

# Sandyhurst Lane Residents' Association

## Minutes of SLRA Committee meeting held at the Hare & Hounds on Thursday, 10 May 2012.

**Attendees:** John Hobbs, Norma Devereese, Andy Peddle, David Porter and Howard Preston  
**Apologies for absence** had been received from Tony Bartlett, John Faulkner, Doug Harman, Don Murrell and Evan Thomas.

### Item 1: Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2012

#### i. Approval

The Minutes were agreed and signed. Signed copies of minutes will, in future, be scanned and stored electronically.

#### ii. Matters Arising

It was agreed that the AGM, held on 28 March 2012, had been very successful, with complimentary remarks received from several members. It was noted that several non-members had attended and some members had attended without paying their subscriptions, so more careful control of the reception desk would be required in future years.

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

### Item 2: Planning Issues

#### i. Planning applications and outcomes

**HP** referred to the most recent planning application for Carpenders, at the junction of Sandyhurst Lane and Faversham Road for modifications to the existing dwelling and the construction of three detached dwellings. This had been refused earlier in the day, following objections from SLRA and others. Planning permission was still in force for the previous application, which included the construction of two new detached dwellings.

It was noted that permission had been granted for the following applications:

- a single storey rear extension at 350 Sandyhurst Lane
- replacement upvc windows and a porch extension at Longfield, 390 Sandyhurst Lane
- erection of a replacement 1.5 storey dwelling at Hillside, 296 Sandyhurst Lane
- side and rear extension at 7 Hoads Wood Gardens

and that applications were pending as follows:

- two storey side extension with dormers to the front and rear at 10 Sandyhurst Lane
- single storey rear extension at Penhalt, 362 Sandyhurst Lane

It was also noted that the Public Notice of Coming into Force had now been issued for the diversion of footpath AE210. **HP** was now talking to Winston Michael, Ward Member for Boughton Aluph and Eastwell, with a view to getting fencing installed by part of the footpath. He, in turn, is talking to Quadrant, the developers, with a view to securing 50% of the necessary funding.

#### ii. Urban Sites & Infrastructure Development Plan Document

**HP** had circulated documents outlining the Inspector's proposed examination and report. The Hearing Session covering the Omission Sites (including the two sites in Sandyhurst Lane) was scheduled for Wednesday 16 May 2012. The same Hearing Session would also cover the area for dwellings adjacent to the proposed Park and Ride and backing on to the Warren. **HP** had also spoken to Christine Drury of the CPRE about this issue. **HP** hoped to attend the Hearing Session, but if he could not do so **ND** offered to attend.

**ACTION HP/ND**

It was noted that the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is now available. [online at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/2115939.pdf>].

### **Item 3: Traffic issues**

#### **i. A20/Sandyhurst Lane junction**

KCC had replied, in a letter dated 6 March 2012, to the SLRA letter of 29 January 2012 seeking the timescale for the conclusion of the proposed investigation into road safety at this junction. The KCC reply promised to put forward a scheme for traffic signs and road marking improvements as a contender for funding. It was agreed to send a reply, again seeking the timescale for this activity. **ACTION DP**

#### **ii. Parking at Faversham Road end of Sandyhurst Lane**

At the AGM on 28 March 2012, SLRA member Alec Vincent had raised this issue. Problems occurred during the 'school run' periods in the mornings and afternoons, because large numbers of cars used to transport pupils to and from Towers School were parking on a long stretch of the Lane, reducing it to a single lane with resultant traffic and safety implications. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to KCC seeking a solution to this problem. **ACTION DP**

#### **iii. M20 Noise Action Group**

**JH** had attended the most recent meeting; the handover to **AP** as the SLRA representative would now take place at the next meeting. The M20NAG was well organised and making positive progress, with the objective of achieving resurfacing of the motorway in 2013-14. Four work strands had been established:

- contacting Parish Councils, Borough Councils and MPs along the route (Chris Bainbridge, Westwell Parish Councillor)
- interviewing members of the public most affected by the noise (a retired WPC)
- contacting companies, hotels, schools, etc along the route (Andy Peddle, SLRA)
- technical issues (Andrew Ogden, CPRE)

The next meeting was planned for the end of May or early June 2012.

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

**ND** and **JF** had circulated a report of the meeting held on 15 March 2012. **ND** was to join a small committee which will investigate how and where boundaries are drawn, but there was some doubt about how quickly this could move forward. A further meeting was due to be held next week.

### **Item 5: Treasurer's Report**

In the absence of the Treasurer, no report was available, but it was known that the bank balance stood in the region of £300. **JH** had received two membership payments of £5.00 each in cash and passed these to **DP** for onward transmission to the Treasurer's office. Petty cash expenditure relating to website software (**DP**) was agreed. **ACTION DP**

Bank signatory forms were given to **JH** for completion; these forms also removed a former committee member as signatory. **ACTION JH**

It was noted that a member had kindly made a donation of £10 towards stationery and postage costs.

### **Item 6: Membership**

**DP** reported that, following the AGM, there were now 75 members, representing 22% of the catchment. However, of these, 14 had not yet paid their 2012 subscriptions. It was agreed to send a reminder by email to the 13 of these 14 members who had provided email addresses. This would include an offer to collect the payment cheque from the member's property if required. **AP** offered to make these collections. **ACTION DP/AP**

### **Item 7: Other business**

Further discussion of several items took place; this has been incorporated in the appropriate preceding sections of these minutes.

### **Item 8: Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 July 2012 at Sandycres Clubhouse. **ACTION DP**