



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an **Environment Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 1st July 2014 at 7pm**

Present: **Chairman** **Cllr Marjorie Findlay-Stone**
 Councillors: **Robert Bliss (RB), Michael Fitch (MF), Gary Fuller (GF)**
 Leo Griggs (LG), Tim Prater (TP),

Minute Taker: **Miss G Thomas, Assistant Clerk**

These Minutes will only be deemed to be a correct record of the meeting when approved and signed at the next meeting

There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Nina Bliss, Jan Holben, Vannessa Reay and Richard Grundy
2. **Declaration of Interest** – none declared.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2014, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.
Proposed by: Cllr L Griggs
Seconded by: Cllr T Prater
Agreed: Unanimously
4. **Communications**
 - 4.1 Correspondence – Cllr Findlay-Stone read out emails from Euan Williamson, complimenting the Parish about the boat planters full of flowers.
 - 4.2 An email received from Graham Adams about the discolouration of the water on Enbrook Stream in mid-June was discussed by the committee. The Assistant Clerk told the committee that this had been reported and the councillors asked that the cause should be further investigated and reported back.
 - 4.3 Cllr Findlay-Stone also read out a reply from Rory Love, relating to Veolia’s lack of beach cleaning, which said that services to the previously missed areas would now be resumed.
 - 4.4 Cllr Prater said that there was a problem with dog waste bins on the Rec not being emptied. The Assistant Clerk was asked to get this arranged and to cc Rory Love into any communications.
5. **Shorncliffe Trust Lantern Ceremony**

Cllr Findlay-Stone told the committee that the Shorncliffe Trust is going to have a ceremony at the Shorncliffe Cemetery on 4th August 2014. The Trust wishes to light a lantern for each of the soldiers buried in the cemetery at Shorncliffe. The ceremony is being sponsored by the Imperial War Museum. Cllr Findlay-Stone proposed that the PC sponsors some lanterns which cost £10.00 each. Cllr Bliss suggested that the Parish formally support the event. Cllr Findlay-Stone proposed sponsoring 5 lanterns for £50
Proposed by: Cllr Findlay-Stone
Seconded by: Cllr Robert Bliss
Agreed by All

Cllr MFS proposed that this occasion could include the lighting of the beacon. There was some discussion about this following which Cllr Prater suggested lighting the beacon on the Saturday of the Sea Festival to also commemorate the 100 years anniversary. Cllr MFS said that she would contact Chris Shaw the chairman of the Shorncliffe Trust to see if this would fit with his plans

6. Transport and Parking Advisory Group

- 6.1 Cllr Prater informed the committee that he would be sending an update soon
- 6.2 The Assistant Clerk told the committee about the actions taken to prevent the parking of a number of cars from Rivera Car Sales on the High Street, many with 'For Sale' notices. The Licensing division of SDC and Enforcement officers and PCSO had all been alerted to the problem and the number of vehicles seems to have drastically diminished.
- 6.3 '20 is plenty' - Cllr Findlay-Stone said that she wanted the Parish Council to support this proposal and asked the Assistant Clerk to get prices for stickers and posters to advertise this desirable speed restriction.
- 6.4 Cllr Findlay-Stone read out the 'Safe and Sensible' lighting proposal and the Assistant Clerk was asked to create a list of all the redundant and half lamp posts.

7. High Street Innovation Fund

7.1 Sandgate Entrance Enhancements

Cllr Findlay-Stone told the committee that the boat planters have now been fitted and asked the Assistant Clerk to tell the nursery and Vic Harmer that the Parish Council is very pleased with the result. The Assistant Clerk was also asked to contact Vic to get the hedge trimmed around the sign on Sandgate Hill.

7.2 New Parking Signage to Saga Car Park

The Assistant Clerk updated the council that an application form for the siting of the Saga 'Free Parking' sign has been submitted.

7.3 Windows into the Past

Cllr Findlay-Stone told the committee that the Mr Boot's boards are now to be painted by Community Payback and the Assistant Clerk was asked to contact Giles Barnard to get a time scale.

7.4 Wells, Wells, Wells,

Cllr Prater told the committee that the event would be ready as soon as the scaffolding over the building has been removed

7.5 Phase Two Signage

7.5.1 Cllr Prater and Cllr Findlay-Stone showed the committee designs of the signs and also the positioning on Granville Parade was discussed. The Parish Clerk / Assistant Clerk were asked to get 3 quotes for the signs as soon as possible.

7.5.2 The Assistant Clerk was asked to speak to SDC about the possibility of signposting 'To Sandgate' from the Leas

7.5.3 A proposal from a member of the public to place a number of signs on top of the Leas and Metropole Steps was deferred until a later date.

7.6 Continuation of last year's Flag project

Cllr Findlay-Stone hoped that next year the Canadian flag could be flown with the others flags.

8. Beach Advisory Group update

- 8.1 **Beach cleaning** - previously discussed under Communications.
- 8.2 **Kiosk** - Cllr Bliss said that a meeting to discuss this and also parking on the maintenance gangway would be held on 2nd July 2014
- 8.3 **Dog Fouling** - Cllr Findlay-Stone read out the report from Karyl Rimmer about the increase in the number of Environment Protection Team and their patrols throughout Sandgate.
- 8.4 **Parking on the maintenance gangway** - meeting to take place on 2nd July 2014.
- 8.5 **Cycle Shepway and Bell Stop event** - Cllr Findlay-Stone spoke about the success of Bell Stop events and asked for the committee's support in principle that Bell Stop events should continue.

- 8.6 **Cycle rack** - Cllr Findlay-Stone told the committee that a cycle rack design for outside the Library / Council offices had now been chosen and sent for approval to Robert Needham of the Housing Association. The Beach Advisory group would take up the issue of placement of additional cycle racks on Granville Parade.
- 8.6 **Rowing Club and engagement with PC re: publicity** - Cllr Findlay-Stone told the committee that the Regatta had now been publicised on the Parish website and any further events would also be advertised
9. **Christmas Lights** - No new information given.
10. **Environmental issues**
- 10.1 The Assistant Clerk asked for permission to purchase a double bin for Granville Parade. The committee decided to purchase two plastic bins.
- 10.2 The Assistant Clerk informed the committee that Vic Harmer is trying to get hinges for the broken bins.
- 10.3 Cllr Findlay-Stone said that Joy Evans from Saga had organised the repair of the electrical boxes on Saga's Wall and also the cutting back of bramble growth onto Enbrook Road.
- 10.4 Cllr Findlay-Stone said she was very pleased with the level of street cleaning going on as a result of an earlier complaint from the Parish Council
11. **Business and Tourism Advisory Group**
Cllr Findlay-Stone informed the committee that Burmarsh has declined to provide financial support to DFHRM. Cllr Bliss said he believed that St Mary's Bay had now agreed but that Dymchurch's decision was yet to be confirmed.
12. **Sandgate Society update** - Cllr MFS informed that a summer party is planned for 3rd August 2014.
13. **Shorncliffe Development**
Cllr Findlay-Stone told the committee that this would be discussed at the Planning Committee meeting to be held immediately after the Environment meeting
14. **Summer Event**
- 14.1 Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the Family Fun Day on the Rec would take place on Sunday 27th July 2014. Cllr Griggs said that the Boules competition with Sangatte and 'five-a-side' football would also take place that day. He also told the committee that there would be the 'Valley' Boule competition on 19th July 2014 at Etchingill.
- 14.2 The Assistant Clerk was asked to email the Fun day poster to the councillors and the businesses and individuals on the Parish's mailing list.
15. **Information**
Cllr Griggs said that he wished to build a barbeque on the recreation ground. Cllr Prater said that he should send a report to the LAM detailing its positioning and also the fact that it is being donated.
16. **Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 2nd September 2014

The meeting ended at 8:00pm

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