

TDRA MINUTES

On 27th September 2018, 7.30pm at Tenterden Social Hub

1. Present

A. Bates (Chairman), A. Greaves, W. Chantler, S Nepp, H Burnside, K Grant, I Marsden, N. Webb, M. Winiberg, M Lyons.

2. Apologies

C Parkin.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

4. Matters Arising

AB1 continues.

Recreation Ground Design – A Bates explained that the consultants felt that the tennis court and bowling green at present broke up the available space, and they are trying to improve the image.

Coffee Morning – White Lion room booked for 13th October.

5. Correspondence

M Lyons has had a letter from Ann Dobson resigning as a distributor in Cedar Court. He is concerned that this will leave Newsletters undelivered because this a secure building. There are about 15 members there. It was agreed that Newsletters would be left with the office and money would only be collected should the residents make a donation. It was agreed that we will probably have to forego this.

6. Committee Reports

Planning Committee

Roundabout at Beacon Oak Road – S Nepp submitted comments reflecting I Marsden's input, with the preferred option of traffic lights. Since then it is apparent that the majority of people want a roundabout, although this raises safety concerns. It was reported that a flashing speed sign is to be installed on Beacon Oak Road.

We objected to the heavy pruning of a tree on the TENT1A site. Since then A Bates has spoken to a tree surgeon who advised that it was in a dangerous condition, so we have reviewed this.

Ivy Court Surgery Planning Application 18/01196/AS – Supported by the TDRA, however there are concerns about the sensitivity of the design as follows:

- Blue columns, railings, window frames and blue glass balustrades could be coordinated better with existing ironwork in the High Street which is predominantly black.
- To ensure high quality detailing that reflects the high quality of the local vernacular architecture.
- The appropriateness of the proposed roof profile which is not typical to Tenterden.

S Nepp to speak informally with the Practice Manager, and A Bates to approach Tony Pearlman, who is a member of the Liaison Committee expressing our concerns.

SN/AB1

Local Plan – it was noted that changes have been made, including acceptance of Pope House Farm site as suitable development, albeit with provisos. Also accepting 50 extra houses on TENT1 phase B and omitting Beech Farm. There is also a change in text on the High Street Policy of the number of banks/building societies reflecting their withdrawal, also the prohibition on converting ground floor commercial premises into residential in the Town Centre.

S Nepp reported that the Danemore Care Ready Homes development could be put forward as an example of exemplar design and construction, with the site appearing to be well maintained through the works. This should be celebrated and included in the display at the Coffee Morning.

Treasurer's Report

Position similar to previous years. Pleasantly consistent.

Membership Report

M Lyons will deliver the Who are We flyers and a copy of The Resident, to new residents in TENT1. M Winiberg to investigate the possibility of using Skype as a phone number to enable residents to make contact with the Committee. It was acknowledged that not everyone wanted to email. **ML/MW2**

7. Focus Groups

Cinema – the consultants have recommended The Pebbles building as being big enough for two screens, and also with the advantage of being owned by the Town Council. The report is available. The Group have now been split into three working groups; legal/business, one looking at operating companies, and the third drafting a route map of stages and timing to reach a target date of September 2021. It is understood that the Town Council will make the premises available and White Stuff are prepared to move. On the down side TTC are only prepared to invest £500,000 which is equivalent to what it would cost them to refurbish the building in any event. The next meeting will be on 5th October, followed by a presentation to the Town Council in November, with ratification in January.

Recreation Ground Group – Ground control presentation to be made at the TTC Coffee Morning on the 20th September. It was felt that there is a lack of cost criteria in formulating these plans and that there is a lack of rigour in their report and no lead consultant. It was felt that the council should be doing more to secure match funding although £60,000 has been secured from the Lawn Tennis Association. I Marsden said the £2.6 million available should be regarded as seed money and should be at least doubled.

A number of concerns were raised including:

- The cost for the relocation of the Bowls Club and whether this was necessary – perhaps a cheaper option being to reduce the height of the boundary hedge to improve openness!
- The cost and necessity for the relocation of the carpark
- The lack of options presented showing more cost-effective alternatives
- Why the existing pavilion is not being re-used?

Limes Land – there was concern that an extra paragraph had been added, by the Town Clerk, to the Press Release made by S Nepp. He had added a further comment that she had made, but this should not have happened without her consent. S Nepp to follow this up. **SN3**

Ros Debling complaint. H. Burnside took the Chair. She has complained several times by email, particularly suggesting that we publicly supported the Waites proposals. This is patently incorrect as all we have ever said is that it is a potentially qualifying site for development, and that we would not comment on proposals until an application had been made. It was then noted that she says that three complaints have been made to the Charities Commission. H. Burnside has contacted the Commission asking for information and what action should be taken. He was advised that if he had not heard from them then no further action was necessary. It was agreed that H Burnside and I Marsden would offer to meet her to discuss her concerns. **HB/IM4**

8. Coffee Morning

Meeting starts at 10am until 12pm. Committee to arrive at 9am. M. Winiberg to provide overhead projector, A Bates has press cuttings, C Parkin will provide a display on the cinema, A Bates will provide a display on the recreation ground, and S Nepp on Danemore and a copy of the constraints map. K Grant to advise the Wealden Advertiser and the Kentish Express. **MW/AB/CP/SN/KG5**

9. Any Other Business

Further to correspondence from Committee member Adrian Greaves, in which he queried Saggi Nepp's involvement with the Green Space Group could conflict with the TDRA's view in relation to the proposed designation of Limes Land as a protected green space, S Nepp brought this to attention of the Committee to establish their opinions on this and agreed to abide with their decision. The Committee agreed that this was not a concern and did not conflict with the TDRA's view on Limes Land.

Paydens are considering allowing us to use their Notice Board and are awaiting a decision from Head Office. M Lyons to post information on the board outside the Town Hall. **ML6**

TTC Public Engagement Group Report Analysis. It was noted that the priorities included parking, traffic congestion, youth provision, with the cinema being high on the list.

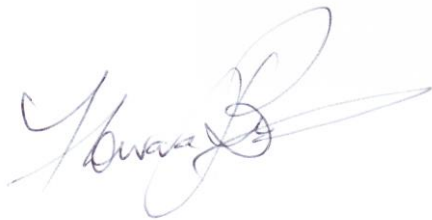
The question was raised as to whether the school was planning on relocating to Glebe Field. It was thought that this was unlikely as the railway will not allow access across its land.

Newsletter - printed copies to be delivered to Webbs. The Secretary to advise M Lyons when they arrive. **NW7**

10. Date of Next Meeting

25th October 2018, 7.30pm Tenterden Social Hub. Apologies A Bates (H Burnside to Chair Meeting), and I Marsden.

12th October 2018

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Howard B', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.