

11th May 2018

To All Current Sandgate Parish Councillors  
and Parish Clerks

**Reference: Intended Purchase of the Two Martello Towers and Associated Land**

I wish to put formally on notice to all the Sandgate Parish Councillors and Parish clerks that it is considered that the 'referendum' and intended purchase of the above to be illegal and it is the intention to pursue action against the Parish Council should the purchase proceed.

- The pamphlet delivered to Sandgate residencies was inaccurate with no detail of how the sum of £350,000.00 was arrived at against the original purchase of £70,002.00 (and this with outline planning permission given - the vague plan is to even drop this planning consent which must lower the value of the land further!)
- There has been no financial plan produced
- The use of the towers and woodland is at best vague "Maybe for Girl Guides to camp on the land"!
- There is no costing of maintenance, repayment of interest and loan and no explanation of future costs that will arise
- There has been no valuation taken to assure that the asking price is a fair and reasonable one, taking into account the above points. It has to be illegal to decide to spend what will amount to close on £1,000,000.00 without due diligence of at least two professional valuations.
- The cost of ensuring a safe environment and buildings has not been discussed or contingency financial planned
- We are informed that no e-mails sent in were read out, for or against, at either of the two 'public meetings' but were verbally driven by the Parish Clerk in recommending the purchase and talking down dissent - Parish Clerks should have no input
- The voting was very weak on the day with unclear guidance as to voting by e-mail/proxy

In short I consider that this project has not been properly planned, financially worked out and with no transparency of negotiations with the current owner.

Sincerely