



**Minutes of Committee meeting held at the Hare & Hounds
on Tuesday 16 January 2018**

Present: Tony Bartlett, Bryan Biggs, Bryan Hall, Doug Harman, Desmond Henley, John Hobbs, Andy Peddle, David Porter and Evan Thomas.

Bryan Biggs was welcomed to his first committee meeting.

Item 1: Minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2017

i. Approval

The minutes were agreed.

ii. Matters Arising

TB confirmed that he had responded to the resident living in Kingsland Lane on the issue of M20 noise. There were no other matters arising which were not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

Item 2: Planning Issues

i. Planning applications and outcomes

It was noted that the SLRA responses to the planning applications for developments at Lenacre Hall Farm and the former Sandpit, Sandyhurst Lane, had been submitted on 22 November 2017. **BH** said that submissions were still being made to the planning website for Lenacre Hall Farm and that some new data referred to by a recent submission by Kent Ecological Advice Service, had not been published on the website.

Consideration of these applications by the Ashford Borough Council Planning Committee was now awaited.

It was also noted that planning consent had been granted for a new dwelling at Braehead, 198 Sandyhurst Lane.

ii. Ashford Local Plan to 2030

It was noted that the Ashford Local Plan had been approved by Cabinet on 7 December 2017 and by the Council on 14 December 2017, following which it had been submitted on 21 December 2017 to the Secretary of State for examination by the Planning Inspectorate.

Following a suggestion by **TB**, it was agreed to write to Simon Cole, Planning Policy Manager at Ashford Borough Council, thanking him for his work on the Local Plan.

ACTION TB/DP

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

BH said that whilst the draft Neighbourhood Plan had not yet been published, good progress was being made and it was hoped to complete it in mid-March. It will then be printed and delivered to all residents in the parish. There will follow a six week period of consultation, including public exhibitions. It will then be revised and, after submission to the Local Authority and independent examination, issued for a referendum.

Item 4: Traffic issues

Lorry parking at Potters Corner: It was noted that the trial prohibiting lorries from parking between 20.00 and 07.00 seemed to be working, but there were reports of 'displacement parking' in other parts of Ashford and Dover. The Chair of Westwell Parish Council had been interviewed on radio and local TV. Westwell PC was now planning to produce a report on the scheme and it was agreed to provide any SLRA support necessary.

Traffic speed: **DHa** said that he thought that the speed of vehicles in Sandyhurst Lane was increasing and often dangerous. **DHe** said that he thought better graphic road signs were needed. It was noted that previous attempts to persuade KCC to introduce traffic calming measures had failed due to the "good safety record" for the Lane. Nevertheless, it was agreed to look into the possibility of installing speed measuring equipment in the Lane to conduct a traffic speed survey. **ACTION DP**

Item 5: Local bus services

DP said that Kent County Council had drawn up proposals to withdraw subsidies for 78 bus services in Kent, to save £4 million. This included all the services which operate from each end of Sandyhurst Lane. The KCC Environment and Transport Committee met on 30 November 2017 and agreed that a public consultation on the criteria for assessing contracts for subsidies to bus services would run from 17 January 2018 to 27 March 2018. The SLRA had contacted KCC Councillor Charlie Simkins, who had replied expressing his concern about the possible threat to our local bus services.

The KCC Leader, Paul Carter, had now taken personal control of the negotiations with bus companies and a new councillor had been put in charge of the issue. It was understood that the public consultation had now been put 'on hold', but the SLRA would respond if and when it was reinstated.

Item 6: Telephone kiosk

DP said that following BT's refusal to consider removal of the telephone box on the corner of Lenacre Street and Sandyhurst Lane, on the grounds that it was "relatively well used", the SLRA had approached planning enforcement at Ashford Borough Council (ABC), who had now required to BT to remove advertising from all but one side of the kiosk under the relevant Planning Regulations. However, those regulations also prescribed no advertising at all if the kiosk lies within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). ABC had stated that the kiosk lies just outside the Kent Downs AONB, but **DP** had challenged this after obtaining opinion from Kent Downs AONB that the kiosk is just within the AONB. A reply from ABC was awaited. Meanwhile it was noted that currently all the advertising has been removed from the kiosk.

Item 7: Consultations

There were no open consultations relevant to the SLRA.

Item 8: Membership

DP said that there were now 137 members. A list had been circulated of 40 properties in the area which had changed hands in recent years (and whose new owners had not joined the SLRA) and some committee members had delivered leaflets to their local properties on the list, inviting the occupants to join the SLRA. This had resulted in 4 new members since the previous meeting. It was agreed to email existing members, asking them to encourage new neighbours to join the SLRA. **ACTION DP**

Item 9: Treasurer's report

The Treasurer was not present. **DP** said that the bank balance stood at £2,702.31, with a further £25 in cash and cheques to be paid in, totalling £2,727.31.

Item 10: Planning for AGM on 20 March 2018

It was agreed to provide a glass of wine or soft drink on arrival and tea and biscuits at the end of the event.

ACTION DP

ET, TB and **BH** agreed to approach contacts with a view to securing speakers.

ACTION ET/TB/BH

DHa agreed to sub-edit the flyer.

ACTION DHa

All present were willing to stand for re-election to the committee. Further committee members would be sought [we have 11, the Constitution allows for 112].

ACTION DP

DHa, AP and **JH** offered to manage the reception desk.

Item 11: Data Protection and the SLRA

The committee considered the paper which had been prepared, outlining the impact of the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which will apply from 25 May 2018. It was agreed to:

- (i) review our records to identify all members for whom we do NOT hold a signed and dated membership application form. Then to write to those members and obtain their express consent for us to hold and use their data after 25 May 2018.
- (ii) write to all members, reminding them that we hold their personal data, giving the purpose for which we do so, stating that it will not be disclosed or used for any other purpose and reminding them that they have the right to require us to delete all data we hold on them at any time.
- (iii) amend the footer which appears on all members' emails from the SLRA by adding:

"You have the right to require the SLRA to delete ALL your personal data. If you wish us to do so, please reply to this email. We shall then confirm deletion and termination of membership"

Item 12: Neighbourhood Watch

The latest database had been issued.

Item 13: Other business

AP drew attention to the long standing traffic management scheme between Potters Corner and just beyond the Orchard Heights roundabout, which was a safety hazard. An accident had occurred just before the meeting began. It was agreed to write to South East Water asking them to consider revising the scheme to improve safety and asking them how much longer it would be in place.

ACTION DP

Item 14: Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 April 2018.

ACTION DP