

Sandyhurst Lane Residents' Association

Minutes of SLRA Committee meeting held at Sandyacres Clubhouse on Thursday, 26 May 2011.

Attendees: Howard Preston, John Faulkner, Doug Harman, John Hobbs, Andy Peddle, David Porter.

Apologies for absence had been received from Sandra Bunclark, Desmond Henley, Don Murrell and Evan Thomas.

Andy Peddle was welcomed to the meeting and formally co-opted to the Committee.

It was agreed that Desmond Henley would also be formally co-opted when he next attended as an SLRA member.

Item 1: Minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2011.

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

HP noted that the diversion of the footpath AE210 was now the subject of a Public Path Diversion Order. Following discussion of details of the footpath, it was agreed that **HP** would write to KCC accepting the proposed route for AE210 and emphasising the need to provide a safe environment, remove obstacles, provide interesting landscaping and appropriate kissing gates.

HP also reported that, following the refusal of planning permission to build a 3 bedroom house on land adjacent to 10 Sandyhurst Lane/Potters Close, an appeal had been lodged. **HP** would write to the Planning Inspectorate with a further submission objecting to the development. **DH** offered to take photographs to support the submission.

HP noted that the 'reserved matters' (scale, landscaping and appearance) for the erection of three detached houses on the site of Carpenders had now been permitted. These were much more satisfactory than the original proposals.

HP also drew attention to the recent "Urban Sites" Development consultation. Two of the sites are in Sandyhurst Lane. Access to the sites is likely to be a significant problem for developers. **HP** will draft a response to the consultation.

Item 3: Traffic speed

i. Speed Watch

DP reported that Westwell PC holds lists of trained volunteers and sites approved by Kent Police. The Speedwatch equipment is owned by Boughton Aluph & Eastwell PC. Westwell PC will liaise with them regarding scheduling of Speedwatch in Sandyhurst Lane.

ii. A20/Sandyhurst Lane junction

Some members had raised the issue of traffic speed at the junction of the A20 with Sandyhurst Lane (Potters Corner). Several serious accidents had occurred. It was agreed there was a case for lobbying for the 40mph limit on the A20 to be extended from the Orchard Heights roundabout to beyond Potters Corner. Steps would also be taken to seek support from other interested parties, eg Westwell PC.

Item 4: Financial Statement

DP reported that he had asked the Treasurer, in his absence, to provide a brief financial statement, but this had not proved possible, due to the Treasurer's heavy business commitments.

Item 5: Membership Drive

i. Review of Social Event 2 May 2011

The evening was generally thought to have been a success with positive feedback, though it would have been further improved by a higher attendance. A discussion ensued on the need for further social events, such as a quiz night. Further discussion would be held at the next meeting.

ii. Report on current membership

DP reported that, following the initial recruitment of 39 members at the Social Event, the membership had now risen to 54 (16% of the catchment). Some further applications were expected. 46 of the 54 members had email addresses and were receiving bulletins as and when news items arose.

Item 6: Any other business

JF commented that the SLRA website was good and could be further improved with extra pages to generate interest among members and potential members. He proposed several ideas:

- invite local Councillors (ABC & KCC) to provide material for a 'blog' on their representational activities, etc
- invite organisers of social events to provide information [Sandyacres & the Hare and Hounds were approached after the meeting and responded positively].
- Provide a list of restaurants in the vicinity. JF offered to initiate this.

A wide ranging discussion was held, developing these ideas.

Two members' portraits were taken by DH for use on the website.

Item 7: Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 21 July 2011 at Sandyacres Clubhouse.