



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 13th November 2012 at 5.30 pm

Present: **Chairman** **Cllr Mrs M Findlay-Stone**
 Councillors **Mrs N Bliss, M Fitch, G Fuller, N Griffiths and T Prater**
 Clerk: **Mrs A Oates**
 The Chairman of the Council also attended.

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

No members of the public attended

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs L Griggs, R Grundy, T Heselden and Mrs J Holben
2. **Declaration of Interest** – there were no declarations.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the Minutes and Appendices of the meeting held on 2nd October 2012, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.
 Proposed by: Cllr N Griffith
 Seconded by: Cllr T Prater
 Agreed unanimously.
4. **Communications** – there was none.
5. **Transport and Parking Advisory Group report**
 - 6.1 Parking on pavements is legal outside London. However, as parking on pavements does create problems, there was discussion about creating a new byelaw. The police are called only in the case of obstruction. Cllr Griffith to ask SDC about the possible creation of a new byelaw and was thanked for all his work on this issue.
 - 6.2 Shepway's Parking Strategy for Sandgate will be reviewed next year, after the consultation process, as advised by Alan Lague of SDC.
6. **Beaches Advisory Group report and expenditure proposals**
 - 6.1 The Quality Coast Award is now the Seaside Award after a name change.
 - 6.2 The application process remains as before, opening on 1st December and closing on 1st May 2013. All agreed to go for the Award.
 - 6.3 There have been complaints about a firework display on the beach and debris left on the beach. Cllr Findlay-Stone to send information to the clerk.
 - 6.4 There is a £500 underspend in the budget; this was recently allocated for beach cleaning but not now needed as the council has been informed that SDC's contract with Veolia is year-round.

6.5 Emergency Plan – now to be called First Response: Cllr Griffith is working with Amy Golder at Shepway DC. The final document should go on the Parish Council’s website.

7. Business and Tourism Advisory Group report

7.1 The Business Forum meeting was on Monday, with eight people attending, the best yet. It was agreed to encourage businesses to stay open for the Christmas Lights switch-on on 24th November. Also, to ensure their decorations were in place by 24th, a Best Dressed Window competition had been suggested.

7.2 David Hebditch had offered to arrange another rock ‘n’ roll night and would like to be more involved with the Sea Festival.

8.2 The Forum’s report would be circulated shortly.

8. Village Design Statement report

8.1 The Clerk reported that two quotes had been received, out of three requested. Cllr Findlay-Stone proposed that quote A was accepted. Cllr Prater felt that the cost of printing was acceptable but queried the cost of design. It was proposed to wait until the third quotation was received and for the Clerk to obtain a fourth quote, preferably from another local supplier.

Proposed by: Cllr Mrs N Bliss

Seconded by: Cllr M Fitch

8.2 Cllr Prater offered to design the document free of charge; Ian Barker to discuss the design with Cllr Prater.

8.3 The document has to dovetail with the Core Strategy.

9. Christmas Lights Event and the Business Community

9.1 All preparations were in hand; presents for the children purchased, Christmas tree ordered, refreshments ordered etc.

9.2 Cllr J Holben would be overseeing the event. Cllr N Bliss would be away, as would the Clerk.

9.3 It was hoped that the new venue ‘Loaf’ would open on the evening as this would give families another venue to go to.

9.3 Children’s choir – Clerk to chase Dan File.

10. Chichester Memorial Hall update

There was no report as Cllr Holben was not present.

11. Sandgate Society report

11.1 Congratulations given to the Sandgate Society for their book, which is selling very well.

11.2 The Sandgate Society Christmas Party is on 7th December.

12. Information

There were no other matters for information.

13. Date of next meeting – this will be Tuesday 4th December 2012 at 7pm.

The meeting ended at 6.25pm

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