

# Howe Green Community Association

Minutes of the meeting of the Association Committee  
on Wednesday 8th March at 7 pm  
at 9 Chalklands

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

## **Committee Members:**

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

## **Apologies for Absence**

Ken

## **Minutes from the Last Meeting**

Acceptance proposed: Alan. Seconded: Vic. Minutes were accepted.

## **Matters arising from Earlier Meetings**

None

## **Sandon Parish Council Report**

Dee, assisted by Martin, reported on PC activities:

- There are still problems in Hall Lane. Various unauthorised and illegal activities.
- A piece of land complete with barns has been put up for auction, but since been withdrawn as the details have been mis-represented. The barn was shown as having accommodation which has not been approved or planning applied for, and there are street lights on the property that have not had planning approval
- The Annual Assembly will be held on 25th April in the school hall.

## **Environment**

**Local Plan:** The current consultation on new Chelmsford Local Plan was discussed at length. It was agreed that the proposed developments would not have a great impact on the parish. However, concern was expressed about infrastructure, particularly road access to the sites. As Molrams Lane is narrow and cannot take any more traffic, all vehicular access to 3c must be onto the A414 which is already very busy. Traffic will increase further when more houses are built at Danbury. Dee raised the question of a buffer zone for 3c and the presence of large power lines on the site. It was agreed that the PC should hold a public meeting to gauge the opinion of residents.

It was decided that we would wait for the PC consult residents and adopt a position, before submitting a comment on the consultation.

Ken was unable to attend the meeting but sent an email expressing his view. His views were not expressed in the meeting as the email was not picked up in time. In summary,

- he regrets government plans to impose houses on the area, changing the character of the area.
- the proposals 3a and 3b abandon the previously adopted concept of providing green wedges in the valley. Providing a country park is no compensation and is unnecessary.
- The description "high tech offices/business park" is a deception as it can seldom be achieved in practice.
- the new developments will add to the already severe congestion on the A414.
- the HGCA should resist the development.

**Quarry.** Planning for filling the northern void is in progress. More gravel has been excavated from the southern void so Bretts are applying for extra time to complete the filling of the void. With all the building work in progress, there is still a shortage of dumping ground for waste. The time required to fill the northern void will be considerable as much of the waste brought to the site will be recycled and not dumped in the void. (Post meeting: Next quarry meeting 20th March. Vic/Ken)

Bridleway: Bretts are willing to repair the Bridleway but cannot find a builder to do it.

Howe Green entrances: Vic has discussed them with David White and they will be erected when the weather is clement. A working party may be organised at some point to paint them.

Dee reported that there is a car in the car park for some weeks. She consulted the police and it does not belong to a Howe Green resident and has not been reported stolen. She has also been attempting to have the car park resurfaced.

There is a proposal to close Broomfield A&E department to individuals. Apparently it will be for ambulances. Individuals will have to go to Basildon. It is difficult to get a doctor's appointment.

Post-meeting: apparently the situation is actually reversed. The A&E will handle walk-ins and ambulance emergencies will go to Basildon.

## Social Events

**Sunday Lunch Event on 19th March:** Vic has it covered. Dee expressed a preference for Le Benaux as a venue but Vic said they could not cope with the numbers.

**BBQ:** It was agreed that it is always a success but it was a considerable for those organising it. There never seem to be enough helpers. It was suggested that we spread the effort by starting on the Friday and clearing up on the Sunday. Vic will probably have a trailer. Gilly is a willing host and the barbecues are already on site.

## AGM 12th April

Those present agreed to stand again for re-election.

An earlier starting time was discussed and rejected.

## Newsletter

David appealed for contributions to the Spring newsletter. Alan agreed to contribute.

## Treasurer's Report

It is believed that Wendy and Richard are on a prolonged holiday.

Current £1856.73 Deposit £4121.96. (post-meeting figures)

## Any other business

Meeting closed at 8:15 pm.

Next meeting: AGM in the chapel 12th April 2017 8 pm

