



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 7pm on Tuesday 8th December 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, Gary Fuller, Leo Griggs,**
 Jan Holben, Tim Prater, Nabin Siwa, Guy Valentine-Neale and
 Adrian Watts

Clerk **A Oates**

There were 24 members of the public present. The PCSO Sarah Leivers gave a brief update on the crime figures; her full written report had been previously circulated. A question was asked as to how much time she spent in Sandgate. She replied that she was dedicated to Sandgate but also covered Harvey Ward and could get deployed elsewhere at any time in emergencies or staff shortages.

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 7.05pm

There were 28 members of the public present.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** there was none; Cllr Fitch was absent
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – there was none
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2015, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.
Proposed by: Cllr M Findlay-Stone
Seconded by: Cllr N Bliss
Agreed by all
- 4. Chairman’s Opening Remarks**
The Chairman welcomed the councillors and members of the public to the meeting; he added that it was good to see almost all the councillors and so many members of the public. He announced that this was the formal part of the meeting but that everyone was invited to stay on after the meeting for the festive drinks and small eats.
- 5. Chairman’s Correspondence**
 - 5.1 The Royal British Legion informed the council that £31.19 had been collected in the library for the Poppy Appeal.
 - 5.2 The council’s caretaker of the recreation ground and other open spaces had submitted his report for November. Thanks were given to Tony Bates for doing a very good job. The recreation ground had been well used this year and had been more or less vandal-free.
 - 5.3 Email dated 3rd December was received from Amy Golder at SDC re the new Parish Charter asking for comments. The closing date for comments would be Monday 18th January.
 - 5.4 Email dated 5th December was received from Chris Shaw of the Shorncliffe Trust informing the council of the Sir John Moore commemoration event that would take place on 16th January. The Chairman hoped that there would be a good turnout for this event.
 - 5.5 The first Sandgate Music Festival would take place from 4th to 11th June 2016. This would be covered under item 11 of the agenda.

6. Granville Road toilets update

The utilities' accounts had been transferred to the parish council – this was for electricity and water; the cleaning was contracted to the same company that SDC use for an interim period until another local and more competitive company was found. The locks had been removed. The council would be going out to tender for the sub-letting of the kiosk in January – it was hoped that the kiosk could be in open in time for Easter.

7. Sandgate Library / KCC & SPC Service Level Agreement

It was anticipated that all should be completed in early January. Works to the electrics were being carried out and an up-to-date satisfactory report would be provided. This was a great step forward.

8. 4-Year Plan – final document to be approved

Cllr Valentine-Neale had updated the plan, having taken final comments into consideration. The Chairman thanked Cllr Valentine-Neale for the excellent document

It was proposed that this plan be adopted.

Proposed by: Cllr G Valentine-Neale

Seconded by: Cllr Adrian Watts

Agreed by all

It was further proposed that Cllr Valentine-Neale be appointed to review the plan every six months.

Proposed by: Cllr T Prater

Seconded by: Cllr Adrian Watts

Agreed by all

The review would go on the June 2016 agenda and the document would be put on the council's website.

9. Christmas Event review

9.1 Cllr Findlay-Stone reported that the event had gone very well with attendance by about 300 people. Saga had been very accommodating. There would be an internal review of the event but it had already been discussed with Saga to hold the event in the pavilion again next year.

9.2 The lights in the high street were simple but very effective. A few local people had asked why some lampposts did not have garlands; the clerk reported that KCC had condemned these as unsafe for any adornments.

10. William Cotter VC update

The Chairman reported that there had been another steering group meeting and a site visit had taken place. All was progressing well. The next meeting would be in January.

11. Sandgate Music Festival

The Chairman reported that this would take place from 4th to 11th June next year. All the office work would be done by FHODS at The Tower Theatre. The events would take place at various venues in Sandgate. This will be a big community event.

12. Sandgate Parish Parking Restrictions – letter from Malcolm Dearden

There was a discussion about the meeting that had been held with Fred Miller and the subsequent letter received from Cllr Malcolm Dearden in which he noted the parish council's request to limit SDC's forthcoming consultation to just Military Road. He requested that this be ratified by the parish council. It was agreed that SDC should leave Granville Parade and Castle Road out of the consultation as the options being considered by SDC would include time-limited and / or permit parking on Granville Parade which Sandgate Parish Council could not accept as it would be hugely detrimental to the village. Regarding the safety aspects in Castle Road, this would be a matter for KCC as Kent Highways is responsible for yellow lines.

It was proposed that a response to Cllr Dearden should be sent confirming that the parish council wishes SDC to limit the forthcoming consultation to just Military Road.

Proposed by: Cllr M Findlay-Stone

Seconded by: Cllr A Watts

Agreed by all

13. **Land Assets Management Sub-Committee report** – there was no update since the last report except that the planning application for the car park at the recreation ground had been submitted to SDC.
14. **Finance update and payments for approval** – there was nothing to report.
15. **Finance Committee report** - there was nothing to report.
16. **Environment Committee report** – the minutes of the last meeting had been previously circulated. Cllr Findlay-Stone updated that Riviera Court had had its AGM the previous evening and that the residents voted to approve the wheelie bin screening as a priority. This was very good news.
17. **Shorncliffe Development update** – Cllr Griggs said that he had no update on Shorncliffe Development. On the Back Door Training Area, however, he was waiting to be informed that both Hythe Town Council and Folkestone Town Council would give their backing.
18. **Planning Committee report** – the minutes of two meetings had been previously circulated; the latest meeting had been held prior to the full council meeting, the minutes of which would be circulated at a later date.
19. **Information**
 - 19.1 Cllr Griggs reported that the pothole at the entrance to the car park in the valley was back again; the clerk would inform SDC.
 - 19.2 Cllr Siwa announced that there would be a litter-pick on Sunday from 10am to 12. Anyone interested could join in. This would be mentioned in a mailout to all contacts.
20. **Date of next meeting** – this would be Tuesday 12th January 2016. The Chairman then invited all those present to join him and the councillors for drinks and the finger buffet.

The meeting ended at 7.28pm.

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