



**SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm**

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**Present:**            **Chairman**            **Cllr Marjorie Findlay-Stone**  
                         **Councillors:**       **Nina Bliss, Michael Fitch, Nabin Siwa, Guy Valentine-Neale and**  
   **Tim Prater**  
   **The Chairman of the Council was also present**  
**Clerk:**                 **Mrs 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  
Meeting started 7.00pm.

- 1.       Apologies for absence:** Cllr G Fuller, J Holben and A Watts
- 2.       Declaration of Interest** – none declared
- 3.       Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.  
**Proposed by:** Cllr R Bliss  
**Seconded by:** Cllr N Bliss  
**Agreed:** unanimously
- 4.       Communications**  
4.1 Email received 5<sup>th</sup> October from Mr F Miller, SDC Transportation Manager. Mr Miller said that the design of the parking consultation would be sent to councillors by early December with the full public consultation to take place in early January.  
**Action: clerk to contact Mr Miller and reiterate the three areas which should be included in the consultation: Castle Road, The Riviera and Military Road. Clerk to emphasise the importance of Military Road being included.**
- 5.       Transport and Parking (TRAP)** - as discussed above.
- 6.       Beach Management Group**  
6.1 Cllr Findlay-Stone said that Cllr Watts would be meeting with members of the Beach Advisory Group (BAG) and, once their objectives had been agreed, this would be fed back to the full council. Included in the objectives would be the maintenance of the area of Granville Parade by the kiosk and off-season beach cleaning.  
6.2 Cllr Prater said that the tendering process should include how the leasee would interact with BAG, the community and beach cleaners.  
6.3 Cllr R Bliss said that the draft toilet block lease document from SDC should be available by Tuesday’s main meeting.  
6.4 An email had been received on 21<sup>st</sup> September from Miss C Hughes regarding a serious injury to her dog Buddy caused by the ingestion of abandoned fishing hooks.  
**Action: clerk to insert part of her email into the next parish newsletter and request that the fishermen operate more thoughtfully, ensuring they clear away their fishing tackle when leaving the beach.**

6.5 Cllr Findlay-Stone said that Defra had now approved the Camber to Folkestone coastal access proposal, although the right of access the approved stretch does not come into immediate effect.

## 7. **Environmental Improvements**

7.1 **Wheelie bins-update:** Cllr Findlay-Stone said that Mr R Joyce had been paid £250 (part payment) for a design for wheelie bin screens but the design had not yet been received. It was essential that the design should be made available as soon as possible as the AGM of Riviera Court would be taking place in December and the plans would need to be presented to the residents. Cllr Findlay-Stone said that Ms M Godden had taken over management of Riviera Court.

7.2 **Street cleaning/ drains/ litter:** Cllr Findlay-Stone said there was an ongoing problem of drains and gullies silting up on Castle Road and also that the gullies outside the library needed cleaning.

**Action: clerk to contact KCC regarding street cleaning**

**Action: clerk to ask Vic Harmer to fill up the salt bins outside library, High Street and Encombe**

**Action: clerk to ask KCC when they are going to restock salt bins**

## 8. **Business Support report**

Mr K Stephens had written an email which had been sent to businesses, enquiring if they wished to have their details on the SPC website updated and also asking for their participation in events and activities in the parish.

## 9. **Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth on 14 March 2016**

Cllr Findlay-Stone proposed that SPC participate in this event.

**Proposed by:** Cllr M Findlay-Stone

**Seconded by** Cllr N Bliss

**Agreed by All**

**Action: clerk to ensure SPC gets registered for this event**

**Action: clerk to find out the costings for a mast for erection on the village green**

## 10. **Sandgate Society update**

10.1 Cllr Findlay-Stone said that Sandgate Society Planning and Conservation Group was producing a document in which all the listed building and buildings of interest were being photographed. Cllr Valentine-Neale said that part of the exercise was to scope all the buildings of interest and neglected buildings and use this document to promote Sandgate. When the project was completed, the document would be sent to Shepway District Council and could also form part of the Sandgate Design Statement. Cllr R Bliss said that the result of the document could be that some buildings achieved Grade II status. Cllr Prater said that a photographic record was essential as many interesting features were being changed when properties were being developed.

10.2 Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the Sandgate Society Christmas party would be taking place on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015

## 11. **Events- Christmas Lights**

Cllr Findlay-Stone said that she had had a meeting with Mr Cheesman at Saga and had discussed holding the Christmas event in the Saga grounds. The event could be hosted on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November and Mr Cheesman would be providing a quote for the cost of the catering and personnel provided for the event, although the venue would be provided free of charge. Cllr Prater suggested that Saga could be asked to decorate some additional trees with strands of light as in recent years there had been decreased number of illuminated trees.

Cllr Findlay-Stone proposed that a sum not exceeding £600.00 could be spent on the event

**Proposed by:** Cllr M Findlay-Stone

**Seconded by:** Cllr N Bliss

**Agreed by All**

**12 Information**

12.1 Cllr Siwa said that Giles Barnard was arranging a litter pick in Cheriton.

12.2 Cllr Prater said that he had reported some obstructive scaffolding on the high street to Deborah Watkins and this had been removed.

12.3 Cllr Fitch asked for an update regarding the damaged bus shelter.

12.4 Cllr Valentine-Neale asked if old Golden Valley signage was to be removed.

12.5 Cllr Findlay-Stone said that there appeared to be a wooden fire escape on the Melzone building.

**Action: clerk to look into the removal of signage**

**Action: clerk to chase what actions are being taken to repair the bus stop**

**Action: clerk to contact SPC Building Control re the wooden steps/fire escape**

**13. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015

The meeting ended at 8:00pm

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