



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of an *Environment* Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 3rd February 2015 at 7.00pm**

Present: Chairman Cllr Marjorie Findlay-Stone
Councillors: Nina Bliss, Robert Bliss, Michael Fitch, Leo Griggs, Tom Heselden and Jan Holben

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 Gary Fuller, Richard Grundy and Tim Prater
2. **Declaration of Interest** – none declared
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2015, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.
Proposed by: Cllr L Griggs
Seconded by: Cllr M Findlay-Stone
Agreed: unanimously
4. **Communications**
 - 4.1 Email received 12 January from Alistair Stewart confirming that SDC’s attendance at an auction of a property adjacent to Castle Road Car Park was in order to explore housing opportunities in the area. It was agreed there would be no further action at this stage.
 - 4.2 Email received 03 February from Ben Geering confirming that Transportation Manager Fred Miller is happy with Radnor Cliff Car Park and Sir John Memorial as locations for secure cycle racks. **Action:** (1) Cllr T Heselden to look for suitable locations for the cycle rack along Lower Leas. (2) Parish Clerk to provide councillors with photos of possible cycle racks from Sheffield stands website and obtain quotations.
Proposed by: Cllr N Bliss
Seconded by: Cllr M Findlay-Stone
Approved by all
 - 4.3 Email received 23 January from Rosemary Sanders regarding the footpath from Sandgate High Street to Military Road. **Action:** Parish Clerk to write to Mrs Sanders to give SPC’s support in her attempt to claim the area as a Public Right of Way.
 - 4.4 Email received 21 January from Rosemary Sanders regarding Sandgate Conservation Area Appraisal, which notes a number of areas in Sandgate that are considered to merit review by English Heritage for statutory listing. Cllr M Findlay-Stone said that there was concern that nothing had been done since the appraisal had been completed and Mrs Sanders had offered to lead a Sandgate Society sub-group to look into this. Sandgate Society would also be

working with Catherine Hughes to look at heritage assets and listed buildings in Sandgate.
Action: Mrs Sanders to be thanked for her commitment to this project.

4.5 Email received 26 January from Cllr J Holben concerning the new sign in the car park at the Golden Valley. It was noted that the lamp post to which it was attached was in a very poor condition.

5. **Places and Policy Local Plan-Executive Summary** - Cllr M Findlay-Stone said the Executive Summary was available for viewing at SPC offices; and comments should be made by 11 March 2015. Dr Katherine Harvey would be coming to the next main meeting to present the draft Economic Development strategy. Dave Shore also would also be in attendance to talk about the local plan.

6. **TRAP** - Cllr Findlay-Stone said that she was disappointed in Cllr Dearden's letter regarding Castle Road car park charges and that it was not 'a sea front car park' but a car park for the village. She said that she would be meeting with Cllr T Prater to discuss the next step in moving the strategy forward. **Action:** Cllr Findlay-Stone to produce a draft response.

7. **High Street |Innovation Fund**

7.1 **Sandgate Entrance Enhancement** – Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the big boat had been repaired.

7.2 **Windows into the Past** – the parish clerk had asked when the permission for the listed building boards would be granted as it was necessary to re-claim the funds in the very near future. Cllr M Findlay-Stone proposed to spend remaining funds of £242.50 on Battle of Waterloo boards.

Proposed Cllr M Findlay-Stone

Seconded Cllr N Bliss

Agreed by all

7.3 **Wells, Wells, Wells** – there was no update

7.4 **Phase II Signage Project** – Cllr Findlay-Stone said that she had approached all the owners of residents and businesses on which signs are proposed to be affixed and that this was on going. Photos of the signs were being sent to the residents and businesses.

8. **Beach Management Group**

8.1 **Beach Advisory Group update** - Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the Community Payback project had cleaned some of the beaches.

8.2 **Dog Fouling** – the dog fouling competition signs were up along sea front. It was decided not to purchase further signs.

8.3 **Dog Fouling** - Councillor Findlay-Stone said that the parish clerk and assistant clerk had offered to be authorised as DCOs. The committee agreed that this was an excellent idea and thanked Gaye and Amanda for their offers.

Proposed by: Cllr M Findlay-Stone

Seconded by: Cllr N Bliss

Agreed by all

8.4 **Parking on the maintenance gangway** - Cllr Findlay-Stone said that in the original Radnor Cliff Estates lease with SDC, the maintenance gangway had been left off the lease. The lease was now being redone. Once this was done, Bob Porter will look at the problem of car parking on the gangway and one possible solution would be placement of bollards.

8.5 **5-year Coastal Protection** - Cllr Findlay-Stone said that SPC had received notice of the proposal of SDC's plans to apply for funding for coastal protection works between Hythe and

Folkestone Harbour for the next five year period. **Action:** the parish clerk to contact Bob Porter's office to establish what action, if any, was required by SPC.

9. Environmental Improvements

9.1 High Street Flags for summer 2015 – Cllr Findlay-Stone said that this project was underway. Andrew Morgan had provided a list of all the allied participants of 1914-18 and it needed to be decided which flags should be purchased. It was decided that 10 flags of different countries would be purchased and a notice placed on the parish notice boards acknowledging the contribution of all the other countries. Cllr Findlay-Stone proposed that 30 flags be purchased and replacement flag poles and bracket up to £1200.00.

Proposed by: Cllr M Findlay-Stone

Seconded by: Cllr N Bliss

Agreed by all

9.2 Cllr Robert Bliss said that monies were available from SDC for environmental improvements, possibly including lamp post and bin refurbishment and the replacement of road signage.

Action: When received from Tony Bates, photos of road signs that need refurbishments and his report to be sent to Cllr Holben as soon as possible.

9.3 Cllr Findlay-Stone told the committee that Orbit South had approval to provide wheelie bin screening but problems with boggy land were delaying plans. Riviera Court had yet to provide any plans and a mis-directed email had resulting in continuing delays.

9.4 Cllr Findlay-Stone said the budget for bin refurbishment was overspent this year, so no refurbishment possible until April. It may cost approx. £160 to refurbish each bin and there was only £1000 in next year's budget.

- 10. Lorry Parking** – Cllr R Bliss said that a number of high level meetings had been occurring including representations made to the House of Commons. A number of different locations of possible lorry parks were being discussed. **Action:** The parish clerk to write a letter of support to Boxley Parish Council.
- 11. Speed Watch** - Cllr Findlay-Stone said that Jennifer Childs Town Clerk of Hythe has asked when the Parish would be making use of this. **Action:** Cllr Prater to be asked to take this forward.
- 12. Business and Tourism Advisory Group** – Cllr R Bliss said that letters and Farmers' Market calendars would be send to all residents and businesses in the district promoting the market and encouraging residents to go onto the parish council mailing list.
- 13. Sandgate Society** – there was no update.
- 14. Shorncliffe Development update** – there was no update.
- 15. Events** - Cllr J Holben said that she was planning a children's Easter party and that the summer Community Event would be on 2nd August 2015.
- 16. Information** – there was no further information.
- 17. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 3rd March 2015

The meeting ended at 8:20pm

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