



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 7pm on Tuesday 19 February 2019

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

Present: **Chairman** **Councillor Robert Bliss**
 Councillors **Paul Bingham, Marjorie Findlay-Stone, Michael Fitch, Gary Fuller, Tim Prater, Nabin Siwa, Guy Valentine-Neale and Adrian Watts**

Clerk **P Savage**

There was no report from the PCSO.

There were no members of the public present.

These Minutes will only be deemed to be a correct record of the meeting when approved and signed at the next meeting

The meeting commenced at 7.05 pm

1. **Apology for absence:** Councillors Nina Bliss and Jan Holben
2. **Declarations of Interest** – there were none
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 January 2019, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.
Agreed by all who had been present at the meeting.
4. **Chairman’s opening remarks**
The Chairman noted that there would be an update from the RFO later in the meeting on the PWLB loan. He also advised the Council that it was his intention, and that of his group of colleagues, to stand as independent councillors at the forthcoming election. He was of the view that the past four years had been a successful exercise in non political management of the Parish Council. He believed that was the best way forward for the Parish Council rather than getting embroiled in dogmatic party politics. The Vice-Chairman responded by indicating that he supported that point of view and that his group of colleagues would also stand independently. Councillor Paul Bingham stated that he would do likewise
5. **Chairman’s Correspondence**
 1. Email exchange with Folkestone Town Council in respect of CCTV. Noted that the costs of management were prohibitive. Clerks to look at alternatives and to check with FHDC over guidelines.
 2. Email from Chichester Hall in respect of publicity for farmers’ market. Agreed to pursue option of temporary signage erected on the Friday evening before each market and removed on the Saturday afternoon.
6. **Sandgate Library Committee report**
Councillor Robert Bliss reported many of the new books had arrived and were proving popular. He also advised that health and safety visits had been undertaken satisfactorily.

7. Land Assets Management Sub-Committee report

The minutes of the meeting had been circulated. The RFO drew the Council's attention to the recommendation in respect of play equipment.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: That an order be placed with Caloo for the supply of an aerial runway and Vinci Timber Climbing Frame at a total of £22,000 plus VAT.

Proposed by Councillor Tim Prater

Seconded by Councillor Marjorie Findlay-Stone

The RFO also drew the Council's attention to proposed partnership bid to manage the Sir John Moore Library as a community facility.

Councillors expressed concern at the graffiti at Sandgate Park.

8. 2018/19 Finance report (including Finance Committee report)

The RFO reported that the budget for 2018-19 was reviewed in detail at each of the meetings of the Finance Committee and expenditure was expected to be within the budget at year end. He updated the Council in respect of the PWLB loan. HM Treasury had advised that they were not minded to allow an exception to their policy for the Parish Council and that the prohibitive penalty charge for early repayment would apply. Finance Committee had instructed the RFO to prepare a consultative newsletter on options for use of the loan.

9. Environment Committee report

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee had been circulated. The Chairman of the Committee drew the Council's attention to the fact that the Design Statement was with FHDC and was likely to need to be amended in the light of comments. Nevertheless it was being held up as a pathfinder for other councils to follow. The Chairman congratulated all who had been involved in the preparation of the document.

10. Planning Committee report - The minutes of the meetings had been circulated.

11. KALC- there was nothing to report

12. Twinning: the Council were advised that a wind ensemble would be performing in Sangatte on 24 March 2019.

13. Information – None at this time

14. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 19 March 2019

The meeting ended at 8.01 pm.

Signed by the Chairman.....Date.....