

Sandyhurst Lane Residents' Association
Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 20th April 2005
at 13 Hoads Wood Gardens

Present:

Howard Preston (Chairman), Kevin Saunby (Vice-chairman), David Hilliger (Treasurer), David Porter, Dennis Fricker, David Betts and Sue Wood.

Apologies:

Paul Harris

Committee Changes:

Howard announced that he would be stepping down as Chairman before the AGM, for health reasons.

Minutes of last meeting:

Agreed and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising:

None.

Planning:

- Hoads Wood Gardens – 5 houses approved by Planning Inspectorate despite problems with Hoads Wood Gardens pumping station.
- Hillyfields – bungalow at rear refused. Thought that representations by Boughton Aluph and Eastwell parish council and residents of Dunnock Close were helpful.
- Warrigate – application for 12 houses plus extension to existing house refused. Tree Preservation Orders put on mature trees on site. New application for 5 houses and extension then made, but trees omitted from plans. Site visit paid by inspector, following which application refused.

Ashford Borough Council seeking land for development:

- Trinity College land (opposite post box)
- Thurleigh Homes wrote to owners of 162, 158 and 164 asking if they were willing to sell, but they were not interested.
- Eureka Business Park – public meeting re development held on 3rd August 2004 and well attended.
- New development brief coming out.
- Sand pits – 28 houses proposed. Thought unlikely to get permission because of problems re access.
- Peter Le Clercq's field (behind Molehill) – owner willing to sell for housing but ABC wants it for employment.
- Tennis Academy at Sandy Acres – A consortium was seeking a suitable site for a tennis academy in Ashford and had viewed Sandy Acres. Boughton Aluph and Eastwell parish council organised a petition to develop Sandy Acres as a village green for Goat Lees – had been bought by developers as Public Open Space for Goat Lees. ABC objecting to the parish council's proposal.

Speeding:

Introduction of lower speed limit at Kennington end of Sandyhurst Lane 9th on list. No funding available.

Treasurer's Report:

93 paid up members.

Building Society account: £556.89

Petty cash: £2.33

Any Other Business:

- Drain at Hare and Hounds – blocked. Sue to report to Highways.
- Noticeboard – repairs necessary.
- Post box at Hare and Hounds – often too full in the afternoon to accommodate letters. Thought to be business mail from nearby businesses.
- To Let sign advertising offices in Kingsland Lane on verge at junction of Sandyhurst Lane and Westwell Lane – complaints received. Sue to investigate whether or not the sign had planning permission and to take appropriate action.
- Membership – slightly up.
- Footpath at Howard's – Footpath AU1 crosses 10 properties, 140-164 Sandyhurst Lane, which have been built across it since 1935. Proposed diversion of AU1 on farm side of screen hedge agreed with Bidwells, acting for Trinity College, provided that SLRA/ramblers/Brakes did not object to AE210 diversion around Brakes (farm to duck farm/Trinity Road). However, Bidwell's negotiator would not formally offer northerly route, so SLRA objected. Negotiator has since left Bidwells so discussions have reopened re SLRA proposed route shown on Eureka brief.

Date of next meeting:

To be arranged.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.