



Minutes

SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Date 9th July 2013. Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Sandgate Council and Library, Sandgate High Street.

Present:	Chairman	Cllr R Bliss
	Cllrs	Mrs N Bliss, G Fuller, Mrs M Findlay-Stone, Mrs J Holben, M Fitch,
		Mrs V Reay, T Heselden, R Grundy and T Prater
	Clerk	Ms A Oates

The PCSO did not attend so there was no report. A member of the public, Mr T Simmonds, raised the problem of cars parking on the promenade at Granville Parade. He was informed that the walkway is owned by Shepway District Council. It was suggested that the parish council should ask SDC about whether an enforcement regime could be applied and the PCSO be asked to report such parking. The parish clerk would write to SDC.

The new county member for Folkestone West, Cllr Hod Birkby, attended and gave an update on county matters. Some road closures in Sandgate would occur in the autumn. There was a possibility that some trees would be felled in Sandgate due to being diseased or dangerous; he would pass on information on which trees when he had it. There was no money for re-planting but Cllr Birkby would look at his budget. Cllr Prater mentioned kerbs at some bus stops – Cllr Birkby would discuss this further with Cllr Prater. The county member was enthusiastic about the future plans for the library as he felt it was an important local resource and would be pleased to receive an application for grant funding to support the library.

A query was raised regarding the resurfacing of the Riviera to the Undercliff, with the worst stretch being the Undercliff to Hospital Hill, and what type of resurfacing material would be used. Cllr Birkby was asked to put in writing where the resurfacing work would be done.

The desire for a 20mph limit through the village of Sandgate was raised and Cllr Birkby agreed that he would support some measure of traffic calming. He will mention it to Kent Highways.

Cllr Birkby was thanked for his attendance and update.

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The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.16pm

8 members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllr L Griggs

2. Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the last meeting
The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 11th June 2013 were proposed as a correct record.
Proposed by: Cllr T Prater
Seconded by: Cllr Mrs M Findlay-Stone
Agreed by all. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

4. Chairman's opening remarks

- 4.1 Cllr Birkby, KCC member for Folkestone West, was thanked for his attendance.
- 4.2 The Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, Alexandra Harrington, would attend the September meeting of the Parish Council.
- 4.3 The proprietors of the Providence Inn were leaving; the pub had been run by the Latchford family for 60 years. A letter would be sent to them to wish them all the best for the future.

5. Chairman's correspondence

- 5.1 The A259 from Military Road to Hospital Hill would be resurfaced beginning towards the end of September. The work would be done mainly at night and would take from 7-10 days.
- 5.2 Email from Mrs Milton – can the council look again at having allotments in Sandgate. The council does not have any land.
- 5.3 Email from Rosemary Sanders re cycling on Granville Parade. A child was nearly knocked over. Could there be 'cyclists dismount notices'. This would be passed to the Environment Committee to discuss and make recommendations.
- 5.4 Charity Challenge 19th – 21st July – local people were asked to support the event and the charity.
- 5.5 Email from SDC in reply for request for projector and screen for planning committee meetings – SDC is looking at all the requests received and would get back to the parish council.
- 5.6 Electoral review of Shepway – notice of consultation by the Local Government Boundary Commission. Comments welcomed by 9th September.
- 5.7 Letter from Coastal Communities Fund – SPC's submission had not been successful.

6. Proposal to elect Cllr Vanessa Reay onto the Planning Committee

Proposed by: Cllr R Bliss

Seconded by: Cllr G Fuller

Agreed unanimously

7. Twinning update

There was no update as Cllr Griggs was not present; however, Cllr Mrs Holben praised Cllr Griggs for successfully forging strong friendly links with the Mayor of Sangatte. A group of French boules players would be coming over to play matches at the Family Fun Day on 4th August.

8. Land Assets Management and MUGA updates

- 8.1 There were problems with the maintenance contract for the recreation ground. Several complaints had been received from local residents. The ground was not looking as good as it should do. The contractor may have to be changed.
- 8.2 The MUGA fences, wall, steps and handrail etc were in place. The asphalt and white lining would be done shortly.
- 8.3 The football pitch would be fenced off for a few months to allow the seeds to grow.
- 8.4 New litter bins would be put in place and a new noticeboard had been ordered.
- 8.5 Plans for the fun day were well in hand. There would be various entertainment, activities, dog show etc and a 'Miss Sandgate' competition.

9. Finance update and payments for approval

The cheque schedule for cheques numbered 100848 – 100856 was presented for approval and was duly signed by the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Proposed by: Cllr T Prater

Seconded by: Cllr R Bliss

Agreed unanimously

10. Finance Committee report

There was no report as the next committee meeting would be held the following week.

11. Environment Committee report

11.1 The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated.

11.2 Cllr Prater said that the de-cluttering of signage in the village was due to take place.

11.3 Cllr Mrs Findlay-Stone reported that some of the litter bins along the promenade had not yet been repaired by the contractor – doors were flying open, locks not working etc. There may be a need to have double bins as the current ones get overfilled before being emptied.

12. Planning Committee Report

There had not been a planning meeting since the last main council meeting. Cllr Fuller said that searching for planning applications on line was shambolic; SDC had not yet resolved the problems. Notice of two new applications had been received so a planning meeting would be called soon.

13. Information

The clerk would email the new copy deadline for the newsletter to all councillors.

14. Date of the next meeting – Tuesday 10th September 2013 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 7.52pm

Minutes agreed and signed by:

Chairman of the Council..... Date 9th July 2013