

Minutes of the Tenterden District Residents' Association held on 8th October, 2015 in the Railway Buffet, Tenterden

1. Present

S. Nepp (Chairperson), H. Burnside, R. Isworth, M. Winiberg, N. Webb.

2. Apologies

W. Chantler, K. Grant, C. Parkin, T. Pearlman, I. Marsden,

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

4. Matters Arising

Community Award Competition – No entries received and it was agreed that in view of the fact that the Competition ends at the end of October, we should just wait and see what happens. If nothing of merit is forthcoming then we will express our disappointment in the Kentish Express.

Website – C. Parkin is away, but will be responsible for website diary entries, and S. Nepp for uploading Planning Reports. S. Nepp has asked Tim to quote for spending one hour per month on maintenance and uploads. The Committee agreed to this. He has also been asked to do a User Manual. M. Winiberg to confirm to H. Burnside that he is satisfied with the quality of the website before he issues payment, and to check that email forwarding is working. **MW1**

Newsletter – now out, but there is little response to providing email addresses. Eight responses so far and request that either W. Chantler or K. Grant deliver to a lady in Shrubcote in the future. **WC/KG2**

Pilgrims Hospice – a complaint has been received regarding furniture on the pavement outside the Pilgrims Hospice, making the area look very untidy. This was unnecessary considering they now have a designated warehouse. R. Isworth took note and asked that when complaints like this were received that they be put in writing.

Chamber of Commerce – it was agreed that we should send representatives to their networking meetings. H. Burnside and S. Nepp agreed to attend. M. Winiberg, who is a member, will refer to our website on the Chamber of Commerce Forum. **HB/SN/MW3**

5. Planning

Cranbrook Road Traveller Site – continues and we need to watch. T. Pearlman responded to the Minutes by email, saying that he felt the TDRA should have approached the Objectors Group rather than them contacting us.

TENT1 – bidding for the East Side has now closed. It was also noted that TESCO is selling off part of the land earmarked for car park.

Danemore Development – S. Nepp has objected on the grounds of traffic impact. In conjunction with this the Committee considered a re-imposition of a one way system around Golden Square. S. Nepp to raise this on the website for feedback, and will contact Mike Hill. **SN4**

Tilden Gill – continues. We should send representatives to the Public Enquiry.

Mobile Home, Woodchurch Road – S. Nepp reported that a mobile home at the corner of Woodchurch Road and Swain Road seemed to be developing and she had noticed activity. She will investigate. **SN5**

Smith's Florist – N. Webb to raise with Sue Fergusson. **NW6**

SN6 continues. R. Isworth reported that negotiations were continuing regarding the provision of Market Stalls in the High Street to tidy up and standardise.

6. Treasurers Report

Subscriptions still coming in, and they are comparable to last year's total. We should break even after commitments.

7. Coffee Morning

M. Lyons to organise boards and banner, S. Nepp to put items on PowerPoint and arrange Flyers (these have now been printed). M. Winiberg – laptops and presentation material. **ML/SN/MW7**

8. Co-Option T. Pearlman

The Secretary nominated T. Pearlman for re-admission to the Committee, supported unanimously.

9. Any Other Business

H. Burnside noted the recent announcement by the Government about Business Rates being under the control of local government. The Committee agreed that Ashford Borough Council should be encouraged to help local businesses. M. Winiberg to raise this with the Chamber of Commerce, as this would be more in their remit and S. Nepp will raise the matter with Sue Fergusson. **SN/MW8**

Ongoing causes – the Committee agreed to pursue the matter of expanding Ivy Court and the condition of the High Street. With regard to the Health Centre it was frustrating that there was no progress in negotiations with NHS England to enable the Doctors Surgery to expand into these under-used premises. R. Isworth to take this matter up with the Surgery Practice Manager and report to S. Nepp to report as a news item on the website. **RI/SN9**

10. Date of Next Meeting

26th November, 2015 at the Day Centre, Tenterden.

21st October, 2015