

Sandyhurst Lane Residents' Association

Minutes of SLRA Committee meeting held at the Hare & Hounds on Thursday, 8 March 2012.

Attendees: Howard Preston, Doug Harman, Desmond Henley, John Faulkner, John Hobbs, Andy Peddle, David Porter

By invitation: Norma Devereese

Apologies for absence had been received from Don Murrell and Evan Thomas.

It was noted with regret that Sandra Bunclark had resigned from the committee, due to family commitments. Norma Devereese was welcomed to the meeting.

Item 1: Minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2012.

i. Approval

The Minutes were agreed and signed.

ii. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising which were not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

Item 2: Planning Issues

HP referred to the new planning application for Carpenders, at the junction of Sandyhurst Lane and Faversham Road for modifications to the existing dwelling and the construction of two detached dwellings. This follows a previous application, which was granted in 2008, for the erection of three houses. Several local objections have been made, including that of overlooking neighbouring properties, but discussions with the planning officer had revealed that these were unlikely to be decisive, because the new properties were too far from the neighbouring properties.

HP also referred to the application to demolish the existing property at Hillside, 296 Sandyhurst Lane and replace it with a larger 1.5 storey dwelling on the same site. There was no objection to this provided that the existing asbestos building was demolished carefully and the sewage arrangements were satisfactory.

It was also noted that an applications have been made for replacement upvc windows and a porch extension on the front elevation at Longfield, 390 Sandyhurst Lane and for an extension at 7 Hoads Wood Gardens.

Item 3: Traffic issues

i. A20/Sandyhurst Lane junction

A reply to the SLRA lobby letter of 31 August 2011 had been received from KCC, dated 4 October 2011. This said that the issue would be investigated as part of KCC's annual Casualty Reduction Programme. SLRA sent a reply to this on 29 January 2012 (copied to county and borough councillors and Westwell PC), seeking the timescale for the conclusion of the investigation. No reply had been received from KCC. **HP** said he would raise the issue with KCC Vice-Chairman Richard King. **ACTION HP**

ii. M20 Noise Action Group

John Hobbs presented his report. The M20NAG was a well organised group. They were now seeking funds for a noise survey, to compare with one done some years ago. This might show that noise levels are in excess of EU limits. It was not necessary to remove concrete across the whole width of the carriageway; a relatively thin yet durable coating could be applied without compromising bridge height.

Item 4: Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Proposed Split and new Residents' Association

ND reported on the activities of the new residents' association. Her view, which reflected the views expressed by other SLRA members in the BA&E parish, was that Sandyhurst Lane should not become part of Goat Lees. All boundaries were soon to be reviewed and the BA&ERA were planning to meet Councillor Paul Clokie to review options.

Item 5: Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was not present, but had provided information which was reported to the meeting. The bank balance stood at £315.92. Membership lists had now been fully reconciled between the Treasurer's Office and the Secretary. Petty cash expenditure relating to postage (**HP**) and the website (**DP**) was agreed. **ACTION DP**

Item 6: Membership

i. Report on current membership

DP reported that there were now 69 members, an apparent increase of 2 since the previous meeting. However, this was because two payments had been received from residents who had not been registered as members. This had now been rectified.

ii. Next steps

A recruitment drive would be held by distributing flyers to all residents, inviting them to join the SLRA at the AGM on 28 March 2012.

It was noted that, for the 20 members who had paid by cash or cheque, 2012 subscriptions were now due, and payment would be invited at the AGM. **ACTION DP**

Item 7: Planning for AGM, 28 March 2012

i. Flyer

The draft was agreed, subject to finalising the list of speakers. **ND, JF, DH, AP** and **DP** offered to distribute the flyer to all residents. **DP** would dig out the distribution round lists used previously.

ACTION ND, JF, DH, AP, DP
ACTION JF, JH, AP, DP

JF, JH, AP and **DP** agreed to share the printing of the flyer.

ii. Agenda

The draft was agreed. **JH** agreed to chair the meeting and **HP** would give the Chairman's report (see item iv below). **ACTION JH/HP**

iii. Speakers and Invitees

HP had sent an invitation to Simon Cole of ABC for him or his representative to speak. Richard King (Vice Chairman, KCC) and Nick Sandford (Godinton Estate) had both agreed to speak. All county and borough councillors had been invited and all had indicated that they expected to attend. **DH** offered to provide a projector and laptop for the presentations. **ACTION DH**

iv. Election of committee

HP said that he was resigning as Chairman. He was uncertain whether he would be able to continue as a committee member, but the rest of the committee felt that, if he could do so, his experience and contacts on planning issues would be invaluable.

JH agreed to take on the Chairmanship, subject to another committee member taking over his representation on the M20NAG. **AP** agreed to do this.

All committee members agreed to offer themselves for re-election (with **HP** to confirm his position). **ACTION HP**

Item 8: Other business

A member had suggested that the SLRA should organise an event for the Diamond Jubilee. However, in the light of the fact that local parties were already being organised, it was agreed that, given the extended area of the SLRA catchment, it was not realistic for the Association to organise a party.

Norma Devereese was formally co-opted on to the committee. **JF** agreed to work with her on the issues associated with the Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Residents' Association. **ACTION JF**

The committee recorded a sincere vote of thanks to Howard Preston for his untiring work as Chairman of the committee for the past 13 years and his work with the SLRA for over 25 years.

Item 9: Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10 May 2012 at Sandyacres Clubhouse. **ACTION DP**