

Howe Green Community Association

Minutes of the meeting of the Association Committee
held on Tuesday 23rd January 2007
at Howe Green Chapel

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

Committee Members:

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Caroline, Yvonne, Paul.

2. Minutes from the last meeting held in December 2006

Minutes were accepted.

3. Matters arising from last meeting

It was noted that the trees on the pinch points have been replaced but the fence at the Howe Green entrance has not been repaired nor the signs replaced. The chairman agreed to

It was noted that nothing has been done about the traffic hazard at the roundabout beyond the roundabout. The point was made that Essex CC are very slow to act on anything.

4. Cllr Ian Wright

Ian asked that residents be made aware that he, as the local Borough Council representative, is available for handling problems related to the CBC. He agreed to let the chairman have an item for inclusion in the Spring newsletter.

Complaints were raised about the unreliable mains supply.

5. Sandon Parish Council Report

The noticeboards in the parish are to be refurbished.

VDS committee are working on a description of Sandon Parish history and environment. They have received a grant of £500 from the Rural Community Council of Essex. They are still waiting for the latest information on the specification of VDS before proceeding beyond the description phase.

A Parish Council proposal to enlarge the children's play area on the Lyntons brought forth complaints from local residents. The council is currently only in the consultation stage. A letter has gone out to residents seeking the view of children of the parish. Ian suggested that there might be a demand in the Howe Green area.

A right-of-way problem on the bridge on Woodhill Road is being handled.

The precept for this year will be approximately the same as last year.

6. Environment

Your chairman, David Pearson, is the new neighbourhood watch coordinator for Sandon Parish. He will be using the email forums for Sandon and Howe Green to communicate Watch alerts to the parish. It is hoped that forum members who receive alerts from the forum will pass them on to neighbours who do not have email access. Conversely, residents can raise alerts by putting messages on the forum. The local Police Community Support Officer is on both forums and will pick up any alerts raised by residents.

The chairman agreed to contact ECC regarding the fence and signs at the bottom of Gingerbread Hill.

As regards the unreliable power supplies, it was agreed that the parish council write to EDS regarding improving supply reliability.

Boreham Auctions application has gone to appeal.

7. Social Events

Community Dinner - Sunday Lunch . Martin has researched seven possible venues:

- White Swan at Bicknacre. Roast £6.95 Sweets £3-4 Can take 20 people.
- The Cricketers at Danbury. Roast £6.95 Sweets £3.50. Do not take bookings.
- The Griffin in Danbury Roast £7.95 or £10.45 Starters £3-4 Max 20.
- The Anchor in Danbury. 3 courses £12.95.
- Six Bells at Boreham. A la carte. Starters £4.50-5.95. Main £8.95. Sweets £4.50.
- The Chimes, Rettenden. 3 courses £9.95 Roast or other options. 20+ OK.
- The Windmill, East Hanningfield. £7.95 main course. Choice of 3 meats. Starter £4.50

It was decided that Martin would investigate The Anchor and The Chimes and liaise with Vic.

8. Treasurer's Report

As Wendy was absent, there was no treasurer's report.

9. Any other business

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Next meeting Monday 19 March 2007.