



**Minutes of Committee meeting held at the Hare & Hounds
on Tuesday 18 September 2018**

Prior to the meeting, an open forum discussion was held on the SLRA's online profile (see item 10)

Present: Tony Bartlett, Bryan Biggs, Fred Dunkerley, Bryan Hall, Desmond Henley, John Hobbs, Andy Peddle, David Porter
(For the open forum: Sangeeta Ghandi, Paramita Pandit & Simon Town)

Item 1: Minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 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. Planning applications and outcomes

It was noted that the full planning application for 21 dwellings at Lenacre Hall Farm had been refused by the Council's Planning Committee on 18 July. **BB** was thanked for speaking at the meeting, giving the SLRA's additional objection comments.

The earlier hybrid application for up to 89 dwellings had yet to be decided and it was noted that some amended plans and documents had been submitted on 31 August, resulting in a new consultation period until 24 September. **BH** said that Boughton Aluph & Eastwell PC was preparing a response and **TB** said that he would contact them and Westwell PC would support their objections. The SLRA would also prepare and submit further objection comments.

ACTION TB/DP

ii. Ashford Local Plan to 2030

It was noted that the Main Modifications consultation had now been launched and ran until 26 October. It included deletion of all A20 Corridor Sites, including S47 – Land east of Hothfield Mill. There was also an amendment to S20 – Eureka Park, in respect of ecological mitigation and enhancement measures. The SLRA would prepare and submit a response to the consultation.

ACTION TB/DP

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

BH said that, for the Neighbourhood Plan, a meeting was to be held on 19 September with the appointed consultant, who would then start drafting the Plan. A meeting had recently been held with Quadrant to discuss the Eureka Park development. It was noted that the planning application for the former Sandpit, Sandyhurst Lane, had been withdrawn by the applicant.

Item 4: Traffic issues

Traffic speed: **DP** said that the SLRA traffic speed survey had taken place from 10 to 18 September at two sites in the 'Westwell' part of Sandyhurst Lane, one in the 30 mph zone and one in the 40 mph zone. This would provide data to compare with previous surveys by developers in the 'Boughton Aluph & Eastwell' part of the Lane. It was hoped to have the data available before the close of the current planning consultation for Lenacre Hall Farm.

ACTION DP

TB said that, following the granting of planning consent for the expansion of the Waterbrook lorry park, Westwell PC was lobbying for the successful overnight lorry parking ban trial to be made

permanent. The Chairman of Westwell PC had addressed the Joint Transportation Board meeting on 11 September.

Item 5: Defibrillator

Delivery of the defibrillator from Kent Fire & Rescue Service was still awaited; **DP** would enquire when this would occur. The defibrillator was to be installed in a suitable cabinet outside the Hare and Hounds, where it would be available at all times.

ACTION DP/TB

Item 6: Consultations

Other than the consultation on Main Modifications to the Local Plan (see 2 ii), there were no current consultations relevant to the SLRA.

Item 7: Membership

DP said that there were 147 members, representing 43% of the catchment area. **FD** had recruited a further two members. There were 13 cash subscriptions due; further efforts would be made to collect these.

ACTION ALL

Item 8: Treasurer's report

The Treasurer was not present. **DP** said that the bank balance stood at £2609.32 and there was a payment of £550 + VAT (£660) to be made for the traffic survey.

Item 9: Neighbourhood Watch

There had been no changes since the previous issue of the database. A further discussion was held on the likely impact on Neighbourhood Watch and Westwell Community Watch when the properties currently in Bockhanger ward become part of Westwell Parish in May 2019. The 'Westwell Eye' could be a useful additional means of communication.

TB had received an enquiry from a new resident relating to alleged burglaries in Westwell Lane which had not been notified to SLRA NW Coordinators. He was investigating and would reply to the resident.

Item 10: Other business

A discussion was held on the Open Forum which had been held prior to the meeting. This was principally about the Sandyhurst Lane Chatter page on Facebook and whether the SLRA should 'merge' with it in some way as an additional means of communication. It was felt to be a very useful page, which should be supported and promoted, but some members had reservations about the SLRA becoming officially part of it. Approximately a third of the Facebook page members were also SLRA members. There was also a Facebook page for the Lenacre Action Group, which had 48 members. It was agreed that, in order to debate the issue from a more informed perspective, those committee members who were not already members of the Sandyhurst Lane Chatter closed group would join it and the issue would then be reviewed at the next meeting.

ACTION ALL

FD reported that the groundsman at Sandyacres (Ernie) had retired and a new groundsman had been appointed.

DHe asked if the SLRA actively offered a standing order payment facility. **DP** confirmed that this was so and added that members who did not wish to pay by standing order were encouraged to pay by bank transfer.

TB said that a recent Sandyacres event had created a great deal of traffic in the Lane and that it was desirable for Sandyacres to inform SLRA in advance of such events, so that members could be forewarned. **FD** said he would pass this on to Sandyacres.

ACTION FD

Item 11: Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 November 2018.

ACTION DP