

**Minutes of Committee meeting held at the Hare & Hounds
on Tuesday 15 January 2019**

Present: Tony Bartlett, Bryan Biggs, John Hobbs, Evan Thomas and David Porter.
Apologies were received from Bryan Hall.

Item 1: Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2018**i. Approval**

The minutes were agreed.

ii. Matters Arising

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

Item 2: Planning Issues**i. Ashford Local Plan to 2030**

It was noted that the Planning Inspectorate had now approved the Local Plan, as amended with the Main Modifications, for adoption.

ii. Planning applications and outcomes

It was noted that further amendments had been made to the Lenacre Hall Farm hybrid application, following which the SLRA had made a response with objection comments which drew on some aspects of the Local Plan. This was the third response which the SLRA had made to this application. Both this application and that for 18 dwellings at the former Sandpit, Sandyhurst Lane, would be decided by the Ashford Borough Council Planning Committee; the relevant dates were awaited.

It was also noted that a retrospective application had been made for a summer house/store at Bears Corner, Westwell Lane, and that permission had been granted for an outbuilding at 35 Sandyhurst Lane.

Item 3: Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Residents' Association/Neighbourhood Plan

BH was unable to attend the meeting and the Secretary was asked to request from him a brief update report.

ACTION DP

Item 4: Traffic issues

The reports containing the SLRA analysis results of traffic speed surveys in Sandyhurst Lane had now been shared with both Westwell Parish Council and Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council. Following the request from Westwell PC to set up a joint working group to progress possible traffic measures, the Secretary was asked to contact both Parish Clerks to agree a date for a meeting.

ACTION DP

TB said that Westwell PC was also to conduct a traffic survey in Westwell village (funded by the KCC Councillor, Charlie Simkins).

Item 5: Defibrillator

DP showed the second hand defibrillator which he had collected from Kent Fire & Rescue Service on 12 January. A suitable cabinet for it would cost in the region of £450 + VAT and would need to be installed by a qualified electrician. **TB** said that he would find out which cabinet had been purchased for the defibrillator installed at Westwell village hall and also explore insurance issues. The defibrillator was to be installed in a suitable cabinet outside the Hare and Hounds, and further discussions would be held with the landlord. In due course, training sessions would be organised.

ACTION TB/DP

Item 6 Sandyacres Trustee Board

In the absence of **FD**, this item was held over.

Item 7: Consultations

There were no current consultations relevant to the SLRA.

Item 8: Membership

DP said that there were now 147 members. Of 8 members whose subscriptions were overdue for 2018, 6 had paid recently in response to a 'final' email; the remaining 2 had been deleted. One new member had recently joined and one had moved away.

Item 9: Treasurer's report

The Treasurer was not present. **DP** said that the financial assets were a bank balance of £2319.32 and £35.00 cash. Forthcoming expenses were a defibrillator cabinet and the AGM.

Item 10: Planning for AGM on 6 March 2019

i. Agenda

The draft agenda was agreed subject to the insertion of the speakers. 45 minutes would be allowed for the Open Forum, followed by 15 minutes for the AGM, a 5 minute comfort break and 30 minutes (20 +10 for Q&A) for each speaker.

ii. Speakers and Invitees

TB had secured one speaker (Keith Harrison, Chief Executive of Action with Communities in Rural Kent, (ACRK)) and had contacted Kent Fire & Rescue to ask them for a speaker. **ACTION TB**

All local county and borough councillors and parish council chairmen had been alerted to the date and would receive invitations. **ACTION DP**

iii. Flyer and its distribution

DP had produced the first draft of the flyer. **TB** offered to amend it with some extra items. **DP** would arrange printing and distribution, with the help of committee members. **ACTION TB/DP/ALL**

iv. Admin

It was agreed to provide wine/soft drinks at the beginning and tea/coffee and biscuits at the end of the meeting. **DP** would provide a laptop, projector and screen. **JH** offered to staff the reception desk and further volunteers would be sought. All those present agreed to stand for re-election; **DP** would write to the others. **ACTION DP/JH**

Item 11: Neighbourhood Watch

The latest database, containing several updates, had been issued.

Item 12: Other business

ET said that the Ashford Rotary Club was organising Dragon Boat Races on Conningbrook Lakes on 25 May 2019. It was agreed that the SLRA could promote this. **ACTION ET/DP**

TB said that the road closures for the 10k road run to be held on 10 February were likely to present difficulties for residents, especially those with disabilities, accessing the church service and pub in Westwell village. The Secretary was asked to contact the organisers and ask them to provide marshals to facilitate access for residents. **DP** said that the organisers, Sporting Events Ltd, had ignored all previous attempts to contact them, but would try to reach them via Ashford & District Road Running Club. **ACTION DP**

Item 13: Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 April 2019. **ACTION DP**