



ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2014 at 7.00pm

Sandgate Council Library & Offices, Sandgate High Street, Sandgate

Present: **Chairman** Cllr R Bliss
 Cllrs Nina Bliss, Margaret Findlay-Stone, Michael Fitch, Leo Griggs,
 Jan Holben, Tom Heselden, Tim Prater
 Parish Clerk Mrs A Oates

There were 17 members of the public in attendance

1. **Apologies for absence** ó apologies were received from Cllrs Gary Fuller, Richard Grundy and Vanessa Reay.
2. **Declarations of Interest** ó Cllr Griggs declared an interest in item 12 as he would be presenting the grant application for the Boules Club and Cllr Prater declared for item 11 as a Trustee for the Chichester Hall Trust. Both declarations were non-prejudicial.
3. **Election of Chairman** - Cllr R Bliss was nominated Chairman by Cllr Tom Heselden. With no other nominations put forward Cllr R Bliss was elected Chairman.
 Proposed by: Cllr Tom Heselden
 Seconded by: Cllr Marjorie Findlay-Stone
 Agreed unanimously.
4. **Election of Deputy Chairman** ó Cllr Mrs J Holben was nominated Vice Chairman.
 Proposed by: Cllr Robert Bliss
 Seconded by: Cllr Leo Griggs
 Agreed unanimously.
5. **Approval of Accounts** ó The Parish Clerk presented the final bank reconciliation for 2013-2014 (*appendix I*), Receipts & Payments Account for 2013-14 (*appendix II*) and the latest Schedule of Payments (*appendix III*) for approval.
 Proposed by: Cllr Marjorie Findlay-Stone
 Seconded by: Cllr Nina Bliss
 Agreed unanimously.
6. **Completion of the Annual Return** ó this was presented by the Parish Clerk for completion, approval and signing. It was proposed that the Annual Return be agreed and accepted.
 Proposed by: Cllr Robert Bliss
 Seconded by: Cllr Nina Bliss
 Agreed unanimously. The Annual Return was signed by the Chairman and Parish Clerk. The report by the Internal Auditor, previously circulated, was received and noted (*appendix IV*).
7. **Minutes of the Main Council Meeting held on 8th April 2014** ó the Minutes were submitted, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
 Proposed by: Cllr Michael Fitch
 Seconded by: Cllr Marjorie Findlay-Stone
 Agreed unanimously.



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Proposed by: Cllr Tim Prater

Seconded by: Cllr Leo Griggs

Agreed unanimously

9. **Four cheque signatories** ó it was proposed that these remain the same.

Proposed by: Cllr Tim Prater

Seconded by: Cllr Marjorie Findlay-Stone

Agreed unanimously

10. **Schedule of meeting dates**

The schedule of meeting dates for 2014/2015 (*appendix V*), was presented and agreed.

Proposed by: Cllr Tim Prater

Seconded by: Cllr Marjorie Findlay-Stone

Agreed unanimously

11. **Representatives to outside meetings**

It was proposed that all appointments remain the same as elected at last year's Annual Parish Council meeting as well as all other appointments made during the year.

Proposed by: Cllr Tim Prater

Seconded by: Cllr Mrs M Findlay-Stone

Agreed unanimously

- 11a. **Guest Speaker**

Cllr Hod Birkby (HB), County Councillor for Folkestone West, was invited to speak as he had not been able to arrive in time for the Annual Parish meeting. He outlined what KCC had been doing re adult social care, school meals, members getting more involvement in commissioning, turning off street lights and tree replacement. Cllr Prater asked how much of his member's highways fund had been spent and on what projects and another question was asked why KCC would not support a 20 miles per hour speed limit through the village. HB said he would find out. Cllr Holben thanked HB for his donation to the outdoor gym equipment. HB had also given funding for e-readers for the library.

12. **Grant application from Sandgate Boules Club**

Cllr Leo Griggs presented the application for a grant of £1,000. It was proposed that a grant should be given but the amount was reduced to £500.

Proposed by: Cllr Robert Bliss

Seconded by: Cllr Tim Prater

For: 7; Abstentions: 1; motion carried

13. **Grant application from Discover Folkestone, Hythe & Romney Marsh**

John Barber, Folkestone Town Centre Manager, presented the application for a grant of £1,500.

Members felt that it was not right that Sandgate should be the only parish council to support tourism in the district but pledged to give a grant of £1,500 if this amount could be matched by at least three other parish or town councils.

Proposed by: Cllr Tim Prater

Seconded by: Cllr Marjorie Findlay-Stone

Agreed unanimously

14. **Date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting for 2015** ó this will be held on Tuesday 12th May 2015.

The meeting closed at 8pm

Chairman of Council

Date