



**SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013 at 7pm**

---

**Present:**            **Chairman**            **Cllr Mrs M Findlay-Stone**  
                         **Councillors:**       **Mrs N Bliss, M Fitch, T Heselden, G Fuller, T Prater, Ms V Reah**  
                         **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 L Griggs, R Grundy, Mrs J Holben
2.     **Declaration of Interest** – none declared.
3.     **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.  
      **Proposed by:** Cllr Mrs M Findlay-Stone  
      **Seconded by:** Cllr T Heselden  
      **Agreed** unanimously.
4.     **Communications**  
  
      Street Lights – Thanks were expressed regarding the Sandgate Hill lights being kept in place. Discussion of the Phase B proposal for part time lighting; parameters have been agreed for what areas should have part time lighting. The ‘fixed time method’ was also briefly discussed as it disregards British Summer Time. Perhaps ‘thinning lighting’ is safer. This proposal will be addressed at a later date after KCC have been contacted.
5.     **Transport and Parking Advisory Group - TP**  
      Cllr Mrs M Findlay-Stone met with Zoe Varian, Gavin Davies and John Evans at Saga to discuss parking. Saga has made free parking available on Saturdays and Sundays on the service road (leading up to Saga). It was expressed that there are issues with both the new proposals – Castle Road car park to give 25 additional car parking spaces and the suggestion that Sandgate Parish Council support SAGA in their request to Stagecoach for subsidised travel for Saga employees. It was suggested that the 25 additional spaces will not make a difference.

The question to Saga is whether an extended car park is a matter of space or funds. If the latter is the issue, would Saga accept that Sandgate Parish Council applies for funding. It was proposed that this subject should be raised after the next Environment Meeting.

6. **Beaches Advisory Group**
  - 6.1 The beach cleaner has returned.
  - 6.2 Bins – The report on the bins has been excellent: all bins have been graded; the bins on the sea front have been given priority.
  - 6.3 Kiosk – Still waiting to hear about this from Shepway District Council
  - 6.4 Too many flower memorials on the bench on The Esplanade. The bench cannot be used; it is essentially fly tipping and could be seen as offensive. There needs to be a case made for this. Cllr R Bliss will look into the bylaws that cover this subject.
  
7. **Environmental Issues across the Parish update**  
Sandgate ‘Cleanup’ – comments that the high street looks beautifully clean as the cleaning has been much more frequent. Thanks to the environmental services.
  
8. **Business and Tourism Advisory Group report – TP**
  - 8.1 Bid proposals – there have not yet been any comments about bid proposals for funding. May 10th is the bid deadline, 3 proposals must be made.
  - 8.2 Parking: The public must be made aware of the free parking availability in Sandgate (Wilberforce Road and Saga’s parking at the weekends). Free parking for Castle Road car park. Cllr Mrs M Findlay-Stone has emailed Geoff Mills to ask if he thought SPC would get the bid. The bid would be helped if the free car parking will enhance the high street.
  - 8.3 Flags for the Sea Festival: Flags up by the end of May would be ideal. These could potentially create good advertising opportunities. Cllr T Prater will find out whether there needs to be planning permission for the flags. It was suggested that ‘Visit Kent’ be contacted to ask what flags they use (Cllr Mrs M Findlay-Stone will contact Visit Kent)
  
9. **Village Design Statement update**  
Everything is in place and ready to go. Thanks and congratulations were expressed.
  
10. **Chichester Memorial Hall update**  
Update from Cllr T Prater (on behalf of Cllr Mrs J Holben’s absence). There needs to be a grant for the roof, windows and external rendering so there needs to be an estimate for the cost of this work.
  
11. **Sandgate Society**  
In the next meeting the reorganisation and amalgamation with the Heritage Trust will be discussed.
  
12. **Information** – Enquiry of the results of Sandgate’s water quality. This could be a possible means of advertising Sandgate.
  
13. **Date of next meeting** – this would be on Tuesday 7th May 2013 at 7.00pm.

The meeting ended at 7.55pm.

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