

Howe Green Community Association

Minutes of the meeting of the Association Committee
on Wednesday 10 December 2014 at 8 pm
at 9 Chalklands

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

Committee Members:

Martin Cross - absent
Vic Morgan
Richard Spooner - absent
Alan Mitchell
Dee Hyatt

Apologies for Absence

Wendy

Minutes from the Last Meeting

Minutes were accepted.

Matters arising from Earlier Meeting

Sandon School bollards: Alan suggested getting Ian Grundy to chase Highways for an answer to the bollards question. *Martin and David agreed to bring this up at the next SPC meeting.* This matter is ongoing.

Alan suggested that the school organise a phased chuckout at specific times for pupils (the minority) who are being picked up. *Martin and David agreed to bring this up at the next SPC meeting.* The SPC did not consider this option workable.

Alan agreed to look into the possibility of producing 'Slow Down' posters for residents to put on their wheelie bins, as has been done elsewhere. Alan obtained information on suitable posters, with prices ranging from £4 each for 1-24 to £2 each for Over 100. It was agreed that David would circulate details of available styles of poster (to be supplied by Alan) to the committee which would make a choice. David would then put the proposal on the forum to determine the take-up from houses on the SE and EH roads, if offered with a 50% discount, the other 50% being paid from HGCA funds.

Sandon Parish Council Report

Dee reported on SPC developments:

Gypsy site appeal - awaiting results.

Plymouth Brethren have consulted the SPC regarding building of larger premises further east along Molrams Lane. This committee thought this would be a bad move as it is a green-field site and could expose the area to further development.

Hulls Lane flooding. ECC have determined that it is caused by a broken drain. There appears to be no prospect of getting it repaired.

Neighbourhood Watch

NW announcements are covered by email.

Environment

Recent quarry meeting. Dee and Vic attended the meeting, Dee on behalf of SPC. Filling of the southern void is going well and is on schedule for completion in 2017/18. Some 100-150 trucks per day visit the site. Bretts are preparing to apply for planning permission to fill the northern void. There will be consultations prior to the planning application. The southern void will be restored for agriculture and the northern will be community land. As the A12 is liable to subside into the quarry, steps are being taken to support the road.

A12 widening to three lanes. The bottleneck formed at the A12/A130 junction was discussed.

State of cycle path on SE Road. Dee has done some clearance work. *Vic agreed to put a note on the forum to arrange a working party to clear the path.* Dee reported that SPC has asked ECC to cut back the trees and clear the path. Work is planned for 2015. Vic reported that the footpath down towards Baddow, beyond the A12, was covered in deep mud after work to install cables. Dee recommended putting the complaint on the ECC website.

Social Events

Since the last meeting, after discussion, Vic and David decided that the chances of finding a show that would interest enough residents was slim. The attempt to interest residents in a quiz night failed with only 11 people booking places.

Sunday Lunch. Ken recommended the Green Man at Highwood. David passed on a recommendation from Barbara for Furze Hill at Margaretting. Date suggested 25th Jan. *Vic agreed to check options and report back.* Bookings to go to Vic and Ken. Money in advance. Second sitting. It was agreed that we invite Anne Gaylor as a guest.

Treasurer's Report

Current a/c £1587.73 Deposit a/c £3690.53. Total £5278.26.

Any other business

We have had an application from a lady living in Butts Green to join the HGCA forum. David decided to accept her application and added her to the forum. As newsletters are not delivered as far out as that, she has accepted that she should download them off the web site.

After further discussion it was decided that we should invite all Butts Green residents to join the HGCA, including the forum. They should not be members by default, as Howe Green residents are, but by invitation. It was agreed that the invitation should go on the Sandon forum.

New residents at 3 Chalklands. *Alan and David agreed to visit them.*

Alan pointed out that the HGCA web site required updating. *David agreed to do the necessary.*

Meeting closed 9.45 pm. Next meeting 11 Mar 2015.