

Yvonne raised the issue of the activities of their neighbours Mr & Mrs Dormer at *Three Oaks*. They have apparently bought a portion of land adjacent to their property and are in the process of putting in an access road to their bungalow at the rear, their intention being to build a new house on the land occupied by their drive. The committee considered that such a change of use would require planning permission. *Ken agreed to raise this matter with the planning authorities.*

8. Social Events

Vic outlined a plan to hold the annual dinner at the Royal Oak in Danbury for 3rd or 10th March at a cost of £24 or so. Details to be confirmed. The usual notice to be distributed with the VDS questionnaire in early February. *Vic agreed to organise this and produce a flyer.*

In view of the success of the 2005 Garden Party, it was proposed to repeat the event again in September 2006. The date 16th September was suggested. A sub-committee will be formed to organise this after the AGM.

9. Treasurer's Report

Current account:	£1689.00
Deposit account:	<u>£1267.79</u>
Total	£2956.79

It was agreed that some of the Current account balance be transferred to the Deposit account. It was suggested that an account could be found that did automatic sweeping. What about an Internet account? *Action: Wendy.*

10. Any other business

The committee agreed that the community gazeboes could be loaned to the VDS committee for use at the Sandon fair.

A planning application has been received for the demolition and rebuilding of Clare House in East Hanningfield Road.

Next committee meeting: **Wednesday** 29th March 2006.

AGM date: 24 April 2006