

- vi. Email received 28th May from Deborah West regarding the parking problems on Military Road and the parking of Saga employees on the road – the resident asked for information. (See v)
- vii. Email received on recent SPC questionnaire and outcomes. **Action: clerk to write to SDC to ask that Military Road is included in their parking consultation.**

5. TRAP

Cllr Prater said that Bar Vasa had been putting A-boards outside the premises which posed a health and safety risk. Cllr Prater had reported this and enforcement officers would be discussing the matter with the owners.

6. High Street Innovation Fund

Cllr Findlay-Stone said that a new fingerpost was to be ordered and that an email from Caroline Barker, planning officer, received on 2nd June, confirmed that planning permission would not be required. **Action: clerk to ascertain ownership of the possible location in order to gain owner’s permission for fingerpost siting and placing.**

7. Beach Management Group

7.1 Beach Advisory Group (BAG) update - Cllr Findlay-Stone said that a new chairman of this group would need to be elected.

7.2 Seaside Award - Cllr Findlay-Stone said that Sandgate had been successful in gaining the Seaside Award and that the flag would be flown on 3rd June. Marie Smith had received the KALC Community Award for her diligent cleaning of the beaches. The criteria for the award would become increasingly stringent re: water quality and the community needed to be made aware of the firm stand the SPC takes on dog fouling

7.3 Dog Fouling – Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the parish clerk had written to Mr Bob Porter regarding the training of the clerks but he had since left and Dr Susan Priest was now dealing with this enquiry.

7.4 Parking on the maintenance gangway - Cllr Prater said that there were 4 vans parked on the gangway the previous day. Cllr Bliss said that he would be having a meeting with the Area Police Inspector and that he would be discussing the road closures which are necessary for the Sea Festival but which are not enforceable. Cllr Bliss said that barriers are often moved and that cars then park and form obstructions.

8. Environmental Improvements

8.1 Cllr Findlay-Stone said that 30 new bins had been purchased with the Cabinet Members’ Community fund; all old bins on sea front had been replaced with polycarbonate ones but some cast iron ones were still to be removed. The High Street bins would be replaced with renovated cast iron bins. **Action: clerk to ask Mr Harmer to build a three monthly lock greasing task into his schedule.**

8.2 Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the ‘Guide to Drainage booklet’ was a very useful document. A roadside maintenance and drainage schedule had also been received detailing the schedule for the cleaning of Sandgate roads and gutters. **Action: clerk to forward to all councillors and to circulate relevant sections to the local community via the newsletter.**

8.3 Cllr Findlay-Stone said that flags had been purchased for 24 flag posts and these would be flown from 3rd June. It was agreed that the old flags should be stored.

8.4 Wheelie bin screening:

8.4.1 Cllr Findlay-Stone said that a decision needed to be made about the screening of wheeling bins on Riviera Court. A meeting had been held with the managing agent, Mr Hunter, earlier in the year and it had been established that there was no additional money from the leaseholders of the block to pay for wheelie bin screening and that it would need the agreement of all to pay for any in the future.

8.4.2 It was agreed that Cllr Findlay-Stone would ask Roger Joyce about the possibility of producing a design and that, if this was unsuccessful, then at a later stage a request would be made in the newsletter to ascertain if any individual would be willing to design possible screening.

It was decided that a proposal would be made to the Finance Committee that the parish council would support the funding of a planning application up to the amount of £180.00 for any future screening plans.

8.5 Lamppost refurbishment:

8.5.1 Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the Cabinet Members' Community Fund had provided financing for the repainting of over 30 lampposts along the High Street and the Esplanade and that an underspend meant that it may be possible that all the remaining lampposts would be painted up to the Sandgate sign on the Esplanade.

8.5.2 Cllr Prater asked when the brackets for the hanging baskets would be attached and the clerk informed the committee that the old brackets had been cut off when the posts were repainted and therefore new brackets had been purchased which would be fitted on arrival.

9. **William Cotter VC Commemorative event** - Cllr R Bliss said that a special paving slab would be put in place 100 years after the VC had been awarded in March 1916. Cllrs R Bliss, N Bliss and N Siwa expressed an interest in being on the steering group for this event. Cllr R Bliss also said that VJ day August 2015 should be commemorated with the lighting of the beacon and that the same group would steer the organisation of this.

10. **Pilot Local Warden Support Officer Scheme:** it was decided not to express interest at this stage.

11. **Christmas Lights:** the committee was informed that two Christmas garlands had been purchased and were being tested by Mr Harmer. **Action: the garlands to be taken to the main Parish Meeting on 9th June.**

12. **Sandgate Society:** Cllr Findlay-Stone told the committee that the Summer Party would be on 2nd August

13. **Shorncliffe Development update:** there was no update at this time.

14. **Events:** the Summer community event would take place on 2nd August 2015.

15. **Information** - there was no further information.

16. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 7th July 2015

The meeting ended at 8:30pm

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