



**Minutes of Committee meeting held online (using Zoom)
on Tuesday 17 February 2021**

[This meeting was held online because of the restrictions of the Covid-19 virus pandemic]

Present: Tony Bartlett, Fred Dunkerley, Bryan Hall, John Hobbs, Andy Peddle and David Porter.

Apologies were received from Desmond Henley.

By invitation: The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Graham Mullaly, as an observer prior to being proposed as a committee member at the AGM.

Item 1: Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Item 2: Record of meeting held on 19 January 2021

i. Approval

The minutes were agreed.

ii. Matters Arising

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

Item 3: Planning for the Virtual AGM

i. Date, time and virtual platform

The date and time were confirmed as at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 17 March 2021 by Zoom. A “short link” would be used to access the meeting. [<http://bit.ly/SLRAAGM>]. Members and non-members joining the meeting would be asked to ensure that their correct names were visible. Non-members could be asked to provide details via the Chat function. Attendees would be advised that the meeting would be recorded, to facilitate the minutes, and the recording would be paused if requested by any attendee whilst contributing. The recording would be deleted immediately after the minutes had been confirmed by the committee. **ACTION DP**

ii. Agenda

The draft agenda was agreed. The draft reports by the Chair and Secretary had been circulated and would be accompanied by PowerPoint presentations, one of which was displayed online. **ACTION TB/DP**
Members would be asked to notify any relevant “Other business” for the formal AGM in advance (separately from contributions “From the Floor”). **ACTION DP**

iii. Committee members for re-election (and call for nominations)

The election would be held by online ballot in two parts, firstly the existing 10 committee members, then any new nominations. [Secretary’s note: If there are more than 12 candidates in total, this procedure will be revised]. **ACTION DP**

iv. Invitees

The agreed invitees would now be invited and asked to be ready to respond to any relevant questions from the floor. They would not be invited to make independent contributions, due to time constraints. **ACTION DP**

v. Speaker

The speaker would be approached for further details, including the title of his talk and some brief biographical notes to enable his introduction by the Chair. **ACTION TB**

vi. Flyer

The final version of the flyer, and the article for the Westwell Eye, were agreed. The flyer would be emailed to members and some would be displayed in notice boards and

(laminated) elsewhere in the area. It was agreed that committee members who were willing to do so would print and deliver to dwellings in their local areas. It was agreed that the most efficacious way to do this was to deliver primarily to non-members (and non-email members), as most members would receive full details by email.

ACTION ALL

Item 4: Planning Issues

It was noted that retrospective planning permission had been refused by Ashford Borough Council for amendment to the design and the size of the garage/home office approved under planning permission 17/00319/AS to include a residential annexe at Elvey Cottage, Kingsland Lane, and that that enforcement action had been recommended.

Following concerns raised by members, and consultation of all committee members, an SLRA submission had been made to Ashford Borough Council about a possible breach of planning permission at 28 Sandhurst Lane. Some individual members had also made submissions. The Secretary had received a telephone call from the owner, who expressed disappointment that the concerns had not been addressed to her and said that no breach of permission had occurred. The Secretary had explained that it was the role of the SLRA to represent members' views and that, in this case, they had raised concerns which had been passed on to the Council in the normal way. The SLRA had not made any direct accusation of a breach of regulations; this was for the Council to determine and if there were no breach the Council would advise the SLRA accordingly.

It was also noted that permission had been granted for extensions at 61, 250 and 398 Sandhurst Lane.

AP said that he thought the open land adjacent to and including the footpath AU3 (between 106 and 112 Sandhurst Lane) might be being cleared. **DP** said that this land was part of the Eureka Park S20 site and had at one time been proposed by the developers for vehicular access from Sandhurst Lane, contrary to the requirements of the Local Plan, under which vehicular access would be from Trinity Road only. **TB** said that, whilst Eureka Park and other developments were currently delayed due to Stodmarsh, we should be vigilant and ensure that this land is not used for vehicular access, including during construction works. **AP** agreed to keep an eye on it.

ACTION AP

Item 5: Flooding

The recent flooding in the area was discussed. In Kingsland Lane, there had been multiple occurrences of flooding, each requiring a bowser to pump the water away, but a permanent solution was required, possibly involving the clearance of a blocked soakaway. There were several points in Sandhurst Lane where flooding was a problem. Examples included in the region of 368/370 where a culvert under the road may need clearing and in the region of 160/170s where a local resident had cut a channel from the road to a ditch to try to alleviate the problem. **TB** requested **FD** to raise the issue of flooding with the KCC Councillor at the AGM.

ACTION FD

Item 6: Traffic issues

TB said that, when known, he would provide an update on the Westwell Parish Council proposed works which he had reported at the previous meeting and which included 30 mph reminder signs painted on the road surface in Sandhurst Lane.

TB requested that a pothole near the Potters Corner junction of Sandhurst Lane should be reported to KCC. [Secretary's note: This has been done on 18/2/21].

BH had reported that a new camera installation at the junction of Sandhurst Lane and Faversham Road was a police ANPR camera. After some discussion as to its purpose, **TB** said that he would raise the issue with the Joint Transportation Board.

ACTION TB

Item 7: Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Residents' Association/Neighbourhood Plan
BH confirmed the information he had given to the previous meeting. When the Plan had been finalised by the Inspector carrying out the independent examination, it would be issued for a public referendum.

Item 8 Sandyacres Trustee Board

FD said that Sandyacres was currently closed, with all bookings cancelled, because of the Covid lockdown. There had been unwelcome incidents of parties and barbecues being held in the grounds and the offenders had been warned to stop or face police action. CCTV, with a loudspeaker system, monitored by Ashford Borough Council, was also used to control such behaviour. The facility would be re-opened as soon as allowed to do so by Government.

Item 9: Consultations

There were no relevant consultations to consider.

Item 10: Membership

DP said that membership now stood at 150. As cash members would be unable to renew at the AGM, they would be invited to pay online to the SLRA account. **ACTION DP**

Item 11: Treasurer's report

The Treasurer was not present. **DP** said that the current bank balance was £2,635.37 with liabilities of £328.73 (Defibrillator battery and pads, Zoom subscription).

Item 12: Neighbourhood Watch

The latest Neighbourhood Watch database had been circulated. **JH** confirmed that the Neighbourhood Watch sign missing from the A20 end of Sandyhurst Lane was in his possession and that he was arranging for it to be re-printed and re-erected. **ACTION JH**

Item 13: Other business

AP said that the electrical fault at the Hare & Hounds, which had resulted in the defibrillator being disconnected, had been found to be a fault with the outside lights, rather than the defibrillator. He said that he would liaise with the landlord with a view to re-connecting the defibrillator as soon as possible. A new junction box would be required to replace the existing damaged box. **ACTION AP**

TB said that the Westwell Annual Parish Meeting would be held online on 25 March 2021 and the guest speaker would be Damian Green MP.

Item 14: Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on a date to be decided in May. **ACTION DP**