

Howe Green Community Association

Minutes of the meeting of the Association Committee
on Wednesday 13 January 2016 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 - absent
Richard Spooner - absent
Alan Mitchell
Dee Hyatt - absent

Apologies for Absence

Dee, Wendy, Vic, Richard.

Minutes from the Last Meeting

Minutes were accepted.

Matters arising from Earlier Meetings

Hiring out the chapel. It was agreed that the chapel is a valuable community resource which is currently little used during the week. *Dee agreed to raise the matter at the next SPC meeting with a view to perhaps buying it, if it came up for sale, or promoting youth activities. She also offered to raise the possibility of creating a simple playing field in the triangular area at the bottom of bridleway. Dee was absent from this meeting.*

Sandon Parish Council Report

No report available as no parish councillor was present. We have a new parish clerk.

Environment

A path at the bottom of Bridleway has flooded due to dumping of material to widen access. Bretts have agreed to clear the ditches.

Quarry. At a meeting on 14 Dec., Bretts reported that 215,000 tonnes of material was dumped in the southern void in 2014 leaving 657,000 tonnes of void space remaining. Approximately 250,000 tonnes was dumped in 2015. Bretts expect to meet the 2017 target to fill the southern void, possibly in 2016. They are expected to apply for planning permission to fill the northern void shortly.

Chelmsford City Council exhibited their proposals for a new Local Plan that will succeed the current Local Development Framework when it expires. The plan involves placement of 14,000 houses and suggests three possible options: (1) concentration around existing large developments, e.g. North Chelmsford, (2) medium concentration with some spread to outlying areas, (3) Spread most of the new houses to outlying areas. The third option would place 800 houses in Howe Green. It was agreed that this would be a big mistake as there is no infrastructure to support such a development.

Social Events

Debate. It was agreed that we hold a community debate on the subject of *Exit from the EU*, once the conditions for remaining and a date for the referendum are known.

Sunday Lunch. It was agreed that we have a Sunday Lunch. Prior to the meeting, Vic had agreed to organise this on his return.

Treasurer's Report

Current £1724.47 Deposit £3692.84.

Any other business

Meeting closed 9 pm. Next meeting 16 March.