



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 2nd April 2019

Present: Chairman Councillor Marjorie Findlay-Stone

Councillors: Councillors Robert Bliss, Nina Bliss, Michael Fitch, Tim Prater & Guy Valentine-Neale.

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:** Councillors Paul Bingham, Gary Fuller, Nabin Siwa and Adrian Watts.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2019, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.
Proposed by: Councillor Tim Prater
Seconded by: Councillor Michael Fitch
Agreed by all who had been present
3. **Declarations of interest** – none were declared.
4. **Communications**
All communications noted under agenda items
5. **Traffic and Parking Update**
5.1 Cllr Prater provided feedback on a meeting with Fred Miller regarding parking throughout Sandgate, during which he had relayed a number of comments received from local residents. At the same meeting the possibility of electronic variable parking signage was also discussed. The parish council felt that as this was prohibitively expensive for the parish council, it was felt that FHDC should be asked if they could possibly finance this initiative.
5.2 The rumour that Saga had had an application for a large car park which FHDC had refused was also discussed and this was noted as being completely untrue.
6. **Beach Management Group**
It was noted that the next beach clean was to be held on 13 April. It was felt that as the council beach cleaner had now commenced her seasonal work on the beach, perhaps the organisers of the beach clean could be approached and asked if they would be willing to consider the clean-up of streets leading off the beach.

Action: Clerk to contact organisers

7. Environmental/Improvements

It was noted that there was shingle on the walkway

It was noted that at a previous Environment meeting it had been agreed not to fly flags this year, but to focus finances on the provisions of informational boards with the photos of fallen soldiers, to be displayed on the hoardings of the former Kirby Arcade. The owner of the site had been contacted to request the replacement of the present hoardings. A costing for the new boards of around £1,000 had been received from Robinson Studios

Action: To be discussed by the new administrations

- 8. PROW-**It was noted that Cllr Findlay-Stone and Mrs Sanders would contact Taylor Wimpey in due course to ask if they would place signage for the walk which encompasses Martello Tower 9, the Napoleonic gun placements, views of the Royal Military Canal and the Military cemetery.

Action: Clerk to contact Mrs Sanders to enquire about the status of her application to get another path formally designated a public right of way.

9. Community Engagement

9.1 It was noted that Saga have an active community volunteering programme with staff gaining a paid day per annum to assist in community work and projects.

9.2 It was noted that the Scout Hut was in need of some improvement and that the Sandgate Society was working with the scouts to produce a business plan. It was felt that the parish council should contact the scouts to ensure that the property was correctly risk assessed and also to offer possible assistance in locating a temporary site, if the remedial work required the relocation of the scouts.

- 10. Sandgate Society-** It was noted that Nebulo Strata had offered to make the changes to the SDS document, resulting from the consultation, free of charge. It was proposed to use them for the next review of changes and this would be decided by the next administration

11. Information

It was noted that the two information boards on the green and by the war memorial were not in a good state of repair and that Robinson Studio should be contacted regarding their replacement.

12. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 4th June 2019 at 7pm

Signed by the Environment Committee Chairman.....