



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 1st May 2012 at 7pm

Present: Chairman elect - Cllr T Heselden
N Bliss, M Fitch, G Fuller, L Griggs, R Grundy, J Holben, T Prater and N Griffith
Parish Clerk A Oates

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. Election of stand-in Chairman

It was proposed that Cllr T Heselden act as Chairman of the meeting in the absence of Cllr Findlay-Stone

Proposed by: Cllr N Bliss

Seconded by: Cllr L Griggs

Agreed unanimously

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr M Findlay-Stone and Cllr G Fuller

3. Declaration of Interest – there were none

4. Minutes of the last meeting – the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2012, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Communications

4.1 Orbit Housing – complaints from residents that their bins are being used by the public; the housing association will look into this.

4.2 High Street Innovation fund – Cllr Findlay-Stone has volunteered to be part of the working group being set up by Dave Shore at the district council and is awaiting a response.

6. Transport and Parking Advisory Group report

Cllr Griffith reported that no one had as yet volunteered for Speed Watch. Both Cllrs Prater and Heselden volunteered. Cllr Griffith will now proceed with setting up the training session.

7. Beaches Advisory Group report

Cllr Findlay-Stone had previously circulated an update to committee members:

7.1 Text for the two notice boards and the risk assessment: the Chairman requested all members to read the texts and to pass any comments back to Cllr Findlay-Stone.

7.2 Quality Coast Award criteria: members requested to know what the requirements are; these will be circulated to all.

7.3 Dog ban: the parish clerk was requested to ascertain the district council's decision following the consultation - with regard to the proposed extension to the date and beach area.

7.3 First Aid: the Rowing Club has agreed to be nominated as a First Aid station; another one is needed; members were asked for suggestions.

7.4 One volunteer has come forward following a request to the public for volunteers for first aid training. With the councillors who have already put their names forward, there is now a

sufficient number for the training to be programmed. The parish clerk was requested to set this up.

7.5 Picture signs for drinking water and showers for bathers will be placed on the toilet block by the district council.

7.6 Seafront project: three volunteers have come forward to be on the working party; Cllr T Heselden will arrange a meeting with them.

8. Business and Tourism Advisory Group report

8.1 Cllr Prater said that all the recent news was given in the newsletter.

8.2 He updated that Sally Taylor of Beech Tree would chair the Business Forum.

8.3 Flags: there were now over £1,000 of business pledges; the flags have been ordered.

8.4 John Barber is arranging to get them up mid to late May.

8.5 Cllr Prater will distribute posters promoting the Jubilee event on 4th June to all businesses.

9. Chichester Memorial Hall update

9.1 Cllr Holben reported that copper had been stolen off the roof and the thieves had caused extensive damage.

9.2 Someone had donated a coffee machine to the hall.

10. Youth and Recreation update

Cllr Holben reported that the funding bid would be submitted to the Roger De Haan Trust this month.

11. Wild life and open spaces update - links to Parish Plan and recreational facilities

11.1 Cllr Holben had provided a recent update for the newsletter.

11.2 At the last Finance Committee meeting, it was proposed that a new committee, Land Asset Management, is set up to manage the lands being taken over from the district council. This is on the agenda for the Annual Parish Council meeting next week.

12. Jubilee celebrations in Sandgate

All arrangements are in hand for the event on 4th June – bands, catering booked; fancy dress competition, fireworks, bunting etc. The bunting workshops are continuing every Saturday this month at The Sewing Space in the village.

13. Community Payback scheme

The parish clerk reported that the scheme is still running but with only one worker and he had not worked the last two weeks due to ill health. There was still a problem with the reporting system – someone needed to be at the office at 3pm on Tuesdays to sign off the worker.

14. Sandgate Society report

14.1 The blue plaque leaflet is now underway and will be available from mid June.

14.2 The blue plaque for Jocelyn Brooke will be unveiled on Thursday 31 May – all parish council members are invited to attend, followed by tea courtesy of Ann Nevill and her family.

14.3 The 50th anniversary booklet will be published in August.

15. Progress report for the picture boards at each end of the high street

15.1 Kirby Arcade – response received from Geoffrey Boot re repair and painting of boards: he will supply black paint but wants a volunteer to paint it.

15.2 Boards for No. 15 – Cllr Griggs is in contact with the owner.

15.3 Re the old tapas bar – Cllr Fitch will give the owner's contact details to Cllr Bliss.

16. Information

- 16.1 Village Design Statement – Catherine Hughes has been brought in to help set the plan and there will be a meeting with Mark Aplin from the district council on 22nd May from 2.30pm – 4.30pm in the library.
- 16.2 Shepway Cycle Forum meeting – the forum is planning to lobby for access following its last meeting at which Alan Lague outlined the access rights for the maintenance gangway. There are no legal rights of way. Cllr Bliss is investigating this matter.

17. Date of next meeting – to be decided at the Annual Parish Council meeting on 8th May 2012.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm

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