



Minutes

SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Date 11th December 2012. Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Sandgate Council and Library, Sandgate High Street.

Present:	Chairman	Cllr R Bliss
	Cllrs	N Bliss, M Findlay-Stone, M Fitch, G Fuller, N Griffith, L Griggs and T Prater
	Clerk	Ms A Oates

PCSO Gary Carr presented his report for November, which had been previously circulated. The Chairman thanked him.

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

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm

Twenty five members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Grundy, Heselden and Holben and Cllr Prater apologised for being slightly late.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of last meeting held on 13th November 2012 were proposed as a correct record.

Proposed by: Cllr M Findlay-Stone

Seconded by: Cllr N Griffith

Agreed unanimously. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

4. Chairman's opening remarks

The Christmas lights switch-on event went very well. Although the weather was not too good, people turned up to see the Christmas tree lights switched on and to join in with the carol singing. The Chairman thanked the children from the primary school, and Escondido for providing mulled wine and mince pies.

The essential road works in the village will be finishing soon. The council had been assured that the barriers outside the businesses will be removed by the end of the week, weather permitting.

Cllr Prater had put forward a motion to include the matter of KCC's scheme to remove thirty four lighting columns from the Esplanade and Sandgate Hill on the agenda. This would go on the agenda for the January council meeting. These plans are a very serious matter; KCC has not gone out to consultation; the impact of the removal of street lighting is very worrying – not least it could prove a safety hazard for the school children getting on and off buses. The public's views would be very welcome. Anyone wishing to comment should write to the Parish Clerk. The Parish Council will be strongly objecting to this scheme.

After the meeting, drinks and a finger buffet would be served; everyone was invited to stay on for this.

5. Chairman's correspondence

The Chairman had received notification that £11.07 had been collected in the library for the Poppy Appeal.

6. Village Design Statement – presentation by Catherine Hughes

Catherine Hughes of Catherine Hughes Associates gave a presentation on the Village Design Statement. It included background information on design statements and where they will sit with the local authority's planning policy. This will be the first design statement in Shepway. Ms Hughes then outlined the content of Sandgate's design statement and the timescales.

7. Village Design Statement – proposal to accept quotation for design and print

A report had previously been circulated giving two quotes: A and C with a proposal to accept quote A. There had been a quote B but the company had pulled out. There was a discussion about the significant £4,000 plus difference in the cost given in Quote A compared with Quote C. Cllr M Findlay-Stone pointed out the Quote B had been over £13,000 and that she and the working committee were recommending that the council accepts the middle quote. It was also mentioned that no samples re quote C had been seen by the members. They were informed that the samples had only arrived the day before. The working group had looked at them and felt the quality was not as good as the other company's.

A second proposal was put on the table, that quote C should be accepted. This was proposed by Cllr Prater and seconded by Cllr Fuller. The Chairman said that the first proposal to accept quote A should be decided upon first.

Proposed by: Cllr M Findlay-Stone

Seconded by: Cllr R Bliss

For: 5; against: 3; motion carried.

RESOLVED THAT: quote A is accepted except that the number of copies to be printed is looked at separately; possibly printing 500 instead of 2,000.

8. Twinning update

Cllr L Griggs updated on the plans for the signing ceremony in France on 18th January. A coach would be hired and people were asked to put their names forward if they would like to go. The cost would be fairly low as the council would subsidise the travel expenses. The coach would leave from Folkestone about 2.30pm and depart from France about 10pm. This was an open invitation to everyone.

9. Land Assets Management update

The MUGA tenders would be looked at on 20th December at the next Finance Committee meeting.

10. Finance update and payments for approval – presented by the RFO/Clerk

The cheques payment schedule was presented and approved (cheque numbers 100764 -100775).

Proposed by: Cllr N Bliss

Seconded by: Cllr L Griggs

Agreed unanimously.

11. Finance Committee report

There had not been a meeting since the last parish council meeting. The next meeting would be on 20th December.

12. Environment Committee report

The report of the last meeting had been previously circulated. Cllr Findlay-Stone added that the Community Payback team had recently cleaned the beaches and the daughters of someone living in the village had also cleared the beaches of litter, as part of their working towards the Prince's Trust Award.

13. Planning Committee report

13.1 Cllr G Fuller reported that there had not been a meeting since the last council meeting.

13.2 There had been two landslips in Radnor Cliff. This matter would go on the agenda for the next meeting which would be Tuesday 18th December.

14. Information

The Chairman reiterated that the recent land slip was a serious matter. The parish council needs to get a response to the district council. The RRRA (Radnor and Riviera Residents Association) would no doubt wish to respond also. The land is now more unstable than ever before.

15. Date of the next meeting – this was confirmed to be Tuesday 8th January 2013 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Chairman of the Council..... Date 8th January 2013