

Sandyhurst Lane Residents' Association

Minutes of SLRA Committee meeting held at Sandyacres Clubhouse on Wednesday 18 July 2012

Attendees: John Hobbs, Tony Bartlett, Norma Devereese, Don Murrell, Andy Peddle, David Porter, Howard Preston, and Evan Thomas.

Apologies for absence had been received from John Faulkner, Doug Harman and Desmond Henley.

Item 1: Minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2012

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

i. Planning applications and outcomes

HP referred to the most recent planning application for Carpenders, at the junction of Sandyhurst Lane and Faversham Road, for modifications to the existing dwelling and the construction of three detached dwellings. Following refusal of planning permission, this had now gone to appeal, with a closing date for new submissions of 6 August 2012. **HP** was contacting a number of residents with a view to making a further submission. **ND** said that Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Residents' Association also wished to make a submission. **HP** offered to provide them with relevant information. **ACTION HP**

It was noted that permission had been granted for the following applications:

- a single storey rear extension at 362 Sandyhurst Lane
- two storey side extension with dormers to the front and rear at 10 Sandyhurst Lane

and that applications were pending as follows:

- summer house and patio at The Pines, Westwell Lane
- first floor extension at Wight House, Lenacre Street

ii. Urban Sites & Infrastructure Development Plan Document

No representative had been able to attend the Hearing Session covering the Omission Sites (including the two sites in Sandyhurst Lane). However, the Inspector had not yet reported on these sites (only the ABC listed sites had so far been reported).

Item 3: Traffic issues

i. A20/Sandyhurst Lane junction

As agreed at the last meeting, a reply had been sent to KCC (on 19 May 2012), seeking the timescale of the proposed submission of a scheme for traffic signs and road marking improvements as a contender for funding. No reply had been received. It was agreed to send a further letter, seeking a reply. **ACTION JH**

TB argued for the extension of the 40mph limit to include this junction [as SLRA had originally lobbied]. A petition could be arranged if necessary. It was agreed to review this at the next meeting, when a reply from KCC should have been received.

ii. Parking at Faversham Road end of Sandyhurst Lane

As agreed at the last meeting, a letter had been sent to KCC (on 19 May 2012) seeking a solution to the problems caused by parked cars at the Faversham Road end of the Lane during the 'school run' periods in the mornings and afternoons. No reply had been received. It was agreed to send a further letter, seeking a reply. **ACTION JH**

iii. M20 Noise Action Group

AP had not yet been included in the email distribution of the M20NAG and had not been able to attend a meeting. However, he had prepared a list of hotels, schools, etc along the route which would be approached with a view to adding their weight to the lobby. **JH**, the outgoing SLRA representative on the M20NAG, would try to ensure that the change of representative was recognised by the Group.

ACTION AP/JH

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

ND said that the proposed split would create a separate ward for Trinity Road and its developments, but no further progress was likely to be made until the Local Plan was produced.

BA&ERA was considering lobbying for the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to be extended towards Sandyhurst Lane (eg Lenacre Farm). It was agreed that **SLRA** would probably wish to support any such move.

Item 5: Treasurer's Report

DH provided a Treasurer's report, to be circulated with the minutes of the meeting. The report showed a current bank balance of £307.11.

Completed bank signatory forms were passed to the Treasurer, together with a cheque for £10.00, kindly donated by a member.

Item 6: Membership

DP reported that there were now 75 members, representing 22% of the catchment. However, of these, 10 had not yet paid their 2012 subscriptions [down from 14 at the previous meeting]. It was agreed to send a 'final reminder' by email to some of these members; others would be approached by **JH**.

ACTION DP/JH

Item 7: Other business

HP said that Ashford Borough Council had asked if **SLRA** wished to make representations on the proposed development at Chilmington Green. It was agreed that this was too far from the **SLRA** area to be relevant business for **SLRA**.

ET drew attention to various fund raising events for the St Mary Westwell Restoration Fund.

ND said that the **BA&ERA** AGM would be held on 12 October 2012; the **SLRA** Chairman would be invited. She also said that the **BA&EPC** were planning to install two speed indicator signs in Sandyhurst Lane, one in each direction. The timescale was not known.

DM drew attention to his forthcoming ascent of Mount Kilimanjaro with family members, to raise funds for the Pilgrims Hospice.

JH drew attention to the Ashford Borough Council's Diamond Jubilee Civic Awards. Nominations of individuals who have made an outstanding contribution within the Borough should be made by 14 September 2012.

JH also drew attention to the Ward Members Community Grant Scheme which offered funding up to £2500 for projects benefitting the community.

Item 8: Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 September 2012 at Sandyacres Clubhouse. **ACTION DP**