

SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd December 2014 at 7pm

Present: Chairman Cllr Marjorie Findlay-Stone

Councillors: Robert Bliss, Michael Fitch Gary Fuller Leo Griggs, Richard

Grundy, Jan Holben, Tim Prater and Vannessa Reay

Clerk: Mrs G Thomas

These Minutes will only be deemed to be a correct record of the meeting when approved and signed at the next meeting There was one member of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs N Bliss,

2. Declaration of Interest – none declared

3. Minutes of the last meeting – the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2014, having

been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.

Proposed by: Cllr T Prater **Seconded by:** Cllr G Fuller **Agreed:** unanimously

4. Communications

- 4.1 Email from Cllr Belcourt in answer to an enquiry about planning permission on Castle Road Car Park. Cllr Fitch asked the Parish Clerk to further enquire about the reason for SDC personnel taking part at an auction of a property adjacent to the car park.
- 4.2 Email received 2nd December from Paul Smith stating disappointment at lack of Sandgate Christmas Lights. Responding email from Cllr Prater was read out and the Parish Clerk was asked to write a formal council response for the notice board and website and also to be emailed to all recipients of the SPC mailing list.
- 4.3 Email from Parish Clerk about the damage to the bus shelter by Village Shop and also to lack of bin emptying on the High Street. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact KCC about the damaged bus shelter.
- 4.4 Email from Natural England acknowledging receipt of SPC's comments regarding the coastal path
- 4.5 Email about the Toolkit launched in Road Safety Week to help local authorities, campaigners and schools, appeal to drivers to 'GO 20'. Cllr Findlay-Stone said that she has passed this to Cllr Fuller, the lead officer for '20s Plenty'.

5. Transport and Parking Advisory Group ('TRAP')

- 5.1 Cllr Findlay-Stone said that she and Cllr Prater had met with Mr Fred Miller to discuss the parking consultation and the recommendations. Mr Miller was very surprised that the community had voted for two hour time limit parking on the Highway.
- 5.2 He was also concerned about the problems of emergency access on Castle Road and would be looking into possible appropriate restrictions.
- 5.3 There had been a request for parking permits from Riviera and Radnor Cliff Residents'. Association (RRRA) and they had been given Mr Miller's contact details

5.4 Cllr Findlay-Stone and Cllr Prater to write to Mr Monk and Cllr Geering to consider revised parking charges. Mr Miller had said that decreased charges in Leas Cliff Car Park had made the same income as had been previously attained when the charges had been higher.

6. **High Street Innovation Fund** – update on projects

- 6.1 **Sandgate Entrance Enhancement** Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the boats have been replanted
- 6.2 **Windows into the Past** Cllr Findlay-Stone asked Cllr Griggs if he could get an update about the planning permission for the Windows boards on listed premises.
- 6.3 Wells, Wells Cllr Prater said that the project was going well and that he was meeting with Mr Cowell on 4th December to finalised the accounts prior to putting in the funding claim for the HSIF bid. The project which had previously been going to close at the end of November was now going to run until February and the HG Wells Society had offered funding toward future rent. Sandgate Community Trust was looking for additional funders so that the project could be open long-term. The project needed more volunteers and volunteer management and there was a possibility of a small grant application being forthcoming.
- 6.5 **Phase II Signage Project** Fingerposts had now been erected and Cllr Findlay-Stone asked that any wall signs, where permission had been obtained, should now be sited.

7. Beach Management Group

- 7.1 **Beach Advisory Group** Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the management plan had now been updated and this had included the provision of the Kiosk. The cycle way plans were progressing well, David Taylor had confirmed that new signs were to be erected shortly showing that it is a shared walk and cycle way and not a cycle path.
- 7.2 **Dog Fouling** Cllr Findlay-Stone to meet with K Rimmer. Cllr Findlay-Stone sad that she would like the SPC to join the Keep Britain Tidy campaign and use the anti-dog fouling posters that they have produced. The Parish Clerk was asked to research this and to contact SDC and ask if they were also interested in supporting this campaign.
- 7.3 **Parking on the maintenance gangway** Cllr Findlay-Stone commented that this is still occurring

8. Environmental Improvements

Cllr Findlay-Stone said that litter-bins held and being refurbished by Vic Harmer should be used to replace those in need of repair replacement in the Parish. This should be undertaken on a rolling programme. The first two should be the ones outside Prater Raines' premises and the Village shop. Cllr Findlay-Stone would survey the area to see which would be next.

Proposed Cllr T Prater Seconded by Cllr R Bliss Agreed by all

9. Secure Cycle Path Provision

Potential locations for secure cycle parking were discussed and it was agreed the SPC recommendations would be:

- 1) Radnor Cliff Car Park (Lower Leas Park)
- 2) Castle Road Car Park
- 3) John Moore Memorial

Proposed Cllr T Prater

Seconded Cllr R Bliss

Agreed by all

10. Terms of Reference

Cllr Bliss proposed that the Terms of Reference for the Environment Committee should be changed from 'a minimum of 50 per cent of all entitled to attend' to 'will be no less than 3 Councillors'.

Proposed by Cllr R Bliss

Seconded by Cllr Reay Agreed by All

- 11. Business and Tourism- Cllr Findlay-Stone said that there were some businesses on the High Street which had decorated their windows with Christmas Lights and the Councillors with business premises' were leading by example.
- **12. Sandgate Society update-** The Christmas Party to take place on Friday 5th December at 7.00 at Chichester Hall.

13. Shorncliffe | Development Update

(It was noted that Cllrs J Holben and R Grundy did not take part in the discussion as they sit on SDC's Development Control Committee).

- **13.1** Cllr Griggs informed the committee that the revised amendment to the plans did not address the concerns raised by SPC.
- **13.2** Further traffic studies undertaken by the developer did not give any recommendations for changes at highlighted 'pinch points'
- **13.3** English Heritage had identified some buildings which while not 'listed' were 'deemed to be listed 'and these were still to be demolished.
- **13.4** The nursery in front of the Tower Theatre was to be removed and more landscaping undertaken
- **13.5** Cllr T Prater said that Southern Water were requesting confirmation that suitable drainage was in place
- **13.6** Cllr L Griggs said that it was necessary to make the public aware of the SPC's position regarding the development. The Parish Clerk was asked to put the original response onto the website
- **13.7** Cllr R Bliss said that a number of surveys had been conducted by KCC regarding the Horn Street Bridge.
- **13.8** The Parish Clerk was asked to contact KCC and ask for the results of any survey in relation to Horn Street Bridge and Church Street.
- **13.9** Cllr L Griggs said that perhaps the parish should commission its own traffic survey and asked if he should bring this up with the steering group.
- **13.10** R Joyce said that the amended Heritage Statement from KCC and English Heritage could be accessed via 'Local List' to look at the buildings which are not listed but deemed to be listed.
- **13.11** The Parish Clerk was asked to write to Mr Geering and Taylor Wimpey and state that;

'Nothing in their amendments addresses our concerns and our objection still stands. We will be submitting a more detailed response in due course.'

Proposed Cllr T Prater

Seconded Cllr G Fuller

Two abstentions

- **13.12** This letter and original response to be put on website and notice boards. Cllr T Prater said that the second response needed to be clear and strong
- **13.14** Mr R Joyce said that Sandgate Society could assist on the response about any Heritage concerns. He said that Folkestone Town Hall would have information regarding Horn Street Bridge
- **13.15** Cllr Griggs said that organisations from the Steering Committee may have useful information
- **14. Events-** Cllr J Holben said while the Christmas Event had been a good event there were many lessons that had been learnt. The Parish Clerk was asked to write to the grounds man Paul Thornton with thanks for his invaluable help and the Parish Clerk and her assistant were also thanked for their hard work.
- **15. Budget.** Cllr Findlay-Stone proposed the Street Furniture Budget remain the same at £1000 and the Environment Projects budget should be allocated to

Allied Forces Flags- £600.00

Battle of Waterloo Boards £200.00 20's Plenty- £200.00

The current budgets allocated for bin refurbishment/replacement, environmental improvements and street furniture should be retained as current

Proposed Cllr Findlay-Stone Seconded Cllr Prater Agreed by All

- **16. Information-** Cllr G Fuller said that 20's plenty website is now online and that the Google Drive is also on line.
- 17 **Date of Next Meeting** 6th January 2015

The meeting ended at 8:50pm