

Sandyhurst Lane Residents' Association

Minutes of SLRA Committee meeting held at Sandyacres Clubhouse on Thursday, 12 January 2012.

Attendees: Howard Preston, Sandra Bunclark, Desmond Henley, Andy Peddle, David Porter, Evan Thomas.

Apologies for absence had been received from John Faulkner, Doug Harman, John Hobbs and Don Murrell.

Item 1: Minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2011.

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 said that the new diversion of the footpath AE210 was now in place. Most debris had now been cleared and a kissing gate installed.

With reference to the other 'TRACK' (which runs from Sandyhurst Farm Cottage uphill to the rear of no. 250 Sandyhurst Lane ("Molehill") and then turns 90 degrees down to Upper Pemberton and to Trinity Road), **HP** said that this was now blocked off and, despite having about 100 residents prepared to support the bid to have it recognised as a public right of way, the prospect of doing so was now very unlikely.

It was noted that an application by Highworth Grammar School for outline planning permission for five dwellings on land with access from Warren Lane had been granted. This followed the refusal on appeal in 2008 for a scheme for thirteen dwellings.

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. It was decided to send a reply (copied to relevant county and borough councillors) seeking the timescale for the conclusion of the investigation. **ACTION DP/HP**

ii. M20 Noise Action Group

In the absence of John Hobbs, our representative on the M20NAG, discussion on this item was held over to the next meeting.

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

HP tabled copies of the December 2011 and January 2012 editions of the BA&E Parish magazine articles reporting on the meetings held on 17 November 2011 and 13 December 2011. SLRA had been represented by Norma Devereese (both meetings) and Howard Preston (13 December meeting). To take matters forward, the proponents of the split had formed a new residents' association and had agreed to work closely with SLRA in respect of the area which was common to both organisations. [About 100 of the 336 properties in the SLRA area are in the BA&E Parish].

Item 5: Neighbourhood Watch

It was agreed that, given the extended area of the SLRA catchment, it was not feasible for the Association to set up a single Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Local groups of residents would be encouraged to set up new schemes, or re-vitalise existing ones.

Item 6: Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was not present, but had provided information which was reported to the meeting. The bank balance stood at £300.92, following payments received by standing order for membership subscriptions.

There were a few discrepancies between payments received and membership records. These would be resolved by the Secretary and Treasurer. **ACTION DP/DM**

Item 7: Membership Drive

i. Report on current membership

DP reported that there were now 67 members, an increase of 1 since the previous meeting. It was likely that this would rise to 69, as two payments had been received from residents who were not yet registered as members.

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.

Item 8: Planning for AGM

The AGM is to be held at 7.30 pm on 28 March 2012 at Sandyacres. It was agreed that a flyer would be distributed to all residents about 2 to 3 weeks before the event. It would include recent SLRA activity, an invitation for new members to join and an invitation to nominate new members of the committee to stand for election. KCC and Borough councillors would be invited. **ACTION DP**

Guest speakers would be invited to address the meeting after the formal business. **ACTION HP/DP/ET**

A display of planning maps etc would be provided. **ACTION HP**

AP offered help with printing and a projector, if required.

Item 9: Any other business

There was no other business.

Item 10: Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 8 March 2012 at the Hare and Hounds. SB will book the room. **ACTION SB**