



## Minutes

### SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Date 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Time: 7.00pm**

**Venue: Sandgate Council and Library, Sandgate High Street.**

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<b>Present:</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Cllr R Bliss</b>
	<b>Cllrs</b>	<b>Mrs N Bliss, G Fuller, L Griggs, Mrs J Holben, M Fitch, Mrs V Reay and R Grundy</b>
	<b>Clerk</b>	<b>Ms A Oates</b>

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The PCSO was unable to attend but had sent in a report which the Chairman read out – there was not much crime in Sandgate except for bike thefts.

Alex Harrington, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, gave a presentation. She covered a wide area looking after the recruitment and training of volunteers and working with the Neighbourhood Watch groups. Should anyone want to start a group, they should contact her. There have been changes in the law regarding people protecting themselves and their property. There were approximately 2,000 calls to the police (both 101 and 999 numbers) per day in Shepway. There were currently four Neighbourhood Watch groups in the parish of Sandgate. She would contact them to suggest they meet together. This could take place in the library. She will also give some promotional literature to the parish clerk for display in the library. The Chairman thanked her for her presentation.

Chris Shaw, Chairman of Shorncliffe Trust gave a presentation on the new charitable status of the Trust and the plans for the future. He handed out a report to all members. Two of the key events mentioned were the relocation of the Sir John Moore statue and the Federation of Napoleonic Cities, which it was hoped Sandgate would join. Andrew Morgan spoke about his involvement with the Belgium Tourist Board and his interest in the council's Twinning with Sangatte. Roger Joyce was the Trust's architectural consultant. The Chairman of the Council expressed the council's keen support and requested that the Trust lets SPC know what it can do to help. The Chairman thanked them all for coming.

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The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.46pm

7 members of the public were present.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Findlay-Stone, T Heselden and T Prater

**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 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013 were proposed as a correct record.

**Proposed by:** Cllr Mrs N Bliss

**Seconded by:** Cllr R Grundy

**Agreed** by all. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

**4. Chairman's opening remarks**

- 4.1 Chris Shaw, Andrew Morgan and Roger Joyce were thanked for their presentation. Their plans were great news for Sandgate and it would be good for the council to work with them.
- 4.2 The Fun Day was a success. Thanks to Cllrs Mrs Holben and R Grundy for organising it. This should be an annual event.
- 4.3 The MUGA – two courts are now in use. The 5-a-side pitch needs time for the grass to grow.
- 4.4 Miss Sandgate – well done to Tara Lennon. She attended her first official event – the Sea Festival. The next one should be the switch-on of the Christmas lights.
- 4.5 The Sea Festival – it was the best one yet. Thanks to Nina Bliss for organising the event. The fireworks display will now take place on Saturday, weather permitting. There will be live music, a barbeque and a fun fair. The event times are 7pm – 10pm with the fireworks display about 9pm. It has been well advertised.
- 4.6 Grateful thanks to SDC for the donation of a new projector for use at planning meetings.
- 4.7 The council is following up on the offer to have a memorial slab laid by the Sandgate Memorial in memory of William Cotter who received the Victoria Cross. There are other Sandgate recipients of the VC and these will be followed up too. The Memorial will be renovated next year.

**5. Chairman's correspondence**

- 5.1 Notification from Kent Highways – resurfacing work will commence on 25<sup>th</sup> September for ten nights. Residents affected by this would be able to park in the car park as charging ceases at 6pm.
- 5.2 Letter from Helen Lennon – mother of Tara Lennon, Miss Sandgate: Tara would like to know how she can be involved in other events and has some ideas of her own. This would go on the agenda of the next council meeting.
- 5.3 Letter from Linda Rene-Martin re planning application number Y13/0603/SH. The Chairman of the Planning Committee updated on the earlier discussion at the planning meeting and Mrs Rene-Martin's request for the decision not to object to be reconsidered. The Chairman of the Council asked the parish clerk to send out an email to all members to this effect, together with a copy of Mrs Rene-Martin's letter. It would need six councillors to request a review.

**6. Twinning update**

Cllr Griggs reported that everything had gone very well since the parish council officially twinned with Sangatte. The next event would be Remembrance Sunday. The Chairman agreed to invite the Mayor and Mayoress of Sangatte, together with the twinning and council representatives and their partners to attend the service in Sandgate.

**7. Land Assets Management and MUGA updates**

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated. There was no further update other than to inform members that the work to remove the asbestos in the Military Road toilet block had commenced. It was proposed that the report be accepted.

**Proposed by:** Cllr R Grundy

**Seconded by:** Cllr Mrs J Holden

**Agreed** unanimously

**8. Finance update and payments for approval**

There were no payments for approval as these had been covered at the last Finance Committee meeting.

**9. Finance Committee report**

The minutes and appendices of the last meeting had been circulated. There was no further update. It was proposed that the report be accepted.

**Proposed by:** Cllr R Bliss

**Seconded by:** Cllr Mrs N Bliss

**Agreed** unanimously

**10. Environment Committee report**

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated. The clerk informed members that the litter bins along the maintenance gangway had been cleaned in readiness for the Seaside Award inspection and the cost was £147.00 for four's work by two workers. The clerk was obtaining two quotes for the renovation works required for all the litter bins in the parish. There was no further update. It was proposed that the report be accepted.

**Proposed by:** Cllr G Fuller

**Seconded by:** Cllr Mrs N Bliss

**Agreed** unanimously

**11. Planning Committee Report**

Cllr Fuller updated that there had been three meetings since the last council meeting. There had been three objections: (1) the felling of a tree, (2) land opposite Cirilla, which SDC had agreed with; and (3) land adjoining 1 The Corniche. It was proposed that the report be accepted.

**Proposed by:** Cllr M Fitch

**Seconded by:** Cllr Mrs J Holben

**Agreed** unanimously

**12. Information**

Cllr Grundy had three signs from the Sea Festival and wanted to know where they could be placed. It was agreed that they could be put outside at the back of the library.

**13. Date of the next meeting** – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

**Minutes agreed and signed by:**

**Chairman of the Council..... Date 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013**