

SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at 7pm on Tuesday 19 June 2018

At Sandgate Parish Council/Library Offices
James Morris Court, Sandgate High Street, Sandgate.

Present: Chairman Councillor Robert Bliss

Councillors Marjorie Findlay-Stone, , Gary Fuller, Jan Holben, Tim Prater,

Nabin Siwa, Kurt Stephens and Adrian Watts

Clerk P Savage

There was no report from the PCSO.

There were no members of the public present.

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- 1. Apologies for absence: Councillors Nina Bliss, Michael Fitch and Guy Valentine-Neale
- **2. Declarations of Interest** Councillor Jan Holben declared an interest in minute 5 (4) as a friend of the owners of Marsh Vintage.
- 3. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 15 and 22 May the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 and 22 May 2018, having been previously circulated, were approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

Agreed by all who had been present at the meetings.

Proposed by Councillor Tim Prater Seconded by Councillor Kurt Stephens

4. Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman reminded the Council that in addition to routine business there was a recommendation from the Land Assets Management Sub-Committee, as endorsed by the Finance Committee.

5. Chairman's Correspondence

- 1. Email from Francoise Motley in respect of successful twinning trip between Folkestone School for Girls: clerks to remind Francoise of the request to supply a photograph of the visit.
- 2. Notification from David Cowell concerning the non-viability of the community wifi scheme. Clerks to check that all hardware would be removed.
- 3. Sandgate Woods and Martello Towers: the RFO gave a brief update. Councillors were concerned to ensure that it was absolutely clear that councillors and clerks had had no financial or other interest or inducement in this project. Clerks to arrange formal supplementary declaration to demonstrate absolute transparency and confidence to be signed at the next meeting.
- 4. Marsh Vintage fairground: noted that Marsh Vintage were not prepared to pay the rent sought by Finance Committee.
- 5. Emergency closure of the library: noted that it had been necessary to close the library to enable the repair works to be completed.

6. Rainbow Flag: agreed that consent be given to fly the rainbow flag. Clerks to notify the organisers.

6. Sandgate Library Committee report

Councillor Robert Bliss reported that the library continued to perform well including extra activities such as the Scrabble Clubs.

7. Land Assets Management Sub-Committee report

The minutes had been circulated. The RFO drew the Council's attention to the recommendation to implement the Sandgate car park project.

Agreed that the car park project should commence

Proposed by Councillor Tim Prater

Seconded by Councillor Marjorie Findlay-Stone

In addition the Council asked the RFO to investigate the provision of signs to discourage dog users within the children's play area.

8. 2016-17 external audit documentation

Noted that this information had been reported in October 2017 but that the formal documentation had not been submitted. The documents were therefore formally noted.

9. Annual review of accounts 2017-18

These documents had been scrutinised in depth by the Finance Committee. The Council approved the documents and the Chairman signed them.

Proposed by Councillor Tim Prater Seconded by Councillor Adrian Watts

10. 2018/19 Finance report

The Deputy Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer gave a brief report on early expenditure in the current year which was all within planned budgets.

11. Finance Committee report

The minutes had been circulated.

12. Environment Committee report

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee had been circulated. Noted that bunting was being provided around the village with the Council supporting the scheme for the Library and also vacant properties. Noted that the Riviera Court planters had been donated by the Sandgate Society to the Council and would be added to the asset register. Clerks to send a letter of thanks to the Sandgate Society.

13. Planning Committee report

Councillor Fuller advised that minutes of meetings had been circulated and that a further meeting had been held immediately before the Council meeting.

14. KALC report – Councillor Fuller had forwarded documents to councillors.

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15.	Information – (1) noted that the shop front of 95 Sandgate High Street would shortly be decorated
	to celebrate the World Cup.

- (2) noted that the Chairman was still to write to Sangatte concerning their participation in the Sea Festival
- (3) noted that the Boules tournament had been a major success.

The meeting ended at 7.58 pm.	
Signed by the Chairman	Date