



**SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday 3rd April 2012 at 7.00pm**

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**Present: Chairman** Cllr M Findlay-Stone  
**Councillors** M Fitch, G Fuller, L Griggs, R Grundy, T Heselden, J Holben, T Prater  
**Parish Clerk** A Oates

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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.  
No members of the public attended

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllrs N Bliss and N Griffith
- 2. Declarations of Interest** - Cllrs J Holben and T Prater declared a personal interest as trustees of Chichester Hall.
- 3. Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012 were submitted, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.  
**Proposed by:** Cllr L Griggs  
**Seconded by:** Cllr T Heselden  
**Agreed** unanimously
- 4. Communications**
  - 4.1 A discussion took place on the problem of cyclists on the seafront walkway. The Cycle Forum has funding for signage, from Cllr Prater's county funds, but the signs would have to be carefully worded as the walkway is not a public right of way. Two signs were selected: 'cyclists slow down & give way' and 'cyclists please give way to pedestrians' with the agreed added wording: 'this is not a public right of way'. The Cycle Forum would like to have the parish council's support for the signage. It was proposed that this is taken to full council at its next meeting.  
**Proposed by:** Cllr M Findlay-Stone  
**Seconded by:** Cllr L Griggs  
**Agreed** unanimously
- 5. Report from Transport and Parking Advisory Group**
  - 5.1 Road works - these have ceased temporarily but will resume after Easter. There will be a break for the summer and then they will resume end of September. Cllr Findlay-Stone will get confirmation of the dates and then inform Cllr Prater so that he can inform the business forum.
  - 5.2 Speed Watch – the parish clerk was requested to send an email to all contacts with a request for volunteers.
- 6. Report from Beaches Advisory Group**
  - 6.1 Cllr Heselden reported on the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> March. 65 people turned up; Mark Hanton of Mark Hanton Studio gave a presentation on the vision for the seafront development. There would be a meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> April to discuss the outcomes of the presentation meeting.
- 7. Report from Business and Tourism Advisory Group**
  - 7.1 It was agreed that the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> March was very successful with businesses becoming more engaged. Another meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> April.

- 7.2 The business website has been updated.
- 7.3 Businesses will sponsor 20 flags for the summer celebrations; the Sewing Space will offer free sessions to make bunting every Saturday in April.
- 7.4 It was suggested that the parish council could make a donation of £150 for three flags (cost £50 each); this could come out of the events budget. The parish clerk was requested to add this to the agenda of the next council meeting.
- 7.5 The business forum will elect a chairman.
- 7.6 Cllr Griggs will visit the businesses in Enbrook Valley and tell them about the forum.

## **8. Report on Chichester Memorial Hall**

- 8.1 More temporary repairs have been carried out; work on the roof is almost complete. Funding is needed to do the whole roof.
- 8.2 The Men's Club will be signing another lease for ten years.

## **9. Report on youth and recreation**

- 9.1 The youth club has a good programme of activities and the membership includes quite a lot of Sandgate young people.

## **10. Report on wild life and open spaces - links to Parish Plan and recreational facilities**

- 10.1 The parish council will soon be taking on a lease for the recreation ground and other areas.
- 10.2 The recreation ground could be renamed - this could be chosen via a competition to involve the parishioners.
- 10.3 The application form for funding for the MUGA (multi-use games area) is almost completed.
- 10.4 Plans for two petanque pitches at the recreation ground are under way; the event in the summer with our French partners will include a community event.
- 10.5 There are plans to refurbish the courts at the recreation ground

## **11. Jubilee celebrations**

- 11.1 Plans for the hanging baskets are under way.
- 11.2 The planning application for the beacon will be completed and submitted to the district council this week.
- 11.3 The time for lighting the beacon will be known sometime in May.

## **12. Community Payback Scheme**

- 12.1 There are still problems with the workers. The council currently has one worker on Tuesdays.
- 12.2 There will be a beach clean by a group of Community Payback workers on Thursday.
- 12.3 There will be another beach clean up on the Tuesday after the Jubilee celebrations.

## **13. Report on Sandgate Society – the society will sponsor one of the window displays; Linda Rene-Martin will be giving a talk on the 11<sup>th</sup> April.**

## **14. Information**

- 14.1 The parish clerk showed a draft of the e-newsletter and said that she would email it to all members requesting comments and additional information.
- 14.2 Cllr Findlay-Smith reported on the progress of the window displays. The costs would be £100 each for 11 linen posters. Small posters could go in operating business' windows and larger ones in the empty shops. It was requested that this item goes on the main council agenda.

## **15. Date of the next meeting – this will be Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012. Cllr M Findlay-Stone gave her apologies; Cllr Heselden agreed to be stand-in chairman, subject to election at the meeting.**

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

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