



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 4th December 2018

Present: Chairman Councillor Marjorie Findlay-Stone

Councillors: Councillors Robert Bliss, Nina Bliss, Paul Bingham, Michael Fitch, Nabin Siwa, Guy Valentine-Neale, Gary Fuller, 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:** None
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 6th November, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.
Proposed by: Councillor Robert Bliss
Seconded by: Councillor Nina Bliss
Agreed by all who had been present
3. **Declarations of interest** – none were declared.
4. **Communications received**
 - 4.1 Email received from a resident that the Enbrook Stream is often polluted and while this has been reported to both FHDC and the Environmental agency, this continues to occur. It was noted that the parish clerks had walked the length of the stream and were unable to detect any evidence of pollution.
Action: Clerk to contact the Environment Agency for details of previous visits and results and also to arrange another visit
 - 4.2 Email received from Jennifer Childs in response to request for information regarding CCTV. There is the possibility of SPC being able to connect with the existing Folkestone CCTV but the possible positions of CCTV cameras and costings require further investigation.
Action: Clerk to contact Ms Childs with information regarding siting of cameras
5. **Traffic and Parking Update**

A SPC sub-committee had met to discuss the issues regarding pay and display on Princes Parade and challenge the press release that it had not impacted on streets in Sandgate. An FOI request to FHDC had resulted in information regarding charges but more detailed data would now be requested. HTC would also be invited to partner SPC in this matter

6. **Beach Management Group**- it was noted that the next beach clean would take place on Sunday at 10.00, groups to meet in Castle Road car park. It was agreed to invite David Lewis from the Boat House to be on the Beach Management Committee.
Action: Clerk to advertise the beach clean
7. **Environmental/Improvements**- It was noted that the Mystery Shopper, Christmas Window competition had been very successful and the High Street was very attractive, with many shop windows beautifully decorated.
8. **Christmas Lights**- It was noted that the event was very low key with around 100 people in attendance including three SPC councillors. Thanks had already been sent to Saga on SPC's behalf for use of the pavilion and their kind donation of mulled wine and minced pies. Cllr Watts was commended for stepping in as a replacement Santa.
9. **Public Space Protection Order**
It was agreed that this document covered a number of important issues relating to anti-social behaviour, chugging and unauthorised camping, and most of the measures were broadly welcomed. There was some concern about the possible targeting of already vulnerable individuals, and it was hoped that sufficient social service provision would be available to assist the socially excluded, if they were negatively impacted by the measures.
Action: This document to be advertised again on parish mail out
10. **Budget proposals for 2019/20** – This was noted and it was proposed that it be submitted to Finance Committee.
Proposed by Cllr Marjorie Findlay-Stone
Agreed by all
Action: Clerk to check the entire Seaside Award costs
11. **Sandgate Society**- It was noted that the Christmas party was a great success. The archive digitization was progressing and further funding from the Martello Fund had been approved. Over 3000 photos and 7000 documents would be searchable online by April next year.
12. **Information**
12.1 The Chichester Hall's floor and lighting being upgraded 10th-24th December, works to take place over night.
12.2 Footprint project – it was noted that it was hoped to progress the Footprint project with financial support, Taylor Wimpey had been contacted but no response had been received as yet. £1700 had been allocated by ward councillors but Phase two still requires £2300 be raised.
Action: A grant application to SPC to be completed by SS.

Signed by the Environment Committee Chairman.....