

Howe Green Community Association

Minutes of the meeting of the Association Committee
held on Monday 19 March 2007
at 9 Chalklands

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

Committee Members:

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Caroline, Ken, Gabi, Richard.

2. Minutes from the last meeting held in January 2007

Minutes were accepted.

3. Matters arising from last meeting

Cllr Ian Wright agreed that he would supply something for the Spring newsletter.

David reported that about 40% Howe Green residents are on the email list.

Power Supplies. David admitted that he had not raised this problem with the parish council. *He pledged to do so.*

4. Sandon Parish Council Report

Noticeboards are in progress.

Playgrounds. The council is looking into the provision of playground equipment in Sandon Village.

Roads. Still negotiating with ECC. Traffic calming. Various options were considered – flashing signs, speed cameras, speed bumps, pinch points. The majority were in favour of flashing speed signs. Ian pointed out that the Sandon Parish Council Annual assembly will be an ideal opportunity for residents to raise these points with ECC traffic people.

Regarding the hazardous junction at the Colchester slip road, Ian stated that he had been urging action for a long time and nothing had been done.

There were also complaints about the hazards of crossing the slip roads – it is not safe for children to walk to school unescorted.

Ian urged residents to write to our MP and ECC about these matters.

The debris left by workers repairing the drains has still not been cleared. *Ian agreed that the SBC should write again.*

5. AGM

We are hoping to invite a police representative to talk about neighbourhood watch.

6. Environment

The ECC have made no effort to repair the construction at the entrance to Howe Green. *David agreed to write to the ECC.*

Various complaints were raised about the state of the roads and road layouts.

Julie described the experience of an elderly neighbour who had a frightening experience with a caller ringing the doorbell at 1am in the morning. It was thought that vulnerable people should be able to contact neighbours in the event of such a problem.

Concerns were expressed about slow response and inefficiency of the police service.

The trees and daffodils in the pinch points look good.

7. Social Events

The Sunday Lunch went well. Lessons will be learned from the problems with 'free' drinks, which many did not claim. Some of the arrangements for the meal were unsatisfactory but people enjoyed the event despite this problem. Thanks were expressed to Vic and Martin who organised the event.

Garden Party. *David agreed to put an item in the Spring newsletter appealing for a venue for the event.* It was thought that we might try for an earlier date – perhaps at the end of July just before the school holidays. *Vic will follow this up.*

Vic suggested that we might organise something every three months.

Wendy and Yvonne agreed to organise a Tombola stall for the Sandon Garden Party on 24th June 2007. *David agreed to book the stall and ask for contributions in the newsletter..*

8. Treasurer's Report

We made a profit of £60.65 from the Sunday Lunch. There were complaints that many did not get their 'free' drinks.

Current account £1170.02. Deposit account £2520.71.

Ian suggested that a contribution towards traffic calming would speed things along.

Ian agreed to raise the matter of a Howe Green sign with the SBC. This could be discussed at the AGM. As regards a symbol for the sign, Wendy suggested checking on a coat of arms for Gingerbread Hall for use on the sign. *David agreed to check on the net.*

9. Any other business

It was agreed that the arrangements at Kelly Turkeys were acceptable.

Meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Next meeting: AGM 8 pm Tuesday 17 April 2007 in the chapel.