



SANDGATE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2014 at 6.30pm

Sandgate Council Library & Offices, Sandgate High Street, Sandgate.

Present:

Chairman	Cllr Robert Bliss
Cllrs	Nina Bliss, Marjorie Findlay-Stone, Leo Griggs, Michael Fitch, Tom Heselden and T Prater

Parish Clerk Mrs A Oates

There were 12 members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence ó Cllrs Gary Fuller, Richard Grundy and Vannessa Reay

2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

It was proposed that the Minutes of 14th May 2013, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by: Cllr T Heselden

Seconded by: Cllr Marjorie Findlay-Stone

Agreed unanimously

3. Chairman's Welcome and Yearly Overview

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out a short report from the PCSO. He then listed the achievements of the Parish Council (SPC) over the past year:

Big achievements and projects:-

- **Big changes at the Recreation Ground:** two multi-use games area courts, 5-a-side football pitch, picnic tables, benches and a noticeboard ó funded by the Roger De Haan Charitable Trust and the parish council.
- **Took over the grounds maintenance from SDC** of the recreation ground, the village green on the corner of the high street and Military Road and the green at Wilberforce Road; some funding received from the district council.
- **Completion of the publication of the Sandgate Design Statement**, which was adopted by SDC. The pdf is online; printed copies are available from the parish clerk at £5 each. Thanks were extended to everyone involved, especially Cllr Marjorie Findlay-Stone; it was an excellent document.
- **Awarded the Seaside Award 2013** ó a nationally recognised Tidy Britain initiative
- **Awarded funding from SDC from its High Street Innovation Fund** ó to fund projects to enhance Sandgate; some happened last year, some will take place this year:
 - 1) **Windows into the Past boards** ó displays on buildings in the village depicting the past
 - 2) **'Boats'** ó enhancements to the entry points to the village. These will be in place for this summer
 - 3) **'Flags'** ó 25 flags were flying in the high street to promote people to Stop, Shop, Eat and Stay ó in Sandgate.
 - 4) **'Wells'** ó plan to have a pop-up shop about HG Wells, which will open soon



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With kind permission, people can park in Saga grounds every

sused toilet block at the recreation ground

kets ó worked with local businesses to make the high street

attractive and welcoming

- **Purchased new litter bins** ó along the seafront, at the recreation ground at outside the cemetery on Military Hill and on-going refurbishment of the existing bins
- **Engaged with the Community Payback team and local youth groups** to clean our beaches over the winter period
- **Regular contact with SDC** re beach, road, pavement cleaning, the future of our sea defences and local planning applications
- **Regular contact with Kent Highways** re street lighting, drainage, footpaths etc

Partnership working with various groups and individuals, notably:-

- our Twinning partner: Sangatte
- the local Business Forum
- Cycle Shepway
- Discover Folkestone, Hythe & Romney Marsh
- local residents groups (RRA & RRRA)
- Sandgate Community Trust
- Sandgate Society
- Shorncliffe Trust and various local individuals
- Sandgate Library ó on-going partnership with KCC to deliver the library service in Sandgate and enable local people to meet for: Knit & Natter, Creative Writing, Sandgate Book Club, Read and Rhyme, Childrens Craft Club and more.

Events we organised:

- The Family Fun Day in August ó to celebrate the opening of the new recreational facilities.
- Boules Club ó various matches at our petanque pitch at the recreation ground
- Seaside Festival at the end of August
- Christmas lights switch-on event last November

And for this year:

- **Works to renovate the War Memorial and surrounding area** ó soon to be completed
- **Seaside Award 2014** – we have applied for this again and Tidy Britain will make the formal announcements shortly
- **New outdoor fitness equipment** ó just installed in the recreation ground
- **Demolition of the toilet block to make way for something better.** More news of this in due course
- **New planters** ó plans are underway to commemorate Ann & John Nevile with their generous bequest of £1,000, donated last year, which will take the form of attractive planters in the village
- **Working with Cycle Shepway through our Beaches Advisory Group** to achieve acceptable arrangements for both walkers and cyclists
- **Events at the rec** ó 2 events: a music event on 29th June and a Family Fun Day on 27th July; our Sea Festival on August Bank Holiday weekend and our Christmas lights switch on event in December
- **And continuation of some of the High Street Innovation Fund projects** ó
 - 1) More -Windows into the Past-boards
 - 2) Opening of the -War of the Words-HG Wells pop-up shop and exhibition centre
 - 3) Flying of Union flags and a selection of other nations-flags to commemorate the centenary of World War I



commemorative paving slab to honour the VC awarded to local hero
aid in the commemorative year of his posthumous award which

attend the meeting.

5. Public participation and questions

Various matters were raised:

- 5.1 The water leakage in Enbrook Valley ó Cllr Griggs informed that Cllr Holben was looking into this. It was agreed that information would be put on the notice board nearby.
- 5.2 Vehicles parked on the maintenance gangway impeded cyclists ó a letter had already been sent to SDC and the parish council was awaiting a reply.
- 5.3 20 mile per hour speed limit through Sandgate: any progress? Cllr Findlay-Stone informed that the KCC member for Folkestone West had been approached about this but he was not in favour of a limit; however, the parish council would proceed with getting ø20 is Plentyøstickers and would progress the concept. The parish council would look into the legal side of it.
- 5.4 The state of the footpath beside the Chichester Hall from the scout hut was mentioned. The council would write to the Scouts to request they clear it.

6. Any information items ó there were no further items of information.

7. Date of the next Annual Parish Meeting ó this would be held on Tuesday 12th May 2015.

The public were invited to partake in light refreshments after the conclusion of the Annual Parish Council meeting, which would follow the Annual Parish meeting.

The meeting closed at 6.54pm.

Chairman of Council

Date