



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 7.00 on Tuesday 10th June 2014

At Sandgate Parish Council/Library Offices
James Morris Court, Sandgate High Street, Sandgate.

Present:	Chairman	Cllr Jan Holben (<i>Vice Chairman</i>)
	Councillors	Marjorie Findlay-Stone, Michael Fitch, Leo Griggs
		Richard Grundy, Tom Heselden, Tim Prater
	Clerk	A Oates

The PCSO did not attend the meeting; however, the Chairman read out her previously circulated report, which specifically mentioned nuisance reports on Military Road and some car damage.

These Minutes will only be deemed to be a correct record of the meeting when approved and signed at the next meeting

The meeting commenced at 7pm

No members of the public were present.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Robert Bliss, Nina Bliss, Gary Fuller, Vanessa Reay
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – there were none.
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 13th May 2014, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.
Proposed by: Cllr Tim Prater
Seconded by: Cllr Richard Grundy
Agreed by all
- 4. Chairman's Opening Remarks**
A warm welcome was extended to everyone and it was hoped that Nina Bliss' operation had gone well.
- 5. Chairman's Correspondance**
 - 5.1 Email from Jeremy Whittaker at SDC: La Capelle les Boulogne would like to twin with an English settlement of a similar size. It was agreed that SPC could not take this up but the email was passed to Cllr Griggs as a possible contact re the Boules Club – the clerk to respond to JW accordingly.
 - 5.2 Letter from Canon John Dilnot, dated 8th May, regarding the state of the hedges and blocked drain near the scout hut at The Undercliff. He had reported this last year and Cllr MFS had been in touch with the scouts. The clerk was asked to ask Canon Dilnot if the work had been carried out.
 - 5.3 Letter from David Taylor, Cycle Shepway (8th May) regarding vehicles parked on The Esplanade – he requested the parish council's support in making a joint approach to Kent Highways to seek a solution. He also highlighted the problem of memorabilia on benches. Members discussed the former matter and pointed out that it was not illegal to park on pavements unless causing restrictions and, as there were bollards and litter bins along that stretch, the parked vehicles quite often were in line with these. The council was taking up the matter of parking on the pavement along Granville Parade so would see what the outcome of that was. The clerk was asked to send a copy of DT's letter to Cllrs Holben and Prater to

- 5.4 discuss with Kent Highways at their meeting at the recreation ground. The clerk was asked to respond to DT accordingly.
- 5.5 Letter from Folkestone Town Council – invitation to Canada Day. Cllrs Holben and Grundy would be attending as district councillors. Cllr Prater would be attending for Sandgate PC.
- 5.6 Email correspondence from Taylor Wimpey re their forthcoming event at the Tower Theatre – this was noted.
- 5.7 Cllr MFS read out a précis of her email to Rory Love and his reply regarding the state of the unemptied litter bins and cessation of beach cleaning. Her complaint would be taken forward as a Stage One complaint.
- 5.8 Email from Chris Kirkham that the Seaside Award for Sandgate beach had been received very well on Facebook.

6. Staff Contracts

It was proposed that the draft contract for the new Assistant Clerk and the updated contract for the Parish Clerk be approved.

Proposed by: Cllr Tim Prater

Seconded by: Cllr Richard Grundy

Agreed by all

7. Land Assets Management Sub-Committee report – the minutes of the last meeting, previously circulated, were formally presented and approved.

Proposed by: Cllr Tim Prater

Seconded by: Cllr Richard Grundy

Agreed by all

8. Finance update, payments for approval - there was nothing to report

9. Finance Committee report – the minutes of the last meeting, previously circulated, were formally presented and approved.

Proposed by: Cllr Tim Prater

Seconded by: Cllr Richard Grundy

Agreed by all

10. Environment Committee Report and Shorncliffe Development Update - the minutes of the last meeting, previously circulated, were formally presented and approved.

Proposed by: Cllr Tim Prater

Seconded by: Cllr Richard Grundy

Agreed by all

11. Planning Committee Report - the minutes of the last meeting, previously circulated, were formally presented and approved. It was noted that the next meeting would be significant as the Shorncliffe Development plans would be considered.

Proposed by: Cllr Tim Prater

Seconded by: Cllr Leo Griggs

Agreed by all

12. Information

12.1 The works to the war memorial were completed. Cllr Prater said that it looked great but that there was some light surface cracking the concrete base of the memorial. He had met with Mr Spencer who would get an expert in concreting to look at it and then inform the council of the outcome – the clerk to withhold the final cheque payment

12.2 The Christmas lights were discussed and the clerk was asked to purchase a plastic ‘privet’ ball currently on sale at Sainsbury at £15 to test its suitability. This should then be discussed by the Christmas Lights working group.

12.3 Cllr Griggs mentioned that the Rowing Club would be having their annual Regatta soon.

13. Date of next meeting – this would be Tuesday 8th July at 7pm.

The meeting ended at 7.38pm

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