

HOWE GREEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AGM

WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 2013 AT 8 PM
IN THE HOWE GREEN CHAPEL

Minutes

1. Apologies for Absence

Richard Spooner, Anne Gaylor.

2. Approval of Minutes of last AGM

The chairman had forgotten to provide copies but it was decided to accept them.

Proposed: Wendy Spooner Seconded: Alan Mitchell. Approved.

3. Sandon Quarry Report

Ken Wedon reported on his attendance at a quarry liaison committee meeting. Bretts, the current owners, have planning permission to fill the southern void at the site over the next five years. The committee has members from various interested parties including HGCA and Sandon Parish Council. It meets at six-monthly intervals. The next meeting will be on the 28th May. The filling operation will be strictly regulated to control materials dumped and effects on the environment. Filling has yet to begin in earnest.

There was some discussion about the route that lorries take to reach the site. The chairman promised to put a map of the approved route on the forum.

Concern was expressed about the potential mess that could result from mud coming off the wheels onto the road.

4. Sandon Parish Council Report

Cllr. Martin Cross outlined the activities of the parish council over the past year. The parish council continually discuss highways and planning matters. The council has maintained its status as a Quality Council. Council activities will be affected by the new Localism Act, the effects of which are still to be determined.

Two councillors will be leaving shortly and replacements are sought.

5. Neighbourhood Watch

Periodically the police held speed checks in Howe Green. Last October they caught over a dozen offenders during such a speed check. We have a Community Speed Watch where trained volunteers of three or more use a speed gun to monitor speeds of vehicles and report offenders to the police. They then follow up with a warning letter.

On the whole, the area is pretty free of crime. However, there was one notable event on 12th July last year when several burglaries were attempted and one succeeded. Five or six miscreants were caught during an extensive police operation after a resident raised the alarm. As a result, a car was recovered that had been stolen in Rayleigh some time previously. There have been one or two other burglaries and recently a spate of oil thefts in the parish.

As NW co-ordinator for the parish, your chairman attends a Neighbourhood Action Panel meeting every few months, with the police at which we discuss priorities for law enforcement in the area. He usually put a notice on the email forum when a meeting is due so that residents can make known their concerns. (If you are not on the email forum, give him your email address afterwards and he will put you on.)

If you have concerns about law and order at any time, let David know and he will raise the matter with the local police.

There was a break-in at one of the St Swithins cottages last night. The perpetrators were disturbed so nothing of value was stolen.

6. Environment

Some patching up and re-surfacing was done on the Southend Road, but potholes are already appearing. The chairman has complained but nothing has been done so far. The road is supposed to be getting a dressing this year.

Your chairman has debated the possibility of getting a mini-roundabout installed at the EH Road junction, justified as:

- At least as much traffic uses the EH Road as uses the Rettenden road
- It would slow down the traffic using the main road.

This proposal would need the support of residents to have any slim chance. No great enthusiasm was evident from the residents present at the meeting.

7. Social Events

Last year we held a Jubilee Barbecue in June with a record attendance despite the last-minute change of venue because of the weather. We will be organising a barbecue this summer and are looking for a venue. We have bought a second gazebo, which could be useful.

We did try to organise a theatre visit in the autumn but there was no interest.

We have organized a Sunday lunch at the 'Vita Bella', East Hanningfield for the 28th April at 12.30 for 1 pm. The cost is £20. You can book your places here today and choose from the menu on the reverse side of your agendas.

8. Treasurer's Report

See attached.

9. Election of Officers

The following are available for re-election:

Chairman: David Pearson
Vice-chairman: Ken Wedon
Treasurer: Wendy Spooner

We need to elect a Minutes Secretary – a volunteer please!

There were no other nominations for election.

Re-election proposed Pam Knott, seconded Peter Longhurst. Approved.

10. Election of Committee Members.

The following are available for re-election:

Martin Cross, Alan Mitchell, Vic Morgan, Richard Spooner

Dee Hyatt was nominated as a new committee member and this was approved.

Re-election proposed: Bob Harris, seconded Peter Longhurst. Approved.

11. Any other business

Elections for Essex County Council are due soon. The point was raised that little information was being circulated about the candidates.

The Parish Council will be holding an Annual Assembly on 29th April 7.30.

Howe Green Community Association Income and Expenditure Account

Year End	2011/12	2012/13
Income	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<i>Subscriptions</i>	260	365
<i>Bank Interest</i>	2	2
<i>Surplus on functions</i>	----.-	376 BBQ
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	262	743.00
 Expenditure		
<i>Photocopies/Printers</i>	156	126
<i>Hire of Hall</i>		
<i>Others: bulbs etc</i>	18	96
<i>Subsidy on functions</i>	10	-----
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	184	223

Total (deposit and current account).

<i>Balances at end of</i>	<i>March 2012</i>	<i>March 2013</i>
<i>Cash in Bank</i>	£4321	£4841

Figures have been rounded up to nearest pound.

Subs handed in after 31.3.13 to be included in March 2014 accounts.

Treasurer: Wendy Spooner.