

**Minutes of Committee meeting held at the Hare & Hounds
on Tuesday 21 November 2017**

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

Item 1: Committee membership

Fred Dunkerley was welcomed to his first full meeting of the committee.

Item 2: Minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2017**i. Approval**

The minutes were agreed.

ii. Matters Arising

It was noted that the proposed lorry park at Stanford had been scrapped by the Government.
New proposals were awaited.

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

Item 3: Planning Issues**i. Planning applications and outcomes**

It was noted that planning consent had been granted for extensions at 64 Sandyhurst Lane. It was also noted that an application had been made for a single 4 bedroom chalet bungalow at Braehead, 198 Sandyhurst Lane.

The Braehead site had also been previously submitted to the Local Plan for consideration for up to 15 dwellings and this had been referred by Ashford Borough Council to Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council (BA&E PC) for consideration in their Neighbourhood Plan. BA&E PC had issued a decision letter in April 2017, saying they were not minded to include the site in their Neighbourhood Plan.

It was noted that BA&E PC had raised no objection to the current application for a single dwelling at Braehead, but had stated that they would not support further development on the site.

Two planning applications had been made for major developments in Sandyhurst Lane:

1. **Land at Lenacre Hall Farm:** Hybrid application for up to 89 new residential dwellings, consisting of a full planning application for the development of 21 new residential dwellings, access, drainage and landscaping to the south of the site and outline planning application with all matters reserved except for access for the development of up to 68 new dwellings with associated access, landscaping, open space and community orchard at the land to the north and west of Lenacre Hall Farm, Sandyhurst Lane, Ashford.
2. **Sandpit** to the south of 200 and east of 198, Sandyhurst Lane. Outline planning application with details of access and layout provided for developer-led custom-build residential development of up to 18 dwellings, open space and landscaping, wildlife habitat reserve, new access to Sandyhurst Lane, parking, engineering (including ground modelling) works and infrastructure, with appearance, landscaping and scale reserved for future determination.

Following two surveys of residents, SLRA responses had been drafted, objecting to both proposed developments. These were considered by the meeting and approved, subject to final amendments. The responses would be submitted before the closing date for comments (23 November 2017) and circulated to members. **ACTION DP**

ii. Ashford Local Plan to 2030

It was noted that the Ashford Local Plan is due to be considered by Cabinet on 7 December 2017 and by the Council on 14 December 2017.

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

It was noted that, according to the recent BA&E Neighbourhood Plan newsletter, writing of the Plan is underway and it will be ready for public consultation by the end of the year.

Item 5: Traffic issues

Lorry parking at Potters Corner: It was noted that the trial prohibiting lorries from parking between 20.00 and 07.00 had started on Monday 30 October 2017, with some success.

M20 noise: Following the SLRA letter to Highways England, replies had been received, both directly and through the intervention of Damian Green MP. Although no action on resurfacing the M20 was imminent, the replies did include the statement that "At this stage, work is expected to take place in the financial year 2021/22".

A resident living in Kingsland Lane had contacted the Association, discussing the M20 noise problem and saying that noise measurements existed which had been recorded before the construction of the M20. **TB** said that he would respond. **ACTION TB**

Item 6: Telephone box

DP said that he had approached BT but that they had refused to consider removal of the telephone box on the corner of Lenacre Street and Sandyhurst Lane, on the grounds that it was "relatively well used", though they declined to reveal actual usage data. **DP** had then approached planning enforcement at Ashford Borough Council, who had opened a case on the alleged display of adverts on a telephone call box without planning permission. The outcome was awaited.

Item 7: Sandyacres Trustee Board

FD had attended the Sandyacres Trustee Board meeting on 6 November as a representative of SLRA and been enrolled as a Trustee. He reported that Rodney Ades had resigned as a Trustee. The Sandyacres finances were healthy and consideration was being given to repairs to the access road and new signage (no parking on the grass). The groundsman was planning to retire next year and a replacement would have to be recruited. Event bookings were healthy. It was not thought that the Lenacre Hall Farm planning application would impact on Sandyacres. The next Trustees meeting would be in 3 months' time.

Item 8: Consultations

There were no open consultations relevant to the SLRA.

Item 9: Membership

DP said that there were now 133 members, having deleted 6 members who had not paid their 2017 subscriptions. Lists had been prepared of 32 properties in the area which had changed hands in the last two years (and whose new owners had not joined the SLRA) and of 12 respondents to our recent surveys who were not SLRA members. It was agreed to prepare a leaflet to deliver to these properties, inviting the occupants to join the SLRA. **ACTION DP**

Item 10: Treasurer's report

The Treasurer was not present. **DP** said that the bank balance stood at £2,398.31.

Item 11: Neighbourhood Watch

The latest database had been issued.

Item 12: Other business

There was no further business.

Item 13: Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 January 2018. The AGM will be held on 21 March 2018. **ACTION DP**