

CHAPMORE END ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
16TH NOVEMBER 2010

Members present: Andy Batty (Chairman), Alison Sheldrick (Treasurer), Linda Howe (Secretary), Neil Blackaller (Social Secretary) and Colin Kemp (Gravel)

The meeting started with the **Christmas Party** arrangements. A list of requisites had been drawn up by Andy with possible 'suppliers' names.

1. Alison is to ask Helen if she would provide desserts.
2. Neil B. is to ask Neil Y. if he would provide his homemade chicken curry.
3. Andy will ask Jan if she would make Vegetable curry.
4. Andy will ask Hilly if she would make sausage rolls.
5. Alison will make her famous mince pies.
6. Linda will provide cooked rice and anything else if required.

Help will also be required during the day by Andy to prepare the room for the party.

Andy will be issuing a newsletter to residents containing all details and a request for assistance will be included. A plea for raffle prizes will also be made. As Andy will be away in the days leading up to the party, raffle prizes can be left with Linda at The Woodman.

The ticket cost for the party is to be £12.50 per head.

Christmas Cards

The Chapmore End Christmas cards will be available this weekend. A cash deal with the supplier had been made for 1,000 at 25p each. It is quite possible that the total orders actually exceed the quantity ordered and another 500 will be needed. Joy is donating her original painting and this will be auctioned at the party. As a 'thank you' Joy will be able to purchase 200 cards at cost price.

Alison will distribute the cards when received.

Subscriptions

There are still a few unpaid CEA membership subscriptions. Andy will approach the 'Barns' and Colin will contact residents at The Lodge and Cottage. So far subs are £20 down on last year as one couple has decided not to join the Association this year. It was also pointed out that residents of Rickneys, Chapmore End and Stoneyhills who do not subscribe, are still recipients of all benefits available. This really is not fair on paying members.

It was agreed by those present that Michael McMullen would be asked if he would like to become an Honorary CEA Member thus having his fees waived but being allowed voting rights. Andy will email Michael accordingly.

Treasurer's Report

Alison has transferred money from the current account into the high interest account and has made the donation of £800 to Isabel Hospice for which a fund raiser's certificate will be issued. The bank balances are as follows:

Current account - £778.95

High Interest Account - £8,103.77

A new bank mandate was completed with Neil Blackaller replacing Wendy as the second signatory.

Other items discussed relating to the Treasurer's business were:

- a. **Gifts** – it was suggested, and agreed that gifts would be purchased through collections only and not paid for from subscriptions.
- b. **Expenses** – it was further agreed that expenses should be paid from funds and not absorbed by individuals.

An events income/expenses form was distributed by Alison.

CEA will fund refreshments at Committee meetings by using any surplus from various functions.

Congratulations were passed to Alison for restoring a good relationship between Isabel Hospice and the CEA following various misunderstandings that arose after the Fun Day in July. An invitation will be sent to Lisa at Isabel Hospice for her to attend the Christmas party to receive the official 'giant' cheque and have photographs taken with members who worked so hard to raise the money. Colin will contact Terry Mansfield if the invitation is accepted with regards to local publicity.

Thank You Gift for Wendy

Alison has collected £200 to purchase a thank you gift for Wendy following her two years as Chairperson. Various suggestions were made but eventually a day with a celebrity chef (Possibly J. C. Novelli) was decided upon, as Wendy has a passion for all things culinary. With any excess money it was agreed to purchase a bottle of Malt whiskey or Burgundy wine for John as a thank you for his hospitality during those two years.

Andy will be following up this option on the Internet.

Gravel

Colin made a detailed report which is on record, but salient points are as follows:

1. The plant has now been removed which took only four weeks. The remaining plant is to be utilised in the new scheme.
2. Only one complaint was made during the removal which was regarding the use of reversing alarms. A positive response was received by the contractors.
3. During a recent walkabout Colin had noticed that very little progress had been made since last year's walkabout.
 - a. Resurfacing of part of Footpath 12 by Bardon Clumps.
 - b. Land drainage in the large field behind Sacombe Road houses.
 - c. A small amount of ditches had appeared on the scrambling bike routes.
 - d. The padlocking of the gates at the rear of the working area.
4. The meeting this year was also attended by Tom Goldsmith and Andrea (?) of Rights of Way. Tony Oakley failed to attend.
5. The liaison committee members are Colin Kemp and Russell Norris.
6. A liaison meeting is scheduled for 1st December.
7. Membership of the Steering Committee was agreed as Colin Kemp and one other which may well be Wendy Clark as she had expressed an interest to be involved.

Andy will advise the Parish Council and H.C.C. accordingly.

Incinerator

No information had been received prior to this meeting from Terry Mansfield.

Spring Clean 2011

The date has been agreed as SUNDAY 8th May, 2011. The Woodman will provide refreshments as usual for the workers.

This date will be included in the next newsletter.

Dog Show

There is potentially a great opportunity to repeat the dog show event of last July. At the AGM, residents had shown little enthusiasm for another Fun Day but general consensus has shown that the dog show had created much interest from outside the hamlet. Helen and Terry Mansfield have offered the use of Folly Field but only after haymaking has taken place. Discussion followed regarding the number of volunteers needed to make this event a success and the question was asked "Are any residents interested in helping?" Bob and Alison were the obvious people to oversee the event. There is always the opportunity of inviting trade stands and other attractions, but we must ensure that space rental is paid in advance as we were let down by several tradespeople at the Fun Day.

The event will be reassessed at the next committee meeting. In the meantime, we as a committee should 'sound out' the residents regarding their opinions on this as Colin is concerned that they will not feel involved in what is essentially a CEA event. The next meeting is anticipated as March 2011.

Road Cleaning

Andy will speak to/email David Townsend regarding the mud etc. constantly in the road and the builders' vehicles causing obstruction in the hamlet. Colin advised that to hire a road sweeper would be excessive even for a day or two. It was felt that we as committee members should politely ask the builders themselves to clean up on a regular basis therefore minimising the mess. Colin also mentioned that the tractors coming from Gypsy Lane could also be partly to blame for the mud but Andy pointed out that the mud from the tractors would have already fallen off before they had even reached High Trees Farm.

Report from the Parish Council (in brief)

It has been a quiet year with no major issues outstanding. However, there are some issues in Tonwell. The remains of the tree outside The White House are to be removed and a new tree planted. The seat does not appear to need replacing as seems solid enough.

A planning application has been made for Westmesne by the new owner, Emma Hill. This is for an extension at the rear of the house. No problems anticipated.

Michael McMullen will be attending the first Steering Group meeting in December.

Michael and Chris Sweeney have met Highways regarding the 'SLOW' sign on the bad corner down to the B158 and also the repositioning of the chevrons and Chapmore End sign on the corner of Gypsy Lane by High Trees Farm. As yet a date for the work is unknown. They say "we are on the case"!!!

Gypsy Lane

Since the banning of dog walkers on Hartham Common we have seen a marked increase in these people down Gypsy Lane. There are far too many cars and professional dog walkers, sometimes with four or five dogs on leads. The 'open' area is like a quagmire where the cars park and turn around. The lanes and the field have become a dog poo obstacle course. Not only is it unsightly, but it is also extremely unhygienic. Alan Heathcote keeps creating obstructions such as tree roots etc. but these do get removed to enable people to walk their dogs.

Andy will include this matter in the email to Michael McMullen, as ask what can be done to prevent this happening.

Salting of the roads in winter

Andy will again ask Michael McMullen (copy Chris Sweeney) as to what can be done regarding the salting of the approach roads to Chapmore End following the numerous accident that happened last winter.

Vtesse Broadband

Andy distributed details of the Vtesse Broadband proposal. Only seven residents have registered their interest. No further action is to be taken by the committee regarding this matter.

Annual Events

It was agreed to continue holding quarterly events. Those for 2011 are as follows:

1. Spring Clean on Sunday 8th May
2. A Summer event (possible Dog Show)
3. A.G.M. in September
4. Christmas Party in early December

Any other business

Colin asked us to be aware of two major building projects which are either in progress or in 'the pipeline'. One is in Sacombe Road and the other is in the Sacombe/Waterford vicinity.

One has already been approved and the other may be imminent.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.50 hours. Andy was thanked for his hospitality.