

Record of “Virtual committee meeting” held 13-17 March 2020

The committee meeting scheduled for 13 March 2020 was cancelled due to the coronavirus health restrictions.

The committee was invited to respond by completing an online survey and/or by email.

Respondents: Tony Bartlett, Bryan Biggs, Bryan Hall, John Hobbs and David Porter.

Item 1: Open Forum

This was not held.

Item 2: Minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2020

i. Approval

The minutes were agreed.

ii. Matters Arising

TB: No reply received from Goodman Estate to SLRA letter of 29 January 2020. To be chased. **ACTION DP**

BH: Tara Hall should be available as a speaker for the postponed AGM.

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

Item 3: AGM, 25 March

In the light of the health restrictions, it was unanimously agreed to ratify the decision to override article 7.2 of the Constitution and postpone the meeting till the Autumn.

Item 4: Planning

The only contentious issue was the application for the erection of a first floor extension & car port to the front of Cumberland, Westwell Lane, including works to create a driveway (part retrospective). This had been strongly opposed by a local resident and SLRA member.

TB commented: At the last Westwell Parish Council meeting there was no objection to the house changes but there was an objection to the Car Port for reasons of a) built in front of building line, b) access dangerous on single lane narrow road. SLRA suggests neighbour to take appropriate action. This was unanimously agreed.

Item 5: Traffic issues

TB commented: At its last meeting Westwell Parish Council agreed that its PRIORITY Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) issue with KCC was “Gates” and advisory speed signs throughout the parish including SHL /Potters Corner junction should be a separate issue.

TB commented further: Can we get feedback from next BA&E PC meeting on HIP please? [Secretary’s note: The BA&E PC meeting scheduled for 16 March 2020 was cancelled.]

Item 6: Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Residents’ Association/Neighbourhood Plan

BH commented: The BA&E Residents Association meeting planned for 19th March has been postponed too. There is a BA&E PC meeting due on 16th March and if there is any update (Item 8 on their agenda) on the NP I will update you. [Secretary’s note: The BA&E PC meeting scheduled for 16 March 2020 was cancelled.]

Item 7 Sandyacres Trustee Board

TB commented: Fred please report. SLRA to ask for advanced sight of Agenda to raise issues of interest.

ACTION FD

Item 8: Consultations

There were no current consultations relevant to the SLRA.

Item 9: Membership

DP commented: We have 150 members, of which 57 cash members are due. In view of the AGM postponement I shall also circulate to cash members details of how they can pay (I'll encourage online payments).

ACTION DP

Item 10: Treasurer's report

DP commented: Don has kindly provided an up to date bank statement. The current balance is £2,091.39, reflecting the standing order subscriptions which come in at the beginning of the year.

Item 11: Neighbourhood Watch

The latest Neighbourhood Watch database had been circulated.

Item 12: Other business

TB: a) to note BA&E Residents Association AGM postponement, b) I used Doodle s/w for a conference meeting yesterday. It worked very well, - video conversation, sharing presentations and completing on-line forms. Might need for the future!!!

JH: Expressed appreciation of ensuring any important issues are dealt with despite us not being able to meet.

Item 13: Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at a date to be decided when the current health restrictions permit. Meanwhile, further online virtual meetings can be held as required.

ACTION DP