



**SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014 at 7pm**

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**Present:**           **Chairman**           **Cllr Marjorie Findlay-Stone**  
                          **Councillors:**       **Robert Bliss (RB), Michael Fitch (MF), Gary Fuller (GF)**  
  **Leo Griggs (LG), Tim Prater (TP),**  
  **Vannessa Reay (VR)**  
**Minute Taker:**     **Miss G Thomas**

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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  
There were no members of the public in attendance.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Nina Bliss, Jan Holben and Richard Grundy
- 2. Declaration of Interest** – none declared.
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.  
**Proposed by:** Cllr R Bliss  
**Seconded by:** Cllr Vannessa Reay  
**Agreed:** Unanimously

**4. Communications**

The Assistant Clerk read out an email from Jill Woodgate, congratulating the Parish on gaining the Seaside Award and an email from the Hyde Housing Company about its plans to resolve the problem of blocked drains in Enbrook Valley

**5. Transport and Parking Advisory Group**

Cllr Prater informed the committee that he was rewriting the questionnaires and a draft should be shortly available. Cllr Findlay-Stone said that she is most anxious for this to be completed.

Cllr Findlay-Stone said that she has received complaints from local businesses concerning a number of cars from Riviera Car Sales parking on the High Street, many with price tags displayed.

The committee agreed that this was probably illegal behaviour and asked the Parish Clerk to write to Shepway Parking Enforcement and Trading Standards about this issue.

Cllr Findlay-Stone asked Cllr Prater to take over from her on the TRAP Committee, Cllr Prater said he would decide at a later date.

## 6. High Street Innovation Fund

- 6.1 **Sandgate Entrance Enhancements – Boats.** Cllr Findlay-Stone told the committee that she is endeavouring to get the boats planted very soon and Cllr Bliss said that it had been agreed to use the services of Longacre Nursery to do this and that it was being arranged
- 6.2 **New Parking Signage to Saga Car Park** The Assistant Clerk informed the committee that she is liaising with SDC to clarify whether planning permission is required for the signage and that a form for KCC asking for permission for the sign will be sent once clarification is received.
- 6.3 **Windows into the Past** Cllr Findlay-Stone said that she was concerned about the unpainted condition of the boards owned by G Boot, which, while now stabilised, look very unkempt. The Committee decided that as the owner is unwilling to paint the boards that the Parish Clerk should write to Giles Bernard of Community Payback and ask if he could arrange to have the boards painted.
- Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the Fred Moore boards are now on the Scout Hut.
- Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the boards are now being prepared for erection on the listed buildings, no 46 & 61, and Cllr Griggs was asked to expedite getting planning permission. Cllr Fitch has spoken to owner of no 61 and he is happy for the boards to be put up. The Parish Clerk was asked to write to the owner and thank him (Cllr Fitch to provide the address).
- 6.4 **Wells, Wells, Wells,** Cllr Prater informed the committee that there was going to be a soft opening in ten days' time. Maggie Brinstone of the Sandgate Society and Sandgate Society volunteers will be assisting when the event is running.
- 6.5 **Phase Two Signage Project** Cllr Findlay-Stone showed the committee some designs for the finger signposts that Colin Miles has produced. The committee felt that one word signs were preferable. Cllrs Findley-Stone and Prater agreed to get quotes and costings. It was agreed to progress this by next meeting.
- 6.6 **Flags-** Cllr Findlay-Stone said that next year's flags will alternate the Jack with the Allied Forces flag and the Centenary ones.

## 7. Beach Advisory Group update

- 7.1 **Beach cleaning** Cllr Findlay-Stone said that there have been a number of problems relating to beach cleaning, and that in a very recent beach clean event; over 13 bags of rubbish were collected. Cllr Bliss said that Veolia is contracted to clean the beaches but has now cut some of the areas for which it had previously been responsible. Robert Walton, council officer in Dover is looking into this and Cllr Bliss said that he would be chasing this tomorrow.
- 7.2 **Kiosk** Cllr Bliss said that it has been approved that SPC would take this over and that a meeting is being arranged with Jeremy Chambers to discuss it further.
- 7.3 **Dog Fouling** Cllr Findlay-Stone told the committee that the Seabrook School prize giving had gone extremely well and that Karyl Rimmer wanted to have the posters put up throughout Shepway.

7.4 **Parking on the maintenance gangway** Cllr Findlay-Stone told the committee that the car parking situation was getting worse. Cllr Griggs suggested that a letter should be written to the Rowing Club. Cllr Bliss said that when he met with Jeremy Chambers regarding the Kiosk, he would also discuss this situation. The Parish Clerk was asked to include this on the agenda for the meeting.

7.5 **Cycle Shepway and the Bell Stop event** Cllr Findlay-Stone said that a recent Bell Stop event had been very successful and more are planned for the date of the next Farmers Market and the Sea Festival.

Cllr Findlay-Stone asked the committee for funding to pay for two signs promoting safe cycling. It was proposed that a limit of £50 be set for the purchase.

**Proposed Cllr Prater**  
**Seconded Cllr Griggs**

7.6 **Rowing Club and engagement with PC re: publicity** Cllr Findlay-Stone informed the committee that the Rowing Club was having a problem with advertising events and the courses it held. Cllr Findlay-Stone proposed that any rowing club events should be included in the Parish Newsletter; the committee agreed that this was a good idea.

8. **Christmas Lights** Cllr Bliss informed the committee that he and Cllr Prater are awaiting costings for three feature Xmas trees.

## 9. **Environmental Improvements**

Cllr Findlay-Stone said that a number of litter bins have broken latches; the Assistant Clerk was asked to contact Vic Harmer to arrange their repair / replacement as they are of the metal variety. Cllr Findlay-Stone also asked the Assistant Clerk to ascertain ownership of the electrical box in the Saga wall that has a missing door.

Cllr Findlay-Stone said that there were continuing problems with the bins and mess at Riviera Court and Orbit South housing and the committee asked that the Parish Clerk write to Riviera Court and Orbit South asking for an update on the wheelie bin screening project previously discussed.

Cllr Findlay-Stone suggested that the money bequeathed by Ann Nevile should be used for the purchase of planters between the benches at the War Memorial and the committee agreed that this would be a good idea.

Cllr Findlay-Stone- informed the committee she was going to have a meeting with Ralph Neville and that the Ann Nevile plaque was to be affixed to no 8.

## 10. **Business and Tourism Advisory Group report**

Cllr Bliss informed the committee that it is anticipated that Dymchurch will put forward £800 and that Sandgate Parish is to put forward £1500 (subject to match funding from other Parishes), for Discover Folkestone Hythe and Romney Marsh. The trail leaflet is being reformatted.

## 11. **Sandgate Society Update**

Cllr Findley-Stone told the committee that the Sandgate Society World War 1 walk on Sunday and the archive had been superb. A summer party is planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> August, hopefully at Saga.

**12. Shorncliffe Development Update**

Cllr Griggs told the committee that the planning application from Taylor Wimpey has been submitted. S106 expenditure proposals will be sent to SDC by the Parish Clerk.

**13. Summer Events**

Cllr Bliss told the committee that the June event would no longer take place but a Family Fun day on July 27<sup>th</sup> was being arranged

**14. Information**

The Assistant Clerk told the committee that the Parish Clerk will be on annual leave for last two weeks of June

Cllr Reay said that there had been a series of low level vandalism cases on Military Road. There had also been an increase in bad parking in the area. The Assistant Clerk was asked to inform the PCSO of these problems

**15. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 1st July 2014**

The meeting ended at 8:22pm

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