



TDRA MINUTES

On 31st May, 2018, 7.30pm at Tenterden Social Hub

1. **Present**

A. Bates (Chairman), H. Burnside, S. Nepp, A. Greaves, W. Chantler,
M. Lyons, I. Marsden

2. **Apologies**

C. Parkin, M. Winiberg, K. Grant, N. Webb

M. Carter was also unable to attend.

3. **Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

4. **Matters Arising**

None, however satisfaction was expressed at the withdrawal of Taylor Wimpey's application to remove the very old oak tree from their site.

5. **Correspondence**

H. Burnside reported that he had received an offer from the secretary of the local History Society to write an article for The Resident 2019. H. Burnside to advise K. Grant.

HB1

S. Nepp advised of correspondence from a resident of Ingleden Park Road concerned at an application to build a new home in limited space between two existing houses. She reported that she shared the concerns and has objected to the application.

6. **Committee Reports**

Planning. A. Bates reported that the Pope House Farm application appeared to have been submitted under another name, under number 18/00759. S. Nepp to investigate and refer back to A. Bates re any objection.

SN2

Treasurer. H. Burnside reported that income for the year to date was £2,257, slightly ahead of last year but consistent with the pattern for the year. Nothing to note re expenses.

He also reported the return of GDPR letters at 176 to date as disappointing. Some discussion took place as to options to follow up and the degree of necessity, particularly since whatever guidance is available is frequently vague. To be discussed further at the June meeting. **NW3**

The issue of our IT platform was raised with the Treasurer at the AGM, and is recognized as an issue we need to address over time. It is clear that other organisations have moved on to a more robust platform than our Excel spreadsheet reliance. In the short term the Treasurer will ensure the Chairman has a spare copy of the latest spreadsheet. **HB4**

The Treasurer and Chairman had recently attended a meeting of the St. Michaels Community Group; as a result we have agreed to take an advert in their newsletter at a cost of £50, and they have agreed to distribute our flyers in their newsletter to all 1200 houses in St. Michaels.

Discussion then took place on the issues of (i) precise identification of our qualifying members, and (ii) the pros and cons of issuing membership cards. On the first issue, the Committee resolved that, should they anticipate any upcoming situation where a vote might be controversial, they would expect to clarify voting eligibility by (i) seeking confirmation that each potential voter had made a donation in the current year, and (ii) they were happy to certify that such individual was on the Electoral Roll.

The question of membership cards was carried forward to a future meeting. **NW5**

During the discussion it was also noted that at some time the Constitution needs to be updated to reflect the inability to distribute membership data. **AB6**

7. **Focus Groups**

Cinema and Culture Hub. A presentation of the feasibility report by the architects Burrell, Foley, Fischer; cinema business consultants Craigmount and quantity surveyors Greenwood Projects will be made on Thursday July 5th at the Town Hall.

Recreation Ground. Nothing extra to report.

8. **AGM Report**

Good attendance – circa 70 people – was noted, also compliments paid to R. Isworth for the presentation on Tenterden Social Hub.

9. **Any Other Business**

A.Greaves raised the question of the appointment of a Press Officer and volunteered to be of assistance in this regard. An extensive discussion ensued, covering the fact we had never filled such a role, with responsibility for such being taken by the Planning Secretary and Chairman in respect of their respective responsibilities, and the pros and cons of taking a more active position with the press.

At the specific request of A. Greaves, the comment of H. Burnside was minuted to the effect that “One, he was not convinced of the need to have increased press presence, as in his experience coverage should only be sought when there was something worthwhile to say, and Two, it is unfortunate that, given A. Greaves’ directly attributed comments in the newspapers

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