

**Sandyhurst Lane Residents' Association**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008**  
**at 13 Hoads Wood Gardens**

**Present**

Howard Preston (Chairman), Kevin Saunby (Vice-chairman), David Hilliger (Treasurer), David Porter, David Betts, John Faulkner and Sue Wood.

**Apologies**

None.

**Minutes of meetings held on 16th January 2007**

Agreed and signed as a true record.

**Committee**

No one yet come forward to take over as Chairman.

**AGM**

Simon Cole, Planning Policy Manager ABC, to speak on 'Planning Policies Affecting North Ashford'.

**Planning**

- Plans of development behind Molehill presented. Includes a private Health Centre and other commercial sites, although Bidwells had proposed housing. No access on to Sandyhurst Lane – will be on to Nicholas Road - means more traffic on Trinity Road
- Park and Ride – ongoing. Plans included housing and gardens up to ancient hedge. SLRA suggested road between the two, to avoid dumping
- Plot between Simone Weil and Maidstone Road – Cadenza put forward plans for housing. Pub now going on to plot by Cineworld (see below)
- Barracks site – new part of application triggered new access on to Templar War and works at Drivers roundabout
- Link road – originally proposed that housing off Ball Lane would pay for road. Road may not now happen
- Trinity Road not yet adopted. Affected by latest reorganisation at Highways – number of staff left
- SLRA policy on planning applications – policy is one of non-interference in applications by residents where there are no objections. If neighbours are unhappy, SLRA tries to mediate with involvement of borough councillor and planning officer. Examples of such disputes put forward
- New cinema – David Porter objected on behalf of SLRA because of inadequate parking, and Howard spoke at Planning Committee meeting
- Costa Coffee being built at Cineworld plus Whitbread pub
- Carpenders – proposed demolition and building 3 houses on Ipot. SLRA objected and notified neighbours via flyers. Application withdrawn but new one submitted – still has 2.5 storey buildings
- 158 Sandyhurst Lane – complaints that new front garden wall is dangerous and encroaches on road. Being investigated by Highways

**Footpaths**

Held over to next meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Building Society account: £401.87

Petty cash: £17.55

Future expenditure: invoices for hall and printing not yet presented

Membership: 75 – down on previous year.

### **Any Other Business**

- Beechbrook Farm – Core Strategy Examination in Public – Kevin asked if Inspector's findings published following Kier Property's submission that should be included in LDF for housing. No date yet for report
- David Betts reported that M3 recently blacktopped, with 4m high noise barriers. Asked who/how SLRA should lobby for M20 blacktopping
- As a new committee member John asked what was the rationale behind SLRA? Felt that was a unifying force against threats to the lane (eg CTRL); for disseminating information; a source of advice (eg for planning applications)

### **Date of next meeting**

AGM on 10<sup>th</sup> March.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.