

Sandyhurst Lane Residents' Association

Minutes of SLRA Committee meeting held at Sandyacres Clubhouse on Wednesday 21 November 2012

Attendees: John Hobbs, Tony Bartlett, Norma Devereese, John Faulkner, David Porter, Howard Preston.

Apologies for absence were received from Desmond Henley, Don Murrell and Andy Peddle.

Item 1: Minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2012

i. Approval

The minutes were agreed and signed.

ii. Matters Arising

ND had not yet had an opportunity to raise the issue of the planned vehicle-activated speed signs in Sandyhurst Lane with Richard King, but hoped to do so on a future occasion.

DP confirmed that he had submitted a piece on the SLRA to the editor of the Westwell Eye, for publication in the next edition.

JH had emailed Winston Michael with concerns about SLRA involvement in the application for a grant for a youth project. Cllr Michael had not responded. It was agreed that SLRA would not be associated with the grant application.

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

Item 2: Planning Issues

i. Planning applications and outcomes

It was noted that 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, had been dismissed on 26 September 2012.

ii. Ashford Local Plan to 2030

TB had been unable to circulate briefing material, due to an accident, but he had submitted a late response to the first consultation on projected jobs growth and new homes. The response had been accepted by Ashford Borough Council.

It was also noted that the Inspector's Final Report on the Ashford Urban Sites and Infrastructure Development Plan Document had now been published. With reference to the two 'submitted sites' in Sandyhurst Lane, Site F (land at 198 Sandyhurst Lane) had been withdrawn and Site E (Former Sandpit, Sandyhurst Lane) had been found unsuitable because of its isolated location and difficult access.

Item 3: Traffic issues

i. A20/Sandyhurst Lane junction

JH had not written to KCC on the points raised at the previous meeting, but these would be used to respond to the promised public consultation.

ii. Parking at Faversham Road end of Sandyhurst Lane

A response had been received from KCC Traffic Team, dated 16 October 2012, refusing to impose parking restrictions. The letter stated that they will only progress new restrictions where there have been personal injury accidents within the past three years.

Meanwhile, KCC had published proposals for parking restrictions in parts of Faversham Road, including the vicinity of Towers School. The SLRA committee had considered these proposals (in correspondence) and taken the view that they would exacerbate the parking problems already experienced in Sandyhurst Lane. Accordingly, a letter of objection had been sent to KCC on 9 November 2012.

ND reported that BA&ERA had met with representatives of KCC and ABC on 14 November to discuss these issues, but a report back was yet to be received. **ND** would circulate this when received.

ACTION ND

JF suggested that the issue of 'school run' parking in Sandyhurst Lane should be brought to the attention of the press. **TB** agreed to speak to Winston Michael about press contacts.

ACTION TB

iii. M20 Noise Action Group

AP was not present, so the report on this item was held over to the next meeting. **JF** observed that many holes and patches were now appearing in the concrete section of the M20.

Item 4: Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Residents' Association

ND said that the BA&ERA AGM is seeking to raise its profile and had established a sub-committee to look at this issue. A further sub-committee was to be set up to look at traffic issues and a representative from Sandyhurst Lane was sought. **JF** volunteered to do this.

ACTION JF

Item 5: Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, this item was held over. The only expenditure known to have occurred since the previous meeting was a £20 donation in memory of Monica Berwick OBE.

Item 6: Membership

DP reported that there were now 75 members, but 6 members had not yet paid their 2012 subscriptions and these had now been removed from the email bulletin list. A further membership drive would take place at the AGM and steps would be taken to ensure that, unlike the 2012 AGM, no non-members would be admitted.

Item 7: Planning for AGM, 2013

i. Date and venue

It was agreed to hold the AGM on Wednesday 13 March 2013 at Sandyacres Clubhouse. **ACTION DP**

ii. Agenda and flyer

The draft agenda was agreed. A flyer would be drafted.

ACTION DP

iii. Speakers and invitees

It was agreed that all the county and borough councillors representing the SLRA catchment area would be invited.

ACTION DP

Invitations to speak would be sent to a representative of the local police/neighbourhood watch, the two KCC councillors who were understood to be retiring and a representative of a local business.

ACTION DP

It was also agreed that a raffle would be held at the AGM.

Item 8: Other business

TB agreed to discuss the Neighbourhood Watch scheme with his neighbour, who was believed to be a Neighbourhood Watch scheme co-ordinator.

ACTION TB

TB said that a sign had recently been uncovered showing that the part of Westwell Lane near the A20 end of Sandyhurst Lane was subject to the national speed limit of 60mph. He felt that KCC should be asked to remove this sign.

Item 9: Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 30 January 2013 at Sandyacres Clubhouse. **ACTION DP**