

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 3RD SEPTEMBER 2019

PRESENT:

For Ashford Borough Council: Cllr. Paul Clokie and Katy Magnall (Planning). For KCC: None.

For Dandara: James Smettem.

For Taylor Wimpey: None.

For Tenterden Town Council: Cllrs. Mrs. Jean Curteis and Ken Mulholland. **TDRA**: Mr. Alan Bates

Cllr Clokie was in the Chair. Deputy Town Clerk Mrs. Claire Gilbert was present and took notes.

- 1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**: Apologies had been received from Colin Kinloch (WKPS), Cllr. Mike Hill (KCC) and Cllr. John Crawford (TTC).
- 2. NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25TH JUNE 2019: The notes were agreed as a true record.
- 3. MATTERS ARISING. None.
- 4. UPDATE FROM DEVELOPERS.
- **4.1 Dandara**: see attached Development update. James reported that the play area will be installed soon and once the woodland walkway is put in, the Heras fencing will be removed.

Cllr. Clokie asked whether the properties will have fibre optic broadband. James responded that it will be installed up to each property once finished. Cllr. Clokie also enquired whether charging points were available for electric cars. James reported that this was not a planning condition, however, most houses have external plugs in the garage areas if the house buyer has requested and paid for it (32 amp).

4.2 Taylor Wimpey (TW): no report was provided by Taylor Wimpey.

5. CURRENT ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL POSITION.

- **5.1** Cllr. Clokie reported that he was unsure who would replace David Harrison from ABC, although it would be appropriate to be someone from Quality Assurance.
- **5.2** Katy Magnall reported that ABC just needed to check that all the conditions had been dealt with on each development. With regard to the access to Tesco from the Taylor Wimpey development, the main issue would be whether Tesco would be willing to give up several parking bays to accommodate a safe crossing. At the time of the meeting, Katy had not heard back from Tesco. Cllr. Clokie suggested trying to contact Tesco again, maybe the Regional Manager, to see if

there is any possibility of an access being made. The under casing in the position where an access would be made is still an issue.

- 6. **BENCHES**. Claire Gilbert reported that the benches had arrived yesterday and were delivered to both sites. It is now both developers' responsibility to install the benches when convenient. Alan Bates suggested anchoring the benches to avoid them being stolen.
- 7. **BMX TRACK**. The BMX track had now been completely removed.

8. MEMBERS QUESTIONS.

8.1 Alan reported that the fence along Six Fields Path is now on the tarmac and this was causing problems for mobility scooter users with getting through. James reported that this would be solved with the diversion, but he will investigate the issue. Claire agreed to report this to Paul Gibson.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- **9.1** Katy asked whether it was possible to drive through from Smallhythe Road to Recreation Ground Road. James responded that although Dandara were finished, Taylor Wimpey still had construction traffic on site on their side.
- **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**: Tuesday, 19th November 2019 at 2.00 pm at the Town Hall.

The meeting opened at 2.00pm and closed at 2.45 pm