

**Minutes of the Tenterden District Residents' Association held on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 in the Day Centre, Tenterden**

1. **Present**

S. Nepp (Chairperson), H. Burnside, K. Grant, W. Chantler, M. Winiberg, N. Webb.

2. **Apologies**

C. Parkin, I. Marsden, M. Lyons, R. Isworth

3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

4. **Matters Arising**

Community Award Competition – Nothing received yet. The closing date is 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.  
R. Isworth to contact the Press again in September. **RI1**

Litter – U3A have arranged a litter collection for 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, from 11am to 2pm.  
Unfortunately our two Community Support Officers have been reduced to one now.

Flyers – We now have a notice on the Gateway plasma screen. It was agreed that we still need to have flyers printed, both for noticeboards and Estate Agent welcome packs. S. Nepp to draft, once these are done C. Parkin to arrange to notices to be put on the Town Hall board, TESCOs, Waitrose, Costa, and the Churches. She is also to find out about whether we can display them at the schools. M. Winiberg agreed to contact the Methodist Church. The Flyers will include details of our website. **SN/CP/MW2**

Tree Planting – W. Chantler to contact Harry McKenna. Two of our trees in Appledore Road need replacing, one has died and the other was hit by a car. These are now the responsibility of KCC. He will also contact the Town Council and complain about the lack of care. **WC3**

Planning – R. Isworth is being copied in on our comments.

CCTV – R16 continues.

AGM – The Hall has been booked for the 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

Website – A designer has been appointed and should complete the work within the next couple of weeks. There will be a News Page, but until this has got going we will post Planning news. To launch the Site S. Nepp will make an announcement in the Kentish Express explaining what it is about and encouraging feedback from Members. There will be a mail shot to Members in September via the Newsletter also explaining this. In future a summary of our meetings will be posted every month by members of the Committee on a rotating basis. H. Burnside stressed the need for application forms to be available on the Flyers and website, including full name and address, plus email address. **SN/4**

5. **Planning**

Mobile Home – TTC have objected.

Breton Court – ABC to visit site. This is a three storey development with poor access.

Tilden Gill – an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State. The Committee are concerned that, with the pressure for more housing, this may be successful. K. Grant to spearhead our response, including a need to engage with the Town Council, Press, local MP, Weald of Kent Preservation Society and a petition. S. Nepp to find out about timetable and deadlines. She will also investigate how other organisations have addressed such appeals and review precedents such as Chilmington Green. **KG/SN5**

Collina House – going to appeal, because the Council responded too late.

142 High Street – application for conversion of commercial premises to residential. Do we object? There is a worry that the High Street is changing away from commerce and should this be resisted? The problem was clearly rates, and to some extent rents. Could the Town Council be persuaded to lobby Ashford Borough Council on the subject of rates? S. Nepp to contact R. Isworth to see what can be done. She will also speak to Sue Fergusson of the Chamber of Commerce. M. Winiberg will also speak to the Chamber of Commerce. **SN/MW6**

Sunday Parking – it was noted that there are still no double yellow lines on the north side of the High Street. R. Isworth to find out about progress. **RI7**

#### **6. Treasurers Report**

After commitments we will have used most of the build up of funds that we have made in the last few years. We need to start working on recruitment as we are likely to be about 40 members short this year. M. Lyons to speak to the Estate Agents in the town asking if they will include our Flyers when residents purchase a property. **ML8**

#### **7. Coffee Morning**

It is uncertain whether it will be the 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> of October, 2015. M. Lyons to confirm. **ML9**

#### **8. Date of next Meeting**

14<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 at the White Lion to discuss the website, Tilden Green and the Coffee Morning.

10<sup>th</sup> August, 2015