



**Minutes of Committee meeting held at the Hare & Hounds
on Tuesday 20 November 2018**

Present: Tony Bartlett, Bryan Hall, Desmond Henley, Evan Thomas and David Porter.
Apologies were received from Bryan Biggs and John Hobbs.

Item 1: Minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 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 SLRA had submitted objection comments on the hybrid planning application for Land at Lenacre Hall Farm, following amendments to the application. Objection comments had also been submitted on a new outline application for the Sand pit to the south of 200 and east of 198 Sandyhurst Lane. The consideration of both these applications will be by the Planning Committee of Ashford Borough Council and members will be advised as soon as the committee meeting dates are known, so that they may attend to show the strength of feeling. It was noted that a group of residents had independently held a meeting to organise their objections to the Sandpit application.

ii. Ashford Local Plan to 2030

It was noted that that Ashford Borough Council is awaiting the inspectors' responses to the Main Modifications consultation which closed on 26 October 2018.

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

BH said that, for the Neighbourhood Plan, a meeting was to be held on 27 November with the appointed consultant, who had now drafted the Plan. An independent examiner will test the Plan and the timetable included a 6 week submission consultation and a referendum in summer 2019. It was hoped that the Plan would be adopted in autumn 2019.

Item 4: Traffic issues

TB said that, at the recent AGM of the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC), a significant issue for discussion had been the possible introduction of 20 mph speed limits in rural areas and new residential areas.

The results of the SLRA traffic speed survey, conducted in September 2018, had now been presented in a report, which showed that the majority of vehicles exceeded the 30 mph speed limit. **TB** had discussed the report and its findings with Westwell Parish Council and it had been agreed with them to set up a joint working group to address the issue of speeding in Sandyhurst Lane. It was decided to progress this in the New Year.

TB said that he favoured the introduction of average speed cameras. Such a proposal would require the involvement of Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council and the Secretary was asked to send them a copy of the SLRA report and invite them also to discuss the issue with the SLRA. **DHe** suggested the use of informal 'emotive' signage as a good, cheaper alternative approach.

ACTION DP

Item 5: Defibrillator

Delivery of the defibrillator from Kent Fire & Rescue Service was still awaited; a further holding email had been received on 18 October. The defibrillator was to be installed in a suitable cabinet outside the Hare and Hounds, where it would be available at all times.

Item 6 Sandyacres Trustee Board

DP was asked to write to **FD** asking if Sandyacres took steps to ensure that third parties using Sandyacres for events which closed local roads had official permission for such closures. A recent event (not based at Sandyacres) had been organised by a body which had not obtained permission to close parts of Sandyhurst Lane, Lenacre Street and roads within Westwell village. **ACTION DP**

Item 7: Consultations

There were no current consultations relevant to the SLRA.

Item 8: Membership

DP said that there were 149 members, representing 43% of the catchment area. There were 9 cash subscriptions almost a year overdue; it was agreed that these members would be deleted if a final email/letter to them still produced no response. **ACTION DP**

Item 9: Treasurer's report

The Treasurer was not present. **DP** said that the financial assets were a bank balance of £1964.32 and £20.00 cash. There had been an outgoing payment of £660 for the traffic survey.

Item 10: SLRA's online profile

A further discussion was held on the Sandyhurst Lane Chatter page on Facebook and whether the SLRA should 'merge' with it in some way. Whilst the SLRA welcomed the Facebook page, which was felt to be very useful for informal discussions between residents, it was not felt that Facebook was a good 'fit' for the more formal style of the SLRA, which focussed on delivering a representation and information service primarily to its members. This did not preclude members posting SLRA information on the Sandyhurst Lane Chatter page, as appropriate.

Item 11: Neighbourhood Watch

The latest database, containing several updates, had been issued.

Item 12: Other business

It was agreed that the AGM will be held at Sandyacres on **6 March 2019**. Ideas for speakers were discussed and **TB** said he would approach Kent Fire & Rescue.

All committee members were asked to think about possible speakers. **ACTION TB/ALL**

TB said that he had declined a recent request by a (non-member) resident for SLRA involvement in a local dispute. **DP** said that he had been approached by a member about a parking problem and, when it became clear that it was a local dispute, had withdrawn SLRA involvement. It was noted that the SLRA constitution does not include involvement in local disputes.

It was noted with great sadness that member Neville Norman had passed away.

Condolences would be sent from the SLRA.

ACTION DP

Item 13: Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15 January 2019.

ACTION DP