



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 7pm on Tuesday 21 January 2020

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

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| <b>Present:</b> | <b>Chairman</b>    | <b>Councillor Robert Bliss</b>                                           |
|                 | <b>Councillors</b> | <b>Nina Bliss, Michael Fitch, Tim Prater, Nabin Siwa, Tracy Stephens</b> |
|                 |                    | <b>Guy Valentine-Neale, Adrian Watts and Lewis Whitnall.</b>             |
|                 | <b>Clerks</b>      | <b>G Thomas</b>                                                          |

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The PCSO attended the meeting and reported that the parish had experienced a very peaceful Christmas in terms of crime with just a few calls regarding loud music and noisy parties. It was noted that a number of travellers' caravans were parked on MOD land which would be moved when the request was received.

There were no members of the public present.

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The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

1. **Apologies for absence:** Councillors Gary Fuller and Vanessa Reay
2. **Declarations of Interest** – there were no declarations of interest.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th December, 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 thanked PCSO Janet Rumley for her report welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a very Happy New Year
5. **Chairman's Correspondence**
Email received from SSAFA the Armed Forces Charity regarding the VE /VJ Day Celebrations. It was decided that the parish would undertake a significant event for the VJ day celebrations on Saturday August 15th in the United Kingdom.
Action: Clerk to establish the VE events taking place in the parish and at St Paul's Church and report back to councillors.

Email received from Leonie Wootton asking about the possibility to take over a planter or a small strip of land and keep it planted with herbs, maybe edible flowers, that could be picked and enjoyed by passers-by. This is an initiative; also called the 'Incredible Edible' movement was started in Lancashire.
Action: It was agreed in principle to allow Ms Wootton to have an area or planter. The matter was referred the Environment Committee for further discussion.
6. **Budget and precept for 2020/21**
The draft budget and proposed precept increase is 2.95% was discussed and proposed for agreement.

Proposed by Cllr R Bliss
Seconded by Cllr a Watts
Agreed by all

It was emphasised that the PWLB repayments in no way contributed to the increase in the precept.

7. Sandgate Library Committee report

It was noted that a donation of over 100 new and very nearly new books on music had been received by the library. It was agreed that a special music section would be created and advertised to the parish via the mail out.

8. Resources Committee

The minutes had been circulated

a) CCTV

The clerk gave a brief report of the responses from the public consultation regarding CCTV, it was noted that a majority of respondents were in favour of the acquisition. Councillor Prater advised that grants had been made available from Cllr Rory Love for CCTV in the Golden Valley (£2,500), £500 from the Sandgate Society, and two further grants from District Councillors Tim Prater and Gary Fuller of £2,250 total to the Sandgate Society (who were going to then make a grant of that amount) had also been agreed. A bid to the High Street Fund had approved 50% of the capital cost of installing CCTV in the High Street. This was less than had been bid for, leaving a shortfall of £2,500. It was noted that there was an underspend within the Community Events budget.

It was proposed that the Parish proceeds with the scheme to cover the Park, Golden Valley and High Street (based on the Metroline quote received), that £2,500 be vired from the Community Events budget to meet the remaining capital cost, and the Parish commits to maintain the CCTV for a minimum of five years.

Proposed by Cllr Tim Prater

Seconded by Cllr Guy Valentine-Neale

Agreed by all

b) Additional public spaces

The November Resources minutes contained a recommendation that the following plots of land should be transferred by the District Council to the Parish Council:

- Freemantle Road Park
- Two grassed areas at the western entrance of the Parish Council area on Sandgate Esplanade
- Tarmac area and solarium surrounding the Sir John Moore memorial.

The transfer would include a one off “dowry” of £6,175 towards the running costs. There would be conveyancing costs.

Proposed by Councillor Tim Prater

Seconded by Councillor Michael Fitch

Agreed by all

It was noted that the transfer date would be 1st April and furthermore that the parish would have no responsibility with regard to the disused toilet block.

c) Chichester Road/Meadowbrook Road

Environment Committee had discussed on 7th January damaged railings on a footpath between Chichester Road and Meadowbrook. It is unclear who ownership rests with, but FHDC had offered to arrange a new railing at cost of circa £200 work to be undertaken by FHDC accredited & insured staff. It was proposed to accept this offer and make any payments out of the Environment Budget.

Proposed Cllr T Prater

Agreed by all

9. Environment Committee report

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee had been circulated.

10. Planning Committee report

The minutes of the meetings had been circulated. Cllr Valentine-Neale reported that the formal adoption of the design statement by the district council should be ratified next week.

11. KALC

Community Award suggestion- The nomination was discussed and agreed.

Action: Clerk to contact KALC.

12. Twinning with Sangatte

It was noted that at present there was no new information, except that Sangatte council elections would take place this year and so all contacts may change.

13. Date of next meeting – 18th February 2020 at 7pm.

The meeting ended at 7.57 pm.

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