



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 1st April 2014 at 7pm

Present: **Chairman** **Cllr M Findlay-Stone (MFS)**
 Councillors: **Michael Fitch (MF), Gary Fuller (GF) and Vanessa Reay (VR)**
 Minute Taker: **Miss A Sanders**
 The Chairman of the Council also attended

These Minutes will only be deemed to be a correct record of the meeting when approved and signed at the next meeting
There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Nina Bliss, Janet Holben, Richard Grundy, Leo Griggs and Tim Prater.
2. **Declaration of Interest** – none declared.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2014, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.
 Proposed by: Cllr G Fuller
 Seconded by: Cllr Vanessa Reay
 Agreed: Unanimously
4. **Communications**
 - 4.1 Walkway and Parking – Members of the public had contacted the parish council and asked if signage could be put in place to highlight the danger of the drop between the promenade and the shingle at Granville Parade. This had previously been discussed at the Beaches Advisory Group meeting. There were already ‘coastal hazard’ signs already in place and it was agreed that these were sufficient.
 - 4.2 Parking in Chichester Road - A member of the public had been given a parking ticket for stopping on double yellow lines on Chichester Road whilst unloading shopping. This issue was being addressed through the questionnaire and the communication would be forwarded to Saga.
 - 4.3 Letter received about the lights turning off in the high street: all members of the group confirmed they had seen this.
5. **Beach Management presentation by Colin Paine** (Property and Engineering Manager, Shepway District Council). The presentation lasted 30 minutes and outlined the strategies for the Shoreline Management Plan. SDC were currently working on a new plan for Folkestone and Hythe.
 - Mr Paine (CP) stated that the beach management funding was obtained through a bidding process. Each year the bid was based on the outcomes of the previous year.
 - It was suggested by MF-S that Sandgate beach could benefit from more groynes. CP stated that it was a possibility that this could be an option in the next proposal.
 - The future problems with the beach management plan were outlined. These included the uncertainty over government funding, climate change and the condition of the sea wall defences.
 - VR suggested that there should be some information about the Beach Management Plan available to Sandgate residents. It would be prudent for an article to be written in the newsletter, outlining the key points.

6. **Transport and Parking Advisory Group** – There would be a meeting this Thursday (03/04/2014) for Transport and Parking. The questionnaires must be circulated to the Sandgate residents as soon as possible. The community’s views were necessary.
7. **High Street Innovation Fund**
 - 7.1 **Sandgate Entrance Enhancements (boats)** –MFS presented a new type of boat planter. These would be cheaper and just as effective; the colour was agreed unanimously – blue and white. The boat planters would be ordered tomorrow (02/04/2014).
 - 7.2 **New Parking Signage to Saga Car Park** – The new signage was ready (currently in the Fire Station). It was discussed whether the sign could be put on the pavement (on the Library side of the road): the Parish Clerk to check the legalities of this proposal.
 - 7.3 **Windows into the Past** – The planning permission remained at ‘pending consideration’. This would be chased up.
 - 7.4 **Wells Wells Wells** – No update
 - 7.5 **Phase Two Signage Project**– TP and MF-S had identified the locations for the new signs. It was agreed that a new material should be used.
 - 7.6 **Continuation of last year’s Flag project** – To mark the anniversary of WWI, the Environment Committee decided on Union Flags. The group decided on May Day for the flags to go up: the Parish Clerk to contact Colin Miles Signs to discuss this.
8. **Beaches Advisory Group**
 - 8.1 **Cycling Signage** - The notes about the cycling signs had been circulated. All agreed with the location of the signs/stencils. MF suggested the signs should say ‘Sandgate welcomes considerate cyclists’ rather than ‘careful cyclists’. This would be considered.
 - 8.2 **Granville Parade** – there was a discussion about the parking on Granville Parade and what needed to be done next. It was suggested that the parish council could invite vendors (ice cream, hot beverages) to use Granville Parade; the Parish Clerk to look into the legalities of this proposal.
9. **Christmas Lights** – The working group were waiting for quotes for selling the old lights in order to see which new ones could be purchased.
10. **Maintenance Gangway / Cycling issues** – Signage mentioned under item 8.1
11. **Environmental Improvements** – The street cleaning wasn’t looking very good. There had been three blocked drains on Sandgate Hill but these had now been cleared. The gully and storm drain at Castle Glen had been cleared.
12. **Business and Tourism Advisory Group report** – The Business Forum was discussed: the meetings had not been as successful as hoped. It would therefore be prudent, as a starting point, to contact the businesses in Sandgate via email and ask what they would like from the Business Forum. The Parish Clerk would circulate these emails.
13. **Shorncliffe Development update** – The notes circulated by Leo Griggs (LG) had been received by all. Regarding the S106 Agreement, the Horn Street Bridge (widening) could also be added to the list. However, it was unclear how the list should be formatted. It was suggested that LG should contact SDC Planning and ask how much detail was needed for the submission for Sandgate. MF-S will contact LG about this.
14. **Information** –Bins: MF-S would chase up the progress of the Riviera Court and John Moore Court bins.
15. **Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 6th May 2014
The meeting ended at 8:30

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