



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 7pm on Tuesday 8th September 2015

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

Present: **Chairman** **Cllr Robert Bliss**
 Councillors **Nina Bliss, Marjorie Findlay-Stone, Michael Fitch, Gary Fuller,**
 Leo Griggs, Tim Prater, Nabin Siwa, Guy Valentine-Neale and
 Adrian Watts

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There were no questions from the public. The PCSO attended; her report had been previously circulated. There had been no problems at the Sea Festival. She was very disappointed that the planned Specials Recruitment stand had to be taken elsewhere at short notice, she had put a lot of work in for this. Her next surgery would be Thursday 17th September in the library. Cllr MFS asked about bonfires: there were regular ones on Radnor Cliff and on the foreshore beyond The Riviera. The PCSO would look into this. Cllr TP asked whether there was a guidance pamphlet on the use of fireworks; the PCSO would deliver some to the parish clerk.

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The meeting commenced at 7pm

There were 3 members of the public present.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Jan Holben
2. **Declarations of Interest** – there was none.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2015, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.
 Proposed by: Cllr Tim Prater
 Seconded by: Cllr Nina Bliss
 Agreed by all
4. **Chairman’s Opening Remarks**
 - 4.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone back after the summer break. The Family Fun Day had been very successful; grateful thanks to Jan Holben. The firework display launching the Sea Festival was excellent as usual and on the Sunday there was a large turnout of people and the whole event was a great success. Thanks to all who helped and well done to Nina Bliss. This was a very good event for Sandgate. The road closure order worked really well, it was much safer.
 - 4.2 The 4-year Aims and Objectives need to be finalised; the chairman asked for some councillors to get together to look at the draft and pull it together into a final concise document, for presenting to full council at its October meeting. Cllrs Watts and Valentine-Neale offered to work with Cllr Prater on this.
 - 4.3 The chairman updated on the recent meeting held with Ben Geering re the land adjoining Sir John Moore Barracks. They discussed who would be responsible for drainage, the access points, managing the woodland, the curtilage etc and how this should be progressed. They also discussed landslip. Cllr Griggs suggested that when Mr Geering came back with some answers this matter should be looked at in conjunction with the Backdoor Training Area (BTA). The chairman said that this matter should be discussed in depth at the next full council meeting as there was a lot to look at as well as seeing what funding would come with the BTA.

5. Chairman's Correspondence

Email dated 7th September from Sue Law, Secretary of The Shorncliffe Trust asking if the parish council would work with the Trust to produce a proposal re the Backdoor Training Area. The chairman had replied that the council would be interested in principle. This matter would be further discussed at item 14 on the agenda.

6. Granville Road toilets update

The members discussed the answers supplied by Paul Marshall re the council's concerns about some wording within the draft lease, mainly re the council's expenditure. It was felt that another meeting should be arranged to take this forward to reach an agreement. The clerk would organise this and invite members of the Land Assets Management sub-committee to attend. Cllr MFS had received expressions of interest from people who may wish to take on the sub-lease of the kiosk; she would pass these names to the parish clerk.

7. Sandgate Library / KCC & SPC Service Level Agreement

Cllr Watts updated the members on the recent meeting held with KCC officers. All was looking positive except for the matter of the electrics. Peter Smith had in his possession a more recent electrical safety inspection report; this differed from the year-old report that had been sent to the parish council. Mr Smith would look into this at the earliest opportunity to get this matter resolved. The council should expect to receive the new draft Service Level Agreement in early October and Mr Smith would be liaising with SDC re the lease transfer. The draft SLA would be circulated to all members when received from KCC.

8. KALC – Cllr Fuller was the representative for the parish council; he would report back at the next full council meeting. The chairman said that this would be a standing item on future agendas. Cllr Valentine-Neale asked if there was any councillor training available re planning; Cllr Fuller would look into this.

9. Christmas lights – the parish clerk updated that this was all in hand; the garlands would be ordered shortly, she was just awaiting confirmation from Vic Harmer that his electrician had attended the training required by Kent Highways and was in possession of the necessary certificate.

10. Land Assets Management Sub-Committee report – there was nothing to report as the latest committee meeting would be on the coming Thursday. The last minutes had been previously circulated.

11. Finance update and payments for approval – there was nothing to report; the latest update would be presented to the Finance Committee at its next meeting.

12. Finance Committee report - there was nothing to report as the latest committee meeting would be on the coming Thursday. The last minutes had been previously circulated.

13. Environment Committee report – the minutes of the last meeting had been circulated. It was mentioned that the Seaside Award banner had been ripped and that a flagpole and flag had been removed from a lamppost on The Esplanade. This should be reported to the PCSO. An update on the damaged bus stop was requested: the parish clerk informed members that the SDC officer dealing with insurance matters, David Avery, had last updated by email that they were trying to ascertain who was responsible for the damage and when this was established and they were satisfied that an insurance claim could be made, then instructions would be given to have the shelter repaired or replaced. The clerk was asked to circulate Mr Avery's email.

14. Shorncliffe Development update

Cllr Griggs reported that a letter had been sent from the council to Mr David Bradley at Taylor Wimpey expressing interest in in the Backdoor Training Area and requesting to meet with him. An answer was awaited. As mentioned earlier, the Shorncliffe Trust was also interested in this area and hoped to collaborate with the parish council in obtaining this area and the funds to go with it. The Trust wants to have a museum and tourist shop there, which could possibly be sited within one of the

buildings that would not be pulled down. Cllr Griggs was checking what the boundaries were (re Folkestone and Hythe). The clerk was asked to chase up Mr Bradley.

- 15. Planning Committee report** – Cllr Fuller reported that there had been three committee meetings since the last full council meeting and that all minutes had been circulated. One of the key concerns was re the land adjoining 14 The Corniche. Either Cllr Watts or Cllr Siwa would meet with the Southern Water engineer on site but it was agreed that the parish council was limited in what it could do especially until the planning application had been submitted to SDC and made public. The clerk was asked to forward the landowner’s recent email to all the residents on The Corniche mailing list and to ask if a representative for the residents would like to attend the site meeting. Cllr Findlay-Stone highlighted concerns about the crack in the wall in the vicinity of 5 Radnor Cliff and asked if this matter could be added to the next planning committee agenda.
- 16. Information**
- 16.1 Cllr Griggs announced that there would be a Boules Club Christmas Quiz Night on Saturday 28th November and asked if this could be circulated via the council’s e-mailing list.
- 16.2 It was asked if anyone knew if Remembrance Day would be commemorated at St Paul’s Church on the 8th or 15th November. The clerk would find out and, whichever date it was, would send an invitation to the Mayor of Sangatte to attend.
- 16.3 The chairman announced that when the meeting with SDC re the toilet block/kiosk had taken place and the revised lease received, a special meeting with all councillors would be convened.
- 17. Date of next meeting** – this would be Tuesday 13th October 2015

The meeting ended at 8.36pm.

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