



**SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015**

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**Present:**            **Chairman**            **Cllr Marjorie Findlay-Stone**  
                         **Councillors:**       **Nina Bliss, Michael Fitch, Nabin Siwa, Guy Valentine-Neale, Tim Prater, Gary Fuller and A Watts**  
   **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 N Siwa
- 2. Declaration of Interest** – none declared
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.  
**Proposed by:** Cllr A Watts  
**Seconded by:** Cllr N Bliss  
**Agreed unanimously**
- 4. Communications**
  - 4.1 NALC Legal Topic Notes received regarding byelaws and control of dogs: it was noted that parish councils could do more if they were a ‘principal’ authority and that it may be possible to have some input via SDC.
  - 4.2 Email received with the new dates of the Seaside Award: **Action Cllr A Watts to apply**
  - 4.3 Email received 30<sup>th</sup> November concerning further delays to repairs to bus shelter: this was noted.
  - 4.4 Letter from clerk to Cllr Dearden sent 17<sup>th</sup> November: a response had not yet been received.
  - 4.5 Email received 4<sup>th</sup> November from Paul Jaconelli confirming new bin at Eversley Way.
- 5. Business Community Update**
  - 5.1** Kurt Stephens told the committee that no responses to emails to businesses had been received.
  - 5.2** Mr Stephens said that he intended to add more photos of the area to the ‘Sunny Sandgate’ website.
  - 5.3** It was suggested that an event with a speaker might have the effect of galvanising business support. A small budget may be available for provision of a business luncheon / event.  
**Action: Clerk to contact Shepway business support department to investigate business apprenticeships**
  - 5.4** Cllr M Findlay-Stone said she would like to express the committee’s thanks to Kurt Stephens for all his hard work.
- 6. Traffic and Parking Group** – there was no update at present

**7. Beach Management Group**

**7.1** Cllr Watts said that two meetings had taken place and that invitations for expressions of interest had been mentioned in a mailout for the management of the kiosk/toilets.

**7.2** A further kiosk meeting with the councillors would be needed to agree the terms of the tender document

**Action: Cllr A Watts to liaise with clerks to arrange a meeting before Christmas**

**8. Environmental Improvements**

**8.1** Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the plans for the wheelie bin screening had been given to Melita Godden for consideration by the resident's group. At present no response had been received from Ms Godden but an AGM was due to take place shortly and it may be the intention to submit the plans then.

**8.2** Cllr Findlay-Stone said that she and Cllr Hod Birkby had taken a tour of the parish to look at the dreadful condition of the pavements, drains and so on. No response had been received from Cllr Birkby since this meeting took place.

**Action: Clerk to look at the online schedule of street cleaning and compare conditions of local streets after a clean.**

**Action: Clerk to get a copy of Veolia's contract with SDC and the rating system for road cleaning, to clarify what 'the standard set' was and then ascertain what we consider to be 'not up to standard'.**

**Action: To contact SDC whenever road cleaning falls below the acceptable standard of the Veolia contract.**

**9. Community public access defibrillator awareness sessions**

Cllr Findlay-Stone said that there were many models of defibrillators available and that a fully automated one would be required. The Rowing Club had shown an interest in hosting one but did not have any available finances to assist the parish with a purchase. If it was to be sited in the Rowing Club, external signs on parish boards would be required to signpost its location.

**Proposal for up to £1500.00 for defibrillator and cabinet from next year's budget**

**Proposed by Cllr T Prater**

**Seconded by Cllr M Findlay-Stone**

**Agreed by All**

**10. Sandgate Society update**

**10.1** Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the Christmas party would be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**10.2** The Sandgate Society would be approaching the parish for agreement to list the War Memorial.

**11. Flagpole and plaques at the Memorial Garden**

Councillor Findlay-Stone said that she had received quotes from Colin Miles for a 6m flag pole and that she would be seeking further quotes for plaques.

**Proposal for the sum of up to £700 for flagpole and plaques**

**Proposed by Cllr Findlay-Stone**

**Seconded by Cllr N Bliss**

**Agreed by All**

**12. Events - Christmas Lights event update**

Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the event had been a huge success and that excellent feedback had been received. A letter of thanks had been sent to Saga for their hospitality and staffing and she wanted to offer a vote of thanks to the parish clerks for their hard work in the event preparation and organisation.

**13. Information**

Cllr Watts gave his apologies for the next Environment meeting.

**14. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015

The meeting ended at 8:00pm

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