



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 6th February 2018

Present: Chairman Councillor Robert Bliss

Councillors: Councillors Nabin Siwa, Guy Valentine-Neale, Kurt Stephens, Gary Fuller, Michael Fitch, 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

Election of Chairman: Councillor Robert Bliss was elected Chairman for this meeting

Proposed by: Councillor Adrian Watts

Seconded by: Councillor Michael Fitch

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs M Findlay-Stone and N Bliss
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.
Proposed by: Councillor Adrian Watts
Seconded by: Councillor Nabin Siwa
Agreed by all who had been present
3. **Declarations of interest** – none were declared.
4. **Communications received-**
Email received from David Whittington 25th January informing SPC that the Places and Policies Plan would be in sent to the Library (now received). A meeting to discuss SDS would be arranged in the near future.
Email received from Aarron McKinley 29th January giving permission for Christmas lights to be attached to the lampposts in the Golden Valley car park
5. **Business community update**
 - 5.1 It was agreed that the minutes should be circulated to the entire group
 - 5.2 It was noted that the last meeting had been very well attended and that the new chairman had approached all local businesses to encourage attendance.
 - 5.3 The increased involvement of businesses in the Golden Valley was discussed as it was agreed that this was an important.

6. Traffic and Parking update

Cllr Prater had produced some posters for the local shops to display, highlighting the two hour free parking period, it was noted that there was also a webpage on the SPC site advertising this fact.

7. Beach Management Group update

8.1 It was noted that the beach clean on 21st January had been very successful and that over 50 people had attended. It was agreed that Cllr Siwa would approach the commercial company which had organised some of the attendees, to encourage future co-working.

8.2 It was agreed that a formal letter of thanks should be sent to David Lewis at the Boathouse for the kind provision of free drinks and doughnuts.

Action: Clerk to write to Mr Lewis

8. Environmental Improvements

8.1 Footprints- Cllr Valentine-Neale said that the Sandgate Society supported the Footprints project in principle and that a meeting of the society would be taking place next week. Cllr Valentine-Neale to update at the next Environment meeting.

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

It was noted that the pathway leading down Military Road alongside Saga was very slippery and the clerk had contacted SDC on a number of occasions to rectify this. It was hoped that a mechanical cleaner would now be employed to remove the leaf detritus.

8.3 It was noted that there were a lot of pebbles on the walkway from the Castle Road car park to the Esplanade. It was agreed that as the clerk should contact SDC to ask for this area to be cleared

9 Sandgate Society

It was noted that the AGM would take place on 7th March and that the Annual Events programme was now available with online event booking possible.

10 Information

The number of near miss incidents of cyclists and pedestrians on the beach pathway was discussed and it was agreed that this should be recorded and a regular report sent to the relevant officer at SDC.

Action: Cllrs Prater and Fuller to investigate the possibility of an online reporting mechanism

Action: Clerk to send mail out asking residents to inform the parish of any cyclist related incidents on the pathway.

11 Date of next meeting- Tuesday 6th March 2018

Signed by the Environment Committee Chairman.....