



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 5 March 2019

Present: Chairman Councillor Marjorie Findlay-Stone

Councillors: Councillors Paul Bingham, Guy Valentine-Neale, Adrian Watts, Tim Prater and Nabin Siwa

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 Nina Bliss, Robert Bliss and Gary Fuller
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2019, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.
Proposed by: Councillor Guy Valentine-Neale
Seconded by: Councillor Paul Bingham
Agreed by all who had been present
3. **Declarations of interest** – none were declared.
4. **Communications**
Email exchange with KALC in respect of Newquay’s intention to submit a proposal to allow local councils to have the power to enforce civil parking regulations. The Committee took the view that Sandgate’s parking problems were different to those of Newquay.
Email exchange with FHDC over the possibility of the Parish Council taking over the management of Castle Road and Wilberforce car park. More data was needed.
Email from resident about potential increase in signage to car parks. The Clerks were pursuing this.
Email from resident about the condition of Radnor Cliff suggesting that it be resurfaced.
Action: Clerks to seek views of KCC on the resurfacing of Radnor Cliff, copy to KCC member.
Email from resident requesting tree planting in land on Freemantle Road.
Action: Clerks to seek views of KCC and FHDC.
Request from resident, including offer of financial donation, that the disused toilet block on Sandgate Esplanade be renovated.
Action: Clerks to seek views of FHDC including costs of renovation versus demolition and reinstatement.

5. **Traffic and Parking Update**

Various matter had been dealt with under communications, but the following matters were also raised.

Noted that the “toast rack” parking had been rearranged and was causing confusion and difficulties. The Parish Council had not been consulted on this and should have been.

Action: Clerk to write to FHDC to see why consultation had not occurred and for an explanation of this potentially dangerous alteration.

A member of the public drew the Committee’s attention to the parking on Romney Avenue, especially close to the junction with Enbrook Valley which was narrow and a bus route.

Action: Clerk to write to FHDC.

Two hour parking: councillors and trustees of the Chichester Hall and other organisations were concerned that the current two hour parking allowance prevented residents from taking part in events that were booked for two hours because of the time taken getting to and from their parked cars.

Action: Clerk to write to FHDC.

6. **Beach Management Group**

It was noted that a meeting had been held at which the following issues had been discussed:

- Wheelchair access from the Castle Road car park on to the promenade
- Near misses between cyclists and pedestrians on the promenade, especially along Granville Parade
- Dog poo bag dispensers
- Plastic recycling bins for the promenade

Action: (1) Clerk to write to KCC concerning options for reducing speed of cyclists along this stretch of the promenade including the option of speed bumps as used in Whitstable.

(2) Clerks to purchase and arrange installation of two dog poo bag dispensers, one to be located near to the boat house and the other to be in the Village (exact location to be determined)

(3) Clerk to write to FHDC about additional recycling facilities for this area.

The Committee raised the outstanding issue of the boardwalk which the MP had undertaken to pursue with KCC.

Action: Clerk to remind the MP of his correspondence.

Tide tables: Councillor Prater undertook to print and laminate these for use at the Boathouse.

Promenade railings: noted that these had pealed.

Action: Clerk to ask KCC to repaint in the Spring.

7. **Environmental/Improvements**

It was noted that the lamp posts at the western end of Sandgate Esplanade were very rusty.

Action: Clerk to request KCC to paint them

8. **Tree management scheme**

This had been dealt with under communications.

9. **Sandgate Design Statement update**

It was noted that the Sandgate Society was still awaiting a response from FHDC regarding the progress of the consultation.

10. Sandgate Society- It was noted that the Society was raising finance for an information board by the Sir John Moore memorial which would be similar in style to the new one on the village green.

Arising from this the Committee noted that the village green board was not draining well and also that the regimental badges board was also suffering water damage.

Action: Clerk to write to the supplying contractors to seek a remedy to both items.

11. Information

There would be a beach clean on 10 March 2019 at 10 am with a second one organised externally for 13 April 2019.

12. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 2 April 2019 at 7pm

Signed by the Environment Committee Chairman.....