

HOWE GREEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting of the Association Committee
on Wednesday 16 November 2011 at 8 pm
at 9 Chalklands

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

Committee Members:

Martin Cross
Vic Morgan
Richard Spooner - absent
Yvonne Bullock
Paul Bullock - absent
Alan Mitchell - absent

1. Apologies for Absence

Wendy, Ken, Richard, Alan, Paul.

2. Minutes from the last meeting

Minutes were accepted.

3. Matters arising from last meeting

David agreed to try to contact the farmer to point out the vulnerability of a field at the south end of the village to incursions. David could not find out who owns the field. Yvonne said that Neville would know.

Theatre visit. Richard organised a theatre visit.

4. Sandon Parish Council Report

There is some confusion over the report that an anaerobic digester was to be installed in Sandon quarry. We await further developments. Access to the quarry by heavy traffic was discussed.

The new local Essex County Councillor, Ian Grundy, visited the last meeting and discussed highways and communication matters. Two highway rangers are being employed to clean road signs and clear associated foliage.

5. Neighbourhood Watch

A burglar alarm went off today.

There is a petition currently regarding regularisation of scrap metal trading to prevent metal theft.

6. Environment

Road salt. Volunteers required to clear snow and spread salt. We have forty-five 20 kg bags for the whole parish.

Yvonne pointed out that the park & ride sign on the Baddow bypass is in the wrong place. By the time drivers see it, it is too late. It should be located before the Sandon sliproad. *David agreed to contact ECC.*

Yvonne complained about a ridge in the road at the entrance to East Hanningfield Road.

Cycle path cleaning. David had complained to SPC but they would not do anything about it. It was pointed out that cleaning has been done in previous years. *David agreed to apprise SPC of this fact and request a clean-up by ECC.*

It was agreed to organise a working party to tidy up the village. *David agreed to put out a request for volunteers - date to be decided.*

The white entrance 'gate' at the Rettenden end of the Southend Road is no longer there.

7. Social Events

Six people visited the Cramphorn theatre to see Shylock on 1st November. Thanks were expressed to Richard for organising it.

It was agreed that next year we should organise a theatre visit, Sunday lunch and a garden party. Venues for the Sunday lunch were discussed.

8. Treasurer's Report

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| Current Account | £673.11 |
| Deposit Account | <u>£3685.32</u> |
| Total | £4358.43 |

9. Any other business

Meeting closed at 21.20.