



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 6th January 2015 at 7.00pm

Present: **Chairman** **Cllr Marjorie Findlay-Stone**
 Councillors: **Michael Fitch Gary Fuller and Leo Griggs**

Clerk: **Mrs G Thomas**

These Minutes will only be deemed to be a correct record of the meeting when approved and signed at the next meeting
Meeting started 7.00pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs N Bliss, R Bliss, T Prater
2. **Declaration of Interest** – none declared
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2014, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.
 Proposed by: Cllr L Griggs
 Seconded by: Cllr G Fuller
 Agreed: unanimously
4. **Communications**
 - 4.1 Email received 29 December from KCC Highways regarding rusty lamp posts on the Esplanade- It was noted the email mentioned Dover as the location of the lights, the clerk told the committee that the mistake had already been raised with KCC and that she was awaiting a new response.
 - 4.2 Email received 06 January from Mr Ross Gower regarding new dog posters, Cllr Findlay-Stone informed the committee that the previous dog fouling posters were regarded as a health and safety issue because they were metal and if anyone injured themselves on these SDC would be liable. They could not therefore be hung on many posts. New posters were being made in a lighter material. Cllr Fitch asked if he could have one of the heavier posters to erect on his business premises' side wall and this was agreed.
 - 4.3 Email received 19 December from KCC Transport and Development which stated that they were not aware of recent highway surveys regarding Horn Street Railway Bridge and asking for further information. The clerk was asked to contact them again
 - 4.4 Email received 23 December from Mr Alistair Stewart which confirmed that SDC have no plans to develop the car park in Castle Road. The clerk was asked to further contact Mr Stewart and ask:
 'Would the acquisition of the said property available at that auction have facilitated future development of the car park? Was this the ultimate aim?'
 - 4.5 Email received 23 December in response to a letter from the Parish Council requesting a revised charging scheme for Castle Road Car Park. Mr Frederick Miller, the Transportation Manager stated that this would be considered in the New Year and a further response would be forthcoming at that time.

- 4.6 A phone call had been received from Highways in response to the clerk's complaint about non- functioning streetlights outside the Tower Theatre. The committee was informed that the land outside the theatre is MOD land and under their control. The clerk was asked to contact the MOD regarding the light. It was also decided that the clerk should write to KCC about the street light overnight switch off scheme, which the councillors felt to be detrimental to the safety of all residents.
5. **Transport and Parking Advisory Group-** – Letter raised in Communications from Mr F Miller. - No further update.
6. **High Street |Innovation Fund**
- 6.1 **Sandgate Entrance Enhancement** – Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the boat on Sandgate Hill needed to be repaired.
- 6.2 **Windows into the Past** - An application for boards on the listed building had been received and would be discussed at the next planning committee meeting on 20th January.
- 6.3 **Wells, Wells, Wells** No update
- 6.5 **Phase II Signage Project** -The clerk told the committee that only two responses had been received from businesses and residences giving permission for the wall signs to be erected. Cllr Findlay-Stone said that she would visit the other premises to personally ask for permission.
7. **Beach Management Group**
- 7.1 **Beach Advisory Group update-** Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the Community Payback project led by Giles Bernard had cleaned some of the beach and that the clerk would be asking if the section from Granville Parade towards Folkestone could also be cleaned
- 7.2 **Seaside Award submission-** Cllr Findlay-Stone said that she would apply for the Seaside Award for 2015 in the near future
- 7.3 **Dog Fouling** Councillor Findlay-Stone said that Karyl Rimmer had a team of six people attempting to prevent this problem and that she had been working with her recently to catch the responsible individuals
- 7.3 **Parking on the maintenance gangway-** No update
8. **Environmental Improvements**
- 8.1 **High Street Flags for summer 2015** –Cllr Findlay-Stone said that this project was underway, flags were being sourced of a better material than the previous year and that an increased number of lamp posts would be used and these were being checked for suitability.
- 8.2 Cllr Findlay-Stone proposed that an audit of all street signs should be undertaken, and that an amount up to £100.00 should be available for this audit.
Proposed by Cllr M Findlay-Stone
Seconded by Cllr L Griggs
Agreed by All
- 8.3 Cllr Findlay–Stone told the committee that regular complaints to SDC / KCC about street cleaning and blocked drains had resulted in significant improvements through the parish.
- 8.4 Cllr Findlay-Stone said that a rolling programme of litter bin refurbishment had now started.
9. **Business and Tourism Advisory Group** - no update
10. **Sandgate Society Update** - Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the Society was restructuring, becoming more focussed and business-like, and had a three - year action plan.
11. **Shorncliffe Development update:** Cllr L Griggs said that the steering group had been consulted about the amended Taylor Wimpey plans and their original consultation responses still remained

the same. These included their disagreement with the results of the transport studies and objections regarding the proposed demolition of the Officers' Mess.

12. Events

12.1 The clerk told the committee that on 5th February the e-Reader project was to be launched in Sandgate Library.

12.2 Cllr L Griggs said that the Boules Club had been invited to Sangatte in the summer.

13. Information - there was no further information.

14. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 3rd February 2015

The meeting ended at 8:05pm

Signed by the Environment Committee Chairman.....Date.....