



**Minutes of Committee meeting held at the Hare & Hounds  
on Tuesday 17 September 2019**

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

Apologies were received from Doug Harman, Desmond Henley and Evan Thomas.

**Item 1: Minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2019**

**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**

It was noted that an appeal had been lodged for the application for 21 dwellings at Lenacre Hall Farm. The appeal hearing was scheduled for 19 November 2019 and any new comments or amendments to previous comments were to be submitted by 4 October 2019. There was a wide-ranging discussion on the contents of a possible SLRA submission. These included drawing attention to factual inaccuracies in the appeal documents and community objections relating to the Ashford Local Plan 2030, which had been adopted after the original submission and refusal, and the emerging Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed to hold a separate working meeting on 26 September to develop the SLRA submission. **ACTION ALL**

It was noted that BT had made an application to remove the telephone kiosk at the junction of Sandyhurst Lane and Lenacre Street. [Secretary's note: this has now been agreed by Ashford Borough Council].

**Item 3: Traffic issues**

It was noted that the permanent overnight lorry parking ban on the A20 had been fully implemented on 16 September. It was also noted that the 50 mph speed limit on the A20 through Hothfield had not yet been fully implemented as no signage had been erected.

**TB** introduced his paper on Traffic Speed Management, which proposed exploring the use of ANPR/average speed cameras in Sandyhurst Lane. In addition to speed monitoring, this would provide an extra level of security. It was agreed that **TB** would explore the issue further by consulting organisations such as the Kent & Medway Speed Camera Partnership. **ACTION TB**

**Item 4: Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Residents' Association/Neighbourhood Plan**

**BH** said that following the recent public consultation, the draft Neighbourhood Plan was being amended. The Parish Council was responsible for taking the Plan forward and the next stage was to submit it to Ashford Borough Council. The Plan would be amended to reflect the responses received in the recent public consultation. It was hoped that the referendum on the final version would take place in early 2020.

**Item 5 Sandyacres Trustee Board**

**FD** said that there had been no meetings of the Trustee Board since his previous report on 9 July, but that a meeting was planned on 18 September. **TB** emphasised that the SLRA was looking for greater transparency of the Board's activities and welcomed the appointment of Cllr Larry Krause to the Board. **FD** said that a further two Trustees had been appointed, one from Goat Lees and the other was the former groundsman at Sandyacres.

#### **Item 6: GDPR and website accessibility**

**TB** referred to some recent advice which had been issued to local Councils on the necessity to ensure that the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and website accessibility were being met. **DP** said that, following the review of SLRA data protection in January 2018, the agreed actions had been taken to ensure compliance with the GDPR when it was introduced on 25 May 2018. He also believed that the SLRA website met the accessibility criteria. There was some discussion as to whether this would apply to non-public sector websites such as the SLRA. **TB** emphasised that the Information Commissioner was now moving from implementation of the GDPR towards enforcement and it was important to remain vigilant in protecting and properly using all personal data held by the SLRA.

**ACTION ALL**

#### **Item 7: Consultations**

There were no current consultations relevant to the SLRA.

#### **Item 8: Membership**

**DP** said that there were now 148 members. There were now 11 subscriptions overdue for 2019. These members would be deleted in the next few weeks if their subscriptions remained unpaid.

#### **Item 9: Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer was not present. **DP** said that he had been unable to contact the Treasurer's office recently, but he had no reason to believe that the bank balance had changed significantly from the figure reported to the previous meeting (£1,737.84).

#### **Item 10: Herbicide drift**

**BH** said that he had tried to contact the member concerned and was awaiting his call back. [Secretary's note: We got this confused: **BH** was dealing with the member concerned about hedgerows, not the member concerned with herbicide drift].

#### **Item 11: Neighbourhood Watch**

Following the offer of Neighbourhood Watch wheelie bin stickers from the Liaison Officer at South East Kent Police, members had been asked if they wanted stickers on the basis of first one free, subsequent stickers 50p each (except Area E for which **DHe** had already obtained stickers). 46 members had responded and a total of 89 stickers requested. It was agreed that, in view of the problems associated with collecting and collating small payments, the cost of the paid-for stickers (about £22) would be met from SLRA funds.

**ACTION DP**

#### **Item 13: "Nextdoor" website**

Several committee members had raised concerns about the activities of the "Nextdoor" organisation. **DHa** had raised the initial concerns and, as he was unable to be present, it was agreed to hold this item over until the next meeting.

**ACTION DP**

#### **Item 13: Other business**

**JH** said that a hedge adjoining Sandyhurst Lane, near his home, had become very overgrown and presented a safety hazard. The Secretary agreed to report this to KCC.

**ACTION DP**

**AP** said that the landlord of the Hare & Hounds had reported that the green light on the SLRA defibrillator occasionally flashed red. **DP** agreed to investigate.

**ACTION DP**

**TB** said that he had recently been elected to represent Westwell Parish Council on the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC).

#### **Item 14: Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 November 2019.

**ACTION DP**