



**SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 6.00 pm**

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**Present:**            **Chairman**            **Cllr Mrs M Findlay-Stone**  
                         **Councillors**       **Mrs N Bliss, L Griggs, M Fitch, T Heselden and T Prater**  
                         **Clerk:**               **Mrs A Oates**  
                         **The Chairman of the Council also attended**

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These Minutes will only be deemed to be a correct record of the meeting when approved and signed at the next meeting  
No members of the public attended

1.     **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs G Fuller, N Griffith, R Grundy, and Mrs J Holben
2.     **Declaration of Interest** – there were none declared.
3.     **Minutes of the last meeting** – the Minutes and Appendices of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.  
      **Proposed by:** Cllr N Bliss  
      **Seconded by:** Cllr L Griggs  
      **Agreed** unanimously.
4.     **Communications**
  - 4.1    Dog Control Orders – letter received from SDC: the council had recently made dog control orders to cover the district; these would come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> February. The full text of the orders is on SDC’s website.
  - 4.2    Landslip, Radnor Cliff – following the letter sent to the Health & Safety Executive in December, they said that there could not do anything about this as there was no work being carried out on site and the responsibility lies with Shepway District Council. The site is currently being monitored by Chris Lewis. Markers should have been placed on the site but there are none there. A letter should be written, outlining what has been done and listing all communication to date and be sent to various officers in planning and the legal department at SDC, to KCC and to the land owner. Cllr Mrs Findlay-Stone would liaise with the Clerk. The debris is still on site, and this needs to be reported to KCC.
5.     **Transport and Parking Advisory Group report**
  - 5.1    Cllr Griffith (NG) had circulated his report. Cllr Prater (TP) will now lead on Speed Watch as NG is not available.
  - 5.2    There will not be a phase 2 to the SDC parking strategy this year. However, the council could still draw up a document with recommendations.
  - 5.3    The ‘Toast Rack’ – as this has unrestricted parking, cars can be parked here all day. If a new Saga car park was created, it could free up a lot of the parking space available. Saga should be contacted to ascertain the current situation and old minutes checked. Cllr Mrs Findlay-Stone (MFS) would contact Chris Lewis at SDC to see what has been discussed with Saga.
  - 5.4    It was felt that there may be funds to apply for from the RGF Fund.
  - 5.5    Questions were asked as to why the Castle Road car park is so empty (the current income to SDC is £22k per year but this should be more). MFS and TP to investigate
  - 5.6    MFS and TP would liaise regarding holding a consultation on the parking issue.

6. **Beaches Advisory Group report and expenditure proposals**
  - 6.1 The beach is heavily littered – MFS had emailed Environmental Services at SDC and Giles Barnard; the Clerk was asked to follow this up. The Clerk was also asked to check when the next clearance of shingle off the promenade is scheduled to take place. One of the reasons for the amount of debris on the beach appears to be that the bins along the promenade are not being emptied regularly.
  
7. **Seaside Award / First Response Plan**
  - 7.1 The submission for the award must be by 31<sup>st</sup> January. Lucy Sharp at SDC is assisting.
  - 7.2 MFS has taken over completing the First Response Plan in respect of the beaches.
  
8. **Business and tourism Advisory Group Report**
  - 8.1 The latest Forum meeting was held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January and views on the parking situation were sought.
  - 8.2 The next meeting would be on 11<sup>th</sup> February and it was suggested that, perhaps, Cllr N Bliss would give a talk about the Sea Festival. 40/45 businesses were being contacted and Escondido had offered to host a lunch meeting.
  
9. **Proposal to commission new map of Sandgate**
  - 9.1 Cllr N Griffith had sent round an email querying why the maps being commissioned as part of the VDS could not be used.
  - 9.2 MFS explained that the map for the leaflet would cover much more of Sandgate than the VDS maps would – it would cover walking routes and be more stylised as a tourism map. It would be created by the artist who produced the original map.
  - 9.3 Members felt that samples should have been produced.
  - 9.4 The item was deferred until samples of the existing map and the ones being produced by Nebulo Strata could be seen.
  
10. **Village Design Statement report**
  - 10.1 Nebulo Strata is currently preparing the drafts.
  - 10.2 The consultation period would be from 11<sup>th</sup> February to 23<sup>rd</sup> February. A public meeting would be held in Chichester Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> February with sessions held at various other local venues.
  - 10.3 It is hoped that the VDS would be launched at the Council’s annual meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2013.
  
11. **Chichester Memorial Hall update** - there was no report.
  
12. **Sandgate Society report** – there was nothing to report.
  
13. **Information** – no other matters were raised.
  
14. **Date of next meeting** – this would be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 7.00pm.

The meeting ended at 6.58pm.

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