

5.2 A discussion took place about the desirability of having ‘smiley face’ traffic calming devices and it was decided not to proceed with this, other than to establish if KCC has any potential funding. The value of the data collected from Speed Watch was also discussed as well as the difficulty in engaging volunteers to operate the unit.

Action (1): Cllrs Marjorie Findlay-Stone and Tim Prater to work with Kurt Stephens on Speed Watch and how to take this forward.

Action (2): the parish clerk to contact KCC to establish if they have funding for alternative speed calming devices.

5.3 A meeting had previously taken place with Fred Miller. The minutes of the meeting were discussed. Cllr Findlay-Stone said that a safety check of Military Road had been requested. It was noted that Mr Miller had recently said in an email that parking charges must be kept ‘in line’ across the district.

Action (1): the parish clerk to chase up the safety check of Military Road.

Action (2): the parish clerk to find out what the ‘in line charge’ is for Shepway.

6. High Street Innovation Fund

Cllr Findlay-Stone said that a new fingerpost would be ordered and that an email from Niki Fairhurst, Commercial Property Surveyor at SDC, received on 7th July, confirmed that planning permission would not be required and that the placement, maintenance and upkeep would be under the parish council’s insurance.

7. Beach Management Group

7.1 Beach Advisory Group (BAG) update - Cllr Findlay-Stone informed the committee that Kent had been voted Europe’s top family holiday destination. Cllr Findlay-Stone thanked Cllr N Siwa for his kind offer to arrange for his group, Satya Sai Folkestone, to clean the beaches. While at present the beaches have a contractual cleaner, it was hoped that the group could assist off season.

7.2 2 Minute Beach Clean – Cllr Findlay-Stone said that an email had been received from Melanie Chalk about this innovative idea and it was agreed that this should be publicised in the Parish Newsletter.

7.3 Dog Fouling – Cllr Findlay-Stone said that she and Cllr Bliss had had a meeting with Stuart Peall, district councillor, regarding training the parish clerks to be able to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to offending dog owners but Cllr Peall said that the parish council would have to set up its own scheme for issuing FPNs. The possibility of a pilot scheme was also discussed at that meeting. Members agreed that it would be preferable for the training and procedures to be under the auspices of SDC and not under a separate scheme. The parish clerk had independently been researching ways that offending individuals had been identified in other countries and had since discovered that the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham were planning to launch a dog DNA scheme.

Action (1): the parish clerk to ascertain if PCSOs are permitted to issue FPNs for dog fouling and, if not, request that this is done.

Action (2): the parish clerk to contact Poo Print DNA regarding costs.

7.4 Parking on the maintenance gangway – Cllr Watts said that it was now being used as a car repair workshop. Cllr R Bliss said that once the new SDC lease had been put into place, then a parking prohibition would be enforced.

8. Environmental Improvements

8.1 Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the new bins were a very attractive addition to the High Street.

Action (1): the clerk to ask Vic Harmer to move the sign from the rusty pole outside Riviera Cars and put it onto the pole on the other side of the road.

Action (2): the parish clerk to write to Roddy Baker to ask him to take down the damaged and rusty pole.

- 8.2 Cllr R Bliss proposed that the seat halfway up Wilberforce Road should be replaced with a new bench, funded by the residue in the Ann Nevill bequest fund. He proposed that the existing plaque should be taken off the old bench and that it, together with another plaque (acknowledging the Ann Nevill contribution), should be put onto the new bench.

Proposed by: Cllr Robert Bliss

Seconded by: Cllr Marjorie Findlay-Stone

Agreed by all

- 8.3 Cllr Watts said that the drain covers on the High Street are loose since the road resurfacing.

Action: the parish clerk to contact Kent Highways to ask for these to be tightened

- 8.4 Cllr Findlay-Stone said that it would be appropriate to discuss item 13 at this point: 'KCC's consultation on Kent's Drainage and Local Flood Risk'. Cllr G Fuller was asked to complete the on-line document on behalf of the parish council and Cllr Fuller agreed to complete it.

- 8.5 Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the same flags that were being flown this year would be flown in 2016 with the addition of 'heroes' flags. Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the present flags are already looking faded. Cllr Findlay-Stone suggested that the council commissions an information board listing all the regiments to be erected by the War Memorial. Members agreed in principle. This would be taken up at the next Environment Committee meeting.

Action: the parish clerk to contact United Flags to complain about the quality of the new flags.

- 8.6 Cllr Findlay-Stone proposed that Roger Joyce be commissioned to design the wheelie bin screening at a cost of £350.00; £250.00 to be paid initially and a further £100.00 on agreement of the design.

Proposed by: Cllr M Findlay-Stone

Seconded by: Cllr N Bliss

Agreed by all

Action: the parish clerk to arrange a meeting with Mr J Hunter to seek commitment from residents of Riviera Court.

9. **Business and Tourism Advisory Group report** - Cllr Findlay-Stone said that Kurt Stephens had offered to work with Cllr Prater to engage the local community on behalf of the parish. Cllr Findlay-Stone proposed that Mr K Stephens be invited onto the working group.

Proposed by: Cllr M Findlay-Stone

Seconded by: Cllr T Prater

Agreed by all

10. **Sandgate Society update** - Cllr Findlay-Stone said that Sandgate Society's summer party would be held on 2nd August and that The Big Fat Fish and Chip quiz night would take place on 11th July. Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the Fire Station would be open all day during the Sea Festival.

11. **Shorncliffe Development update** - an email had been received from Cllr L Griggs on 7th July which stated that Taylor Wimpey would be consulting on phase 2 (predominantly Sandgate area) shortly. They would be holding an exhibition to pre-consult on Wednesday 22nd July. A meeting

with Taylor Wimpey and the Shorncliffe Development group would take place Wednesday 2nd September.

- 12. **William Cotter VC Commemorative steering** - Cllr R Bliss informed the committee that the initial meeting had taken place and that the representations from the clergy and others had been agreed. The next meeting would take place on 25th September 2015.
- 13. **KCC Consultation on Kent's Drainage and Local Flood Risk** *discussed in item8.*
- 14. **Events** – the Family Fun Day would be held on 2nd August 2015.
- 15. **Information**
 - 15.1 Cllr T Prater said that the renovation work on Vine Cottage was resulting in lots of debris in the street which was then walked into the neighbouring shops.
Action: Parish Clerk to contact Highway Steward / SDC about this
 - 15.2 Ex Sandgate Parish Chairman Jonathan Greenwall's funeral would be on Friday 18th July.
- 16. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 1st September 2015

The meeting ended at 8:30pm

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