



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 9th January 2018

Present: Chairman Councillor Marjorie Findlay-Stone

Councillors: Councillors Robert Bliss, Nina Bliss, Nabin Siwa, Guy Valentine-Neale, Kurt Stephens, Gary Fuller, Adrian Watts and Tim Prater

Clerk: G Thomas

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

- 1. Apologies for absence:** None
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 5th December, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.
Proposed by: Councillor Robert Bliss
Seconded by: Councillor Nabin Siwa
Agreed by all who had been present
- 3. Declarations of interest** – none were declared.
- 4. Communications received-**
22nd December- Bruno Peek- - Battle's Over- A Nation's Tribute and WW1 Beacons of Light- 11th November 2018- It was agreed to confirm the parish's participation in this event.
Action: Clerk to contact Mr Peek
22nd December - Mr David Whittington of SDC had been collating comments from colleagues on the proposed changes to the Design Statement. A meeting would be arranged to discuss these and it had been suggested that it was likely that SDC would publish the document for further public consultation
Action: Clerk asked to contact Mr Whittington for confirmation of timescale of public consultation
2nd January - Jan Holben regarding the Golden Valley lights and tree- not a very good display because of problems with lighting the tree and failing little trees and sleigh
Action: Business Forum to encourage Golden Valley shop owners' participation in decorating their shop fronts at Christmas.
4th January - Vic Harmer- it was suggested that the decorations in the valley should be changed as the sleigh and lights were not functioning well and would need to be discontinued.

It was also confirmed that some additional garlands would need to be purchased for the High Street

Action: It was agreed that Santa sleigh and trees would be disposed of and that costings for lighting in car park trees would be sought. Clerk to contact Harmers and SPC

It was confirmed that the Clerk had contacted SDC on a number of occasions regarding the lampposts in the car park not functioning and not being safe for the attachment of the Christmas tree lights. SPC was still awaiting confirmation that the lights have been mended.

8th January – phone call from Stuart MacIntyre – who was very pleased with the new Zebra Crossing, but was concerned that the crossing in Sandgate needed greater demarcation as many drivers simply drive across it.

Action: Clerk to contact Damien Cock.

5. Business community update

5.1 It was agreed that the forum would discuss a feature in the Wealden Times on Sandgate High Street

5.2 It was noted that there was some disquiet about permit holders on the High Street blocking spaces so shoppers can't park. Some businesses were also unhappy and concerned they may not be able to survive. It was suggested that all businesses update their web sites and tell prospective customers of the availability of parking on the High Street and in Castle road, the Riviera, Radnor Cliff and Radnor Cliff Crescent, as well as the very reasonable car park charges in Castle Road

Action: Clerk to contact Fred Miller to ask for signage regarding 2 hour parking spaces

5.3 It was agreed that a representative from the Sea Festival would attend the meeting

5.4 it was agreed that sponsorship of baskets and planter would continue to be offered this year

6. Traffic and Parking update

As discussed in agenda item 5

7. Update to SDS review

As noted in Correspondance

8. Beach Management Group update

8.1 A new group had contacted Giles Barnard to show interest in doing a beach clean in January; Cllr Siwa would liaise with Giles.

8.2 It was noted that the completion of the new Seaside Award application was underway. Cllr Siwa was collating final documentation. It was agreed that it would not be appropriate applying for Blue Flag status, given that there would be no life guard on Sandgate beaches, which would seem to be part of the criteria.

8.3 It was noted that the Beach Advisory Group would be meeting next week

Action: Clerk to print out previous Seaside Award application

9. Environmental Improvements

9.1 Wheelie bins – No update

9.2 Street cleaning fly-posting / drains / litter / faults reported to KCC/SDC;

It was noted that 'ponding' by the War memorial was occurring which was limiting pedestrian access to one side of the site.

Action: Clerk to contact Harmers to have this investigated

It was agreed that flags for the forthcoming year should feature those representing the armed forces in addition to the Union flags.

Action: Clerk to contact Colin Miles for costings

9 Sandgate Society

9.1 It was noted that the society plans to mark the end of the 1914-18 war by supporting a project which places boot prints in paving stones through Sandgate. These boots would have the names of the Sandgate fallen and will form part of a much larger project working with the Shorncliffe Trust and Folkestone Town Council.

It was agreed that in principle SPC would support the possibility of providing some future sponsorship for the project

9.2 It was noted that the Society had also offered to replace the Memorial Board which had disappeared from Sandgate Primary School,

10 Information

10.1 Cllr Valentine-Neale complimented the speed with which fly tipping of a trolley in Sandgate Park and removal of a defaced sign had been achieved.

10.2 The John Moore Memorial sign was noted to possibly need replacing or repairing

Action: Clerk to contact Harmers

10.3 The provision of a poop bag dispenser was discussed and it was agreed that this would be put on Beach Advisory group's agenda

Action: Clerk to investigate costings of a dispenser

Action: Clerk to contact David and Clare at the Kiosk to establish if they distributed poop bags

10.4 It was noted that another tree had been cut down at the location of Wellington, Sunnyside Road.

Action: Clerk to contact Jo Daniels of SDC.

11 Date of next meeting- Tuesday 6th February 2018

Signed by the Environment Committee Chairman.....