



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 7pm on Tuesday 18 February 2020
At Sandgate Parish Council/Library Offices
James Morris Court, Sandgate High Street, Sandgate.

Present: **Chairman** **Councillor Robert Bliss**
 Councillors **Michael Fitch, Tim Prater, Vanessa Reay, Nabin Siwa, Guy**
 Valentine-Neale, Adrian Watts and Lewis Whitnall.

Clerks **G Thomas**

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 7.00 pm

1. **Apologies for absence:** Councillors Nina Bliss, Gary Fuller and Tracy Stephens
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Prater declared a pecuniary interest in item 7.1 and left the room during the discussion
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st January, 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 welcomed everyone to the meeting and drew the Council’s attention to the forthcoming Sandgate in Bloom competition.

It was also noted that VE/VJ celebrations would be taking place in the parish, including a church service at 10.30 at St Paul’s Church to which a formal invitation to the Deputy Lord Lieutenant would be sent. The flags of the Allied Forces would be flown along the High Street from May until the beginning of September and it was hoped that the hanging baskets would have red, white and blue blooms

5. **Chairman’s Correspondence**
None at this time
6. **Sandgate Library Committee report**
It was noted that the music section of the library was being organised and it was hoped that this would be formally opened in April.
7. **Resources Committee**

- 1) Parish Council Website and Hosting – the minutes contained a recommendation that the parish accept a quotation which had been received from Prater Raines to take over the web hosting, This quotation was substantially below the quote of £975 from the current provider.

Proposed Councillor Watts.

Seconded Councillor R Bliss

Agreed by all

- 2) The minutes contained a recommendation that proposed parish support for a Sandgate Walking Tour initiative. It was proposed that the parish provide a financial support of £300 through the business support and grants budgets and also further support through promotion via the parish website and other channels.

Proposed by Cllr Tim Prater

Seconded by Adrian Watts

Agreed by all

- 3) Riviera Court screening. Cllr Prater updated the committee that the Sandgate Society had put forward a successful bid for bin screening to be erected in front of Riviera Court - planning approval for screening being previously approved and current . The successful bid came with the caveat that the parish would be willing to underwrite the maintenance costs for the boards for a period not stated. A project management group had been formed with Cllr Prater as a member. It was noted that a number of details would need to be satisfactorily agreed prior to the parish council giving formal agreement; including future ownership of the screening, maintenance of any planters, and insurance of the product.

It was proposed that the parish council give ‘in principle’ agreement to the maintenance of the scheme.

Proposed by Cllr Michael Fitch

Seconded by Cllr Guy Valentine-Neale

Agreed by all

- 4) It was noted that the transfer of sites from FHDC to SPC was anticipated after April. Cllr Valentine-Neale proposed that the Freemantle Park should have its name changed after the successful acquisition

8. Environment Committee report

- 1) The minutes of the meeting of the Committee had been circulated. Arising from this item it was noted that all CCTV funding had now been acquired and the initial walk around the parish to identify appropriate lampposts and location for the cameras had taken place. Further applications to FHDC for necessary permissions would now take place and the first CCTV would be installed in the park. The results of the CCTV consultation would be published in the next newsletter with reassurances regarding its use and appropriate safeguards.
- 2) It was noted that the application for the Seaside Award had been submitted and that the next beach clean would take place Sunday 23rd February

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

10. Twinning

- 1) Councillor Adrian Watts reported that he would be visiting Sangatte on 12 March and that an invitation had been extended to Sangatte Council to attend the 10 May church service in Sandgate. It was noted that the local election would be taking place in March in Sangatte, and it was noted that a number of the Sangatte councillors would be retiring from the council.
- 2) It was noted that a boule competition between in Sandgate and Sangatte would be taking place in the park on 6th June and it was proposed to grant £200 toward the catering of the event.

Proposed by Cllr Tim Prater

Seconded by Cllr Adrian Watts

Agreed by all

- 3) It was agreed to contact FSFG to ascertain if any further exchange trips were being undertaken requiring the support of the council

Action: Clerk to contact Mme Motley

11. KALC

It was noted that a successful application for a recipient of the KALC Community Award had been made and that the winner would receive their award at the May meeting.

12. Information

It was confirmed that by September two new zebra crossings would be installed on Shorncliffe Road near Folkestone West Station

13. Date of next meeting – 17th March 2020 at 7pm.

The meeting ended at 7.50 pm.

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