



**Minutes of Committee meeting held at the Hare & Hounds
on Tuesday 5 November 2019**

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

Item 1: Minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2019

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

It was noted that SLRA comments had been submitted for the appeal for the application for 21 dwellings at Lenacre Hall Farm and that the hearing will take place at 10.00 am on Tuesday 19 November 2019. **BH** said that he would be attending and agreed to put forward the SLRA views. Other committee members would attend if possible. **ACTION BH**

Item 3: Traffic issues

It was noted that the permanent overnight lorry parking ban on the A20, which had been fully implemented on 16 September, could be temporarily suspended at the discretion of the authorities, if Operation Brock were to be implemented. It was also noted that the 50 mph speed limit on the A20 through Hothfield had now been fully implemented.

TB said that he had written to the Kent & Medway Speed Camera Partnership seeking a meeting to discuss traffic speed management in Sandyhurst Lane. A reply was awaited. Boughton Aluph & Eastwell PC (BA&E PC) had recently drawn attention to the plan by KCC Highways to introduce a Parish Improvement Plan (PIP). Comments on matters for inclusion in the PIP would be welcomed and should be submitted via the Residents' Association or Clerk. BA&E PC had also decided to install village posts in five locations at entrances to the village.

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

BH said that the consultant preparing the Plan for submission to Ashford Borough Council had resumed work after a recent period of ill health. It was anticipated that the referendum on the final version would take place in early 2020.

Item 5 Sandyacres Trustee Board

Following a discussion about the need to ensure that Sandyacres is well used and supported by local residents, it was agreed that the SLRA could offer to help publicise events at Sandyacres via its website and/or email bulletins, as appropriate. **FD** agreed to liaise with Sandyacres on this issue. **ACTION FD**

Item 6: Consultations

There were no current consultations relevant to the SLRA.

Item 7: Membership

DP said that there were now 151 members. There were 9 subscriptions overdue for 2019.

These members would now be deleted and sent a closing email.

ACTION DP

DP said that he received notifications when properties in the SLRA area were sold. He agreed to pass this information on to local committee members or co-ordinators so that efforts could be made to recruit new members.

ACTION DP

Item 8: Treasurer's report

The Treasurer was not present. **DP** said that the contact in the Treasurer's office was on long-term leave but the Treasurer himself had been very helpful in dealing with cheques, etc. **DP** had proposed that he should apply for "view only" online access to the SLRA bank account and this was agreed.

ACTION DP

Item 9: Herbicide drift

TB said that, following the discussions at Westwell Parish Council and the receipt of information from the National Farmers Union, herbicide drift was now a matter for the relevant parties to discuss. **BH** said that he had been in contact with the resident who was concerned about hedgerows and he was also concerned about herbicide drift. **BH** was hoping to have a meeting with the resident concerned so that further action could be agreed. **TB** said that, if necessary, he could raise further concerns with Westwell Parish Council, in which parish both the farmer and the resident are located.

ACTION BH

Item 10: Neighbourhood Watch

TB suggested that, when there is an urgent Neighbourhood Watch alert to go out to members, it would be desirable to send this by SMS text message instead of, or in addition to email. **DP** agreed to look into the feasibility of this suggestion.

ACTION DP

Item 11: "Nextdoor" website

DHa had raised concerns and, as he was unable to be present, it was agreed to hold this item over.

Item 12: Other business

TB asked that committee members give some thought to speakers for the AGM, ahead of the next committee meeting, which will focus on planning for the AGM.

ACTION ALL

TB said that Westwell Parish Council had decided to erect a parish notice board on the land near the entrance to Hoads Wood Gardens. Planning permission had been granted by Ashford Borough Council, which owns the land. The notice board would also be available for SLRA information.

DP said that he had received a complaint about youths using the SLRA seat near the entrance to Hoads Wood Gardens in an anti-social manner. It was agreed to report this to the local PCSO.

ACTION DP

Item 13: Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 January 2020.

ACTION DP