

**Minutes of Committee meeting held at the Hare & Hounds  
on Wednesday 10 April 2017**

**Present:** Tony Bartlett, Bryan Hall, John Hobbs and David Porter.  
Apologies were received from John Faulkner, Desmond Henley and Evan Thomas.

**Election of Chairman**

In accordance with the Constitution, an election for the Chairman was held, following two consecutive years in office. **Tony Bartlett** was unanimously re-elected.

**Item 1: Minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2017****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: Review of AGM, 29 March 2017**

The AGM had been well attended and positive feedback had been received. It was felt that the changed format, with the Open Forum being held at the start of the meeting, had worked well.

The minutes had been finalised (subject to approval at the 2018 AGM) and had been published on the website.

**Item 3: Planning Issues****i. Planning applications and outcomes**

It was noted that planning applications had been made for an extension at 62 Sandyhurst Lane, for a garage conversion at 404 Sandyhurst Lane and for a double garage and home office at Elvey Cottage, Kingsland Lane. Planning consent had been given for an extension at 106 Sandyhurst Lane, following dismissal of an appeal for an earlier application, for an extension at 326 Sandyhurst Lane and for a garage at Kingsland House, Kingsland Lane.

**ii. Tree applications**

Following objections by the SLRA and others to a proposal to fell nine birch trees, subject to a tree preservation order, located in the buffer zone between 75 Aylesbury Road and 312-316 Sandyhurst Lane, the application had been withdrawn. The SLRA members who would have been affected by the proposed felling, had expressed their appreciation.

**iii. Ashford Local Plan to 2030**

It was understood that the next publication of the Ashford Local Plan to 2030 was planned for June 2017. However, there was to be a meeting of the Kent Association for Local Councils (KALC) on 24 May 2017, at which Simon Cole, Planning Policy Manager, was expected to make a presentation, so some information might then be available in the public domain at that point.

Also, the Cabinet of Ashford Borough Council was due to meet on 8 June, so it was anticipated that information may become available when the papers for that meeting are published on 1 June.

With reference to submitted development sites wholly in Boughton Aluph & Eastwell (BA&E) parish under consideration in the SLRA area, it was understood that Lenacre Hall Farm and Braehead had been rejected by the Neighbourhood Planning team and they were waiting to hear Ashford Borough Council's view on the pre-application submission for the Former Sandpit, Sandyhurst Lane, before submitting it to BA&E parish council.

#### **Item 4: LGBCE Consultation on Warding Arrangements for Ashford Borough Council**

It was noted that the two SLRA submissions to the consultation on the Boundary Commission's draft recommendations had been made on 2 April 2017. Several SLRA members had also made personal submissions opposing the creation of Goat Lees ward to include the eastern half of Sandyhurst Lane, together with Watsons Close, Eastwell Grange and parts of Lenacre Street and Faversham Road. Publication of the Commission's final recommendations was scheduled for 6 June 2017.

#### **Item 5: Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Residents' Association/Neighbourhood Plan**

**BH** said that the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan was expected during the coming summer, following publication of the next draft of the Ashford Local Plan. There would be a public consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan and the final Plan would be subject to approval by a referendum of the electorate.

#### **Item 6: Traffic issues**

**Lorry parking at Potters Corner:** **TB** said that he would be attending a meeting with KCC and ABC on 23 May 2017 to hear the outcome of the safety review and to look in more detail at the options for eliminating lorry parking and means of funding. He asked whether the committee would consider committing some SLRA funding as a contribution. It was agreed to give this further consideration once the plan and its costs were known.

#### **Item 7: Proposed extinguishment of footpath AU1**

**DP** said that he had attended a site meeting on 21 February with KCC and the applicant. The SLRA had submitted a response to the subsequent 'informal consultation' supporting the proposed extinguishment. The results of that consultation were now awaited.

#### **Item 8: Telephone box**

A member had expressed a view that the telephone box at the junction of Sandyhurst Lane and Lenacre Street should be removed as it was no longer used and had become an unsightly advertising hoarding. It was decided to establish whether it still contained a working telephone and then to ask Boughton Aluph and Eastwell Parish Council for their views. **ACTION DP**

#### **Item 9: Sandycres Trustee Board**

**TB** said that he had asked Cllr Winston Michael for sight of the Trust Deed and that this was now awaited. Following this, a decision would be made on whether an SLRA representative would be nominated to the Trustee Board. **ACTION TB**

#### **Item 10: Consultations**

There were no consultations relevant to the SLRA currently open.

#### **Item 11: Membership**

**DP** said that there were now 133 members. Five new members had joined at the AGM and a further new member in the past few days. Just under 40% of residents in the SLRA catchment area were now in membership. **TB** asked for a copy of the SLRA 'Welcome letter' to send to new residents in his vicinity. **ACTION DP**

#### **Item 12: Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer was not present. **DP** said that the bank balance stood at £2,326.84. A further £100.00 in cash and cheques was due to be paid in and £198.53 in expenditure for the AGM and the website were due to be paid out.

#### **Item 13: Neighbourhood Watch**

The latest database had been issued.

#### **Item 14: Other business**

There was no further business.

#### **Item 15: Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5 June 2017. **ACTION DP**