

STURRY AND BROAD OAK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting, Monday 2 April 2024 Minutes

Meeting was held at The Golden Lion, and commenced at 18.30

Present: Peta Boucher, Ann Davies, Roshna Ahmad, Freda Tassell, Fred Tassell, Lynn Burnett, Kathleen Warner, Peter Campbell, Carol Wanstall, Trevor Pilbeam, Peter Reynolds, David Wadmore

Apologies for absence: Heather Stennett

Minutes of Previous meeting:

Peta had written to the PC re a site visit of the new development but was yet to receive a reply. Ann reported that Sabora's support for a parish event had been passed on to the council. The council had yet to take the proposal forward. No one attended the Sturry Money management Workshop.

The public Parish Meeting has been proposed for the 17th May, with speakers on cyber security and local archaeological finds.

Speedwatch initiative had not gathered enough volunteers. Trevor mentioned a similar, failed attempt at Chartham Hatch. There was discussion about the possibility of introducing a fixed speed camera for Sturry Hill, and the possible introduction of other traffic slowing signs. Ann informed us that there needed to be a formal proposal by Sabora to the PC to put this on the Highways Improvement plan. It was suggested that this item be carried forward to the next committee meeting.

Roshna is in the process of contacting both the Church and the Twinning Association regarding co-operating on a summer event around the 13/14 July (Bastille Day?)

Treasurer's Report

Cash had now been paid into the account. £35 in annual subs received at the meeting.

Local Plan

There has been information added to the Sabora website. Agreed that we need to work with the PC and a joint meeting was suggested. So far one member of the PC has volunteered to work with Sabora on a joint approach to a response to the proposals. It was suggested that Ann approach the PC for a budget for Sabora to help with costs of publicity etc.

Peta pointed out the imminent deadline for responses (3 June) and suggested that we work in small groups to cover specific parts of the plan.

Ann has prepared an index of items to be circulated to the committee.

Peter C has a document that contains supplementary information.

Peta mentioned that at the ACRA meeting it was suggested that because of exceptional circumstances, CCC do not put forward a local plan. The housing targets are too high and the figure distorted by reducing the time frame to 2040 instead of 2045.

It was pointed out that when responding to the plan, the councillors will only read bullet points, but that we should attach documented evidence that would be available for the planning inspector.

It was emphasised that we should encourage residents not to respond via the questionnaire available online, but to write their own letters/emails.

Ann emphasised the need for strong presentation to the public and to ensure that residents' comments are garnered after a public meeting.

The following sections were identified as needing a response:

- Road and Transport
- Housing and housing needs
- Open space, environment and heritage
- Sustainability
- Community amenities

It was decided that site specific responses would be included under the above categories.

A summary should include the cumulative impact of all surrounding developments – Thanet Way etc

Figures for population increases are out of date and they should be using ONS data.

Part of our response could be for the provision of local Hopper buses as seen on Thanet Way developments.

David to pursue membership of Acra.

Schedule will be needed for production of leaflets and publicity material.

Possible public meeting for plan discussion to be held on Friday 10 May.

Ann to check with PC.

The Swan Inn

In light of the size and complexity of the proposals for the Swan Inn it was agreed that members will make their own comments and there would not be a Sabora response.

Links to the documents will be sent by David, along with minutes.

Roshna informed the meeting of the Public Notice Portal on the CCC website.

Next meeting will be 30th April 2024, 6.30pm, Golden Lion

The meeting ended at 20.30

Swan Inn Links

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1MmmsH13z6JFY0QRP1djtg0MBFYfDSlnz>

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1XBtvxql-Bn9DCECXqzc71fXwk9sTbbc4>

The meeting closed at 20.30.

Next meeting will be Tuesday 30 April, 6.30pm Golden Lion