

SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd October 2018 at 7 pm

Present: Chairman Councillor Marjorie Findlay-Stone

Councillors: Councillors Robert Bliss, Nina Bliss, Paul Bingham, Michael Fitch, , Tim Prater

, Nabin Siwa, Guy Valentine-Neale and Adrian Watts.

Clerk: P Savage

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: Councillors Gary Fuller

2. Minutes of the last meeting – the minutes of the meeting held on 4th September, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.

Proposed by: Councillor Tim Prater Seconded by: Councillor Nabin Siwa Agreed by all who had been present

3. **Declarations of interest** – none were declared.

4. Communications received-

Email from MFS 10th September regarding a fight in Sea Walk and damage to a resident's property- this was noted. It was hoped that the Open Forum would be able to address many of the residents' concerns. It was felt to be unfortunate that other officers from FHDC were unable to attend.

Email received 10th September from a resident regarding the increasing incidence of graffitithis was noted

Email received 11th September from Daniel Stone Environmental Protection Officer in response to questions regarding littering and parties on the beach. Littering, if witnessed, has a £100 fixed penalty notice and disturbances caused by parties on the beach should be reported to the police at the time of the disturbance-this was noted

Email received from a resident with a response from David Monk, concerning issues with the Coastal Park - increased parking enforcement/signage/and additional patrol staff to be employed during the summer season-this was noted

Email received for Frederick Miller in response to questions about reviews of parking in Sandgate Esplanade and adjacent roads, these would take place in October. Additional signage

to direct drivers to other car parks in Folkestone to be considered and increased parking enforcement in these areas had already been put in place-this was noted.

5. Traffic and Parking update

5.1 Email received from Paul Thompson 26th September regarding TRO Consultation for CPZ extension- Cllr A Berry has agreed to proceed with making the TRO including free unlimited waiting spaces in a section of Enbrook Road- these spaces to be reviewed in 6-12 months.
5.2 Email received for Frederick Miller in response to questions about reviews of parking in Sandgate Esplanade and adjacent roads, these would take place in October. Additional signage to direct drivers to other car parks in Folkestone to be considered and increased parking enforcement in these areas had already been put in place.

5.3 It was agreed that there were more available parking spaces in the High Street but this was probably a consequence of the time of year rather than any CPZ initiatives.

6. Beach Management Group

It was noted that there were still many cyclists not dismounting when on the walkway, and it was suggested that additional signage asking for cyclists to dismount at busy times might be reconsidered.

The beach cleaner had now completed her season's work and it was agreed to formally thank her for ensuring the beach remained clean throughout the summer.

Action: Clerk to write to Ms Smith

It was agreed to continue to seek permission to have a ramp constructed from the Castle Road Car Park onto the walkway, but it was noted that there was some confusion relating to ownership of parts of this area.

7. Environmental Improvements

7.1 It was noted that there were weeds on the pavements that needed clearing and the clerk was asked to contact Kent highways to get a copy of the cleansing schedule.

Action: Clerk to contact Kent Highways

7.2 It was noted that the baskets and flags will be coming down over the next week or so.

7.3 It was noted that one of the planters at Riviera Court was loose and needed greater weighing down, clerk to contact Harmers

8. Christmas lights event

It was noted that the Christmas Lights event would take place on 24th December at Saga. It was confirmed that there would be no Christmas tree in the Golden Valley but lights would be attached to the trees in the car park.

9. Sandgate Society

Cllr Findlay-Stone outlined the Footprints Project which would include 16 metal footprints being permanently on display in the paving around the War Memorial. It was agreed this would be formally 'unveiled' on the 11th November at the Parish ceremony. It was hoped that information boards could be erected next to the Sandgate Society Sign on the wall by the War Memorial.

10. Information – there was none on this occasion

11. Date of next meeting- Tuesday 6th November at 7pm