



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held 12th July 2005.

PRESENT: Cllrs: Mrs J. MacMillan (Chairman); J. Greenwall (V.C); M. Fitch; R. MacMillan; S. Whiffin; Mrs M. Wells and the Parish Clerk Mrs J Lawford.

Meeting opened at 7.00pm. There were 9 members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs J. Bailey, Cllr R. Bliss, Cllr M Lyons & Cllr H Noonan.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr J Greenwall declared an interest in Planning Application Y05 / 0754 / SH.

3. Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2005, having been circulated, were confirmed as correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman proposed the motion that item 5. on the Agenda be moved to item 4. Cllr R MacMillan seconded, and it was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: To move item 5. of the Agenda to item 4.

4. The Co-option of a Councillor to fill vacancy.

The Chairman explained that a vacancy occurred recently when Fred Day resigned. The Parish Council advertised and recently held interviews, which have resulted in Maria Wells being appointed to fill the vacancy.

The Chairman and council welcome Cllr. Mrs M Wells.

Cllr Mrs M. Wells read aloud the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and duly signed.

A copy of the code of conduct, Standing orders & Financial Regulations has previously been circulated to Cllr Mrs M. Wells.

5. Public Questions.

Ten minutes was set aside for the public to ask questions of the Council. The Parish Council endeavoured to answer all questions put to them.

6. Youth Council.

The Chairman thanked two girls interested in joining the Youth Council for attending this evenings meeting, although it was hoped that more youths would attend.

The Chairman told of the Parish Councils hopes to form a Youth Council in the very near future, and told the girls the type of activities a Youth Council can become involved in (such as applying for grants for skate parks, youth shelters, exchange trips with their French Counterparts).

The Clerk has circulated admission forms for any interested youths to fill out and pass back, the youths in attendance were asked to take some away, and pass to interested friends.

The motion to hold an informal gathering for youths to meet the Councillors was proposed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED: An informal gathering will be held if necessary in the school holidays this year for interested youths to meet the Councillors.

7. Chairman's Correspondence.

The Chairman read out a number of communications that had been received. All had been acknowledge and noted.

Please see table for correspondence and any follow up action.....

| From | Regarding | Outcome | Action Points |
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| Audit Commission | External Audit, End of year 2004/5 | Sandgate passed the external audit. | Certificate will be displayed on the notice boards. |
| Sandgate Society | Yellow Lines | The Chairman has requested a meeting with Highway Services. | To arrange a meeting with Kent Highway Svcs. |
| Sandgate Society | Coolinge House | Copy of letter to SDC, for info only. Cllr Mrs. J MacMillan has called for this to be discussed at the next Development Control Meeting. | N/A |
| Resident | 999 calls | For Information only. | N/A |
| Action with communities in Rural Kent. | Kent Village of the Year competition 2005. | Invite to attend presentation evening on the 8 th September 2005. | 2 people will attend to represent Sandgate. |
| Linda René-Martin | Sandgate Clock | The chairman feels this should be passed to the Environment Committee to discuss. | The clerk to add to Environment Committee Agenda. |
| Resident | Cycling on Maintenance Gangway | A response was sent informing the resident of SDC views on this matter. | N/A |
| Kent County Council | Public Rights of Way survey. | A resident is kindly helping with this and will return a.s.a.p. | The Clerk to ensure the survey and map is returned. |

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| Shepway District Council | New Bus Shelter | To be placed in Romney Avenue. | N/A |
| Shepway Youth Forum | Invite to SYF. | For Information only. | N/A |

8. Environment Committee Report.

There have been no Environment committee Meetings held in the last month.

Cllr Mrs J MacMillan reports that quotes are currently being obtained for replacing existing and buying new litter bins.

One such quote was for £21,782.30, these bins would be guaranteed for 100 years but the price did not include unloading.

It was reported that both Shepway District Council and Kent County Council have been asked to provide quotes also, as Sandgate Parish Council seek to find the best value quote.

9. Finance Committee Report.

Cllr R MacMillan gave a brief report on Sandgate Parish Councils finance's to date.

It was reported that VAT has been reclaimed from the last quarter.

10. Planning Committee Report.

Cllr S Whiffin read out the Planning Applications which had been dealt with by the Planning Committee.

Please see appendix 1.

Councillor Mrs. J MacMillan has called for a number of planning applications to be discussed by the Development Control Committee (SDC) as there are concerns about the development on the Folkestone School for Girls land.

Councillors Stewart Whiffin and Mrs. Ruth Dixon will be speaking against the planning application in regard to the Folkestone School for Girls at the forthcoming Development Control Meeting.

The date of the next planning committee meeting is the 21st June 2005.

11. Date of next Sandgate Parish Council meeting.

Tuesday 13th September 2005 at 7pm.

St Paul's Church Hall,
Sandgate High Street,
Sandgate.

The Clerk will publicise these dates on the website and in the press.

CHAIRMAN

13th September 2005