



TDRA MINUTES

On 26th July, 2018, 7.30pm at Tenterden Social Hub

1. Present

A. Bates (Chairman), A. Greaves, W. Chantler, S Nepp, I Marsden, N. Webb,

2. Apologies

H Burnside, C Parkin, M Lyons. Mike Carter did not attend.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Committee Reports

Planning Committee

We commented on the following applications:

Ingleden Park Road – we supported.

Tilden Gill – we made comments on the design not being relevant, and that the higher flats were too close to the boundary of an area of outstanding natural beauty and should be relocated. There was little in the way of a buffer with Belgar (listed property).

Pope Farm House – we reiterated our position.

Junction with A28 and Beacon Oak Road – it was noted that the time for public consultation has been extended. A Greaves attended a town meeting, chaired by Sue Ferguson, attended by approximately 70 people, the majority of whom were all against the idea of traffic lights. This has been approved in principle by Kent Highways, who will probably end up making a decision based on safety aspects. It was generally considered that it would be safer to have traffic lights than a round-about for pedestrians, many of whom are children. Another important factor is the cost involved in relocating the BT fibre optics box.

Treasurer's Report

See report

7. Focus Groups

Recreation Ground – A Bates reported that there had been a public display. It is proposed to have a kidney shaped skate park. Tennis Courts to be aligned north to south to accommodate some of it. It was noted that there is to be a private road to a Bowls Club House, which would include free parking. It was felt that this exclusivity could be contentious in view of the fact that it is to be financed by public funds. I Marsden queried why they could not use the Leisure Centre Reception like everyone else. We will comment when a full application is made. In the meantime A Bates to write to TTC asking why the proposals cannot work around the existing bowling area, thus minimising the cost, and also to suggest an open meeting to canvas opinion. **AB1**

Cinema – the report recommends The Pebbles being the best financial solution. The building is owned by the Town Council, with rights of access to the rear.

Limes Land – A Greaves reported he had spoken to a surveyor who was on the site, who said that there would be building coming soon. It would seem therefore that an application is imminent. It was noted that the Inspector's consideration of the Local Plan, indicates that Ashford Borough Council has sufficient land supply for the next five years, and that therefore this would invalidate any argument should an application be made on that basis. Furthermore it was noted that Pope House Farm site is still undecided. It was noted however that should TENT1B not proceed, then this would put more pressure on the Limes Land site. In the event of an application being made we would object on the basis of it not being in the Local Plan Core Strategy, nor sustainable.

8. Any Other Business

Green Spaces Working Group – work has proceeded in identifying eight possible sites that could be designated Green Spaces. These would include, amongst others, Glebe Land and the Memorial Garden. The document itself will become important as a supplementary planning document. See attached Minutes.

Coffee Morning – to be included on the next Agenda. A Bates to check the availability of the White Lion on the 13th October, 2018. **AB2**

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