

Howe Green Community Association

Minutes of the meeting of the Association Committee
on Wednesday 21 Sept 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
Richard Spooner
Alan Mitchell
Dee Hyatt

Apologies for Absence

Wendy, Martin

Minutes from the Last Meeting

Minutes were accepted.

Matters arising from Earlier Meetings

Pinch points weeding. It was suggested that residents could be asked to adopt a pinch point to keep it tidy. *David agreed to put it in the newsletter.*

Car park needs tarmacing: *This is still work in progress..*

New entrance gates: *Vic is still working on getting it completed.*

Sandon Parish Council Report

Dee reported on PC activities:

- There are still problems with a resident of Hall Lane. The police have been very helpful and some matters have been addressed.
- The PC is about to commence interviewing four applicants for the position of parish clerk.

Environment

Quarry. It appears that more gravel has been extracted from the southern void. It was thought unlikely that filling of the southern void would be completed within the due timescale.

Bridleway is in a bad state and needs to be rebuilt. It needs new foundations and widening to take the wide, heavy vehicles that now use it. The waste collection trucks reverse down the road and have caused deep ruts at one side. Also the ditch at the entrance to the field on the left should be dug out to prevent more flooding of the path. SPC has asked Bretts to handle these problems but without results so far.

Vans are parking on the verge and pavement on Southend Road, causing problems for pedestrians. *David agreed to put a note in the newsletter asking residents to arrange for the vans to park in the road.*

Vehicles are still speeding through the village at night causing noise and vibration.

Social Events

BBQ post-mortem.

- It was agreed that the event was a great success - even the weather cooperated. Everything went well with no serious problems or complaints.
- We made a profit of £328.10 - compared with a £30 loss last year. Spending the raffle money cash directly on food caused the treasurer some confusion. In future, a cash float should be organised to pay for food etc. and all inputs and outputs accounted for.
- Special note was made of the contribution of Paul Kelly in terms of food he provided and cooked. Also of Alan with his van.
- Arrangements for drinks - Pimm's and soft drinks only - proved satisfactory and greatly reduced the costs involved.
- It was felt starting the preparation on the Friday would help reduce the mammoth Saturday workload: this could be done only if a van or trailer could be obtained for the Friday. Extra help was really needed on the day.
- It was agreed that Sandon residents be invited to future BBQs.

It was agreed that it was not practical to organise any more events for the remainder of this year as the calendar was already filling up with other events. It was suggested that we organise a trip on the Thames barge Hydrogen on the Blackwater next Spring.

Newsletter

Alan agreed to provide something. Ken agreed to provide a copy of the Parish Newsletter detailing upcoming events in the parish.

Treasurer's Report

Current £1738.38 Deposit £4120.99.

Any other business

Fibre: There don't appear to be any prospects of obtaining fibre broadband in the village in the foreseeable future.

Meeting closed 9:35 pm.