



**SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**Present:** Chairman Councillor Marjorie Findlay-Stone

**Councillors:** Councillors Robert Bliss, Nina Bliss, Michael Fitch, Guy Valentine-Neale, Nabin Siwa, 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:** Cllr Gary Fuller
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 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-**
  - 4.1 Email received on 16<sup>th</sup> April from David Whittington following meeting with Cllrs Findlay-Stone and Valentine-Neale attaching a link for a video local listing from Historic England and a link to guidance notes on the subject. Historic England were still seeing if they could help in other ways and Mr Whittington would inform SPC if further information was received regarding this.
  - 4.2 It was noted that members hope to meet SDC officers in the near future
  - 4.3 Email with photo received on 22<sup>nd</sup> April from a resident regarding the graffiti beachside of Cliff House (discussed under 9.1)  
Email received 20<sup>th</sup> April from a resident regarding advertising the Farmers market discussed under item 7)
  - 4.4 Email received from Lynsey Atherton regarding SPC Seaside Award application
  - 4.5 Email received from Simon Burchill regarding graffiti. Mr Burchill had contacted Fell Reynolds to arrange for the removal of graffiti from property on Radnor Cliff. It was noted that further incidences of graffiti should be reported to Customer Services at Folkestone and Hythe.

4.6 Letters received from a resident regarding the Escarpment Referendum. Peter Savage was thanked for his detailed responses.

**5. Business community update**

It was noted that Golden Valley businesses were included in invitations to the forum

**6. Traffic and Parking update**

6.1 Concerns regarding the size of the loading bay were discussed.

**Action: Clerk to ascertain if there is a minimum maximum size.**

6.2 It was noted that Ann Berry would be attending the next meeting of the Business Community

6.3 The cost of the installation of meters on Princes Parade was discussed and the clerk asked to undertake a FOI to ascertain the complete costings.

**Action: Clerk to contact FHDC**

**7. Farmers' Market Advertising**

It was noted that signs had been put into the boat on the Esplanade and that while it was agreed that SPC fully support the Farmers' Market it was felt that this was not appropriate. Other options were discussed including Wilberforce Green. The clerk was asked to contact FHDC to get permission for A2 signage to be formerly installed in the grass by the boat two days prior to each Farmers Market day.

**Action: Clerk to contact FHDC.**

**8. Beach Management Group** *It was noted that beach replenishment was ongoing. The seasonal 'No Dogs on beaches' order had commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> May, it was agreed to advertise this on the parish mail out.*

**9. Environmental Improvements**

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

It was noted that there was increasing graffiti throughout the parish. There was some confusion of who should be contacted regarding each incident and it was agreed that Customer Services should be informed in the first instance.

FH to be contacted again regarding the removal of redundant posts outside Chichester Hall, Castle Road Car Park and outside Riviera Court- the latter could possibly be adapted for use as a flag pole for business advertising.

**Action: Clerk to contact FHDC.**

**9.2 Hanging baskets and Flags** – It was noted that the White Ensign is now flying on the Esplanade. It was noted that business sponsorship for the planters had been advertised and sponsorship for many planters had now been agreed. The Sandgate Society would sponsor planters on the Esplanade.

**9.3 Replacement Information Board and Windows into the Past' boards**

It was noted that the Sir John Moore Boards had been completed and would be in place in the near future. It was also noted that the Sandgate Information map was to be replaced with a framed version.

**10. Sandgate Society**

It was noted that the Sandgate Society had received funding from the Kent Community Fund /Martello Fund for the digitisation of archive and history boards. It was noted that The Sandgate Society also wished to sponsor flags to promote business, as well as business information boards which would be displayed on the Boathouse.

**11. Information**

Cllr Valentine-Neale informed the meeting that FHDC now want to charge the Rowing Club £500 for road closure on regatta days - previously it had been only £40. It was also noted that there would be no refund in the event of cancellation.

**Action: Clerk to write to Mr Miller and copy in District Councillors, regarding this new charge.**

**Date of next meeting-** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Signed by the Environment Committee Chairman.....