



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 5pm on Tuesday 21st April 2020
Via Zoom Conferencing and broadcast live on Facebook

Present:	Chairman	Councillor Robert Bliss
	Councillors	Nina Bliss, Michael Fitch, Gary Fuller, Tim Prater, Vanessa Reay, Nabin Siwa, Guy Valentine-Neale, Adrian Watts and Lewis Whitnall.
	Clerks	G Thomas & S Horton

There was no report from the PCSO.

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The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm

1. **Apologies for absence:** Councillor Tracy Stephens
2. **Declarations of Interest** – There were none
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th February, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed on behalf of the Chairman by the Parish Clerk
Agreed by all who had been present at the meeting.
 - 3.1 **It was noted that the March meeting had been deferred until the 21st April due to the current crisis**
4. **Chairman’s opening remarks**
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that this was the first zoom conference held by the council.
5. **Chairman’s Correspondence**
It was noted that a number of emails had been received regarding concerns about cyclists and pedestrians possibly ignoring the current social distancing rules; where necessary all such communications had been reported to the appropriate organisations for further investigation
6. **Sandgate Library Committee report**
It was noted that a Library Committee had not taken place since the last full council meeting. The clerks confirmed that all payments were up to date, it was also agreed that the KCC Area Manager would be contacted to confirm the mechanisms for informing the public about the availability of online books and also to ascertain whether the HLS and deliveries to homes were still taking place
7. **Resources Committee**
The Resources Committee last met on Tuesday 3rd March and minutes of that meeting had been circulated. The next meeting of the committee would be scheduled to take place via Zoom on Tuesday 12th May at 5pm. The Responsible Financial Officer Simon Horton gave a brief update regarding the parish finance

- 7.1 The RFO confirmed that the events budget which would cover such events as the Sea Festival, Twinning and Christmas currently had an allocation of 12k and which should be reviewed as many events would now not be taking place.
- 7.2 It was also noted that there was 2K in the Grants and Donations allocation and it was felt that this would be heavily drawn against in the coming months.
- 7.3 It was noted that the tenant's rent was up to date but they had been offered assistance if required.
- 7.4 It was noted that there was a small loss of library income in terms of the day to day printing charges and so on.
- 7.5 It was noted that there was a loss of £350.00 of polling station income because of the cancellation of the Police Commissioner Election
- 7.6 It was noted that there had been a rise in the precept and that a fuller resources update had been sent to councillors for discussion on 12th May.
- 7.7 It was noted that possible business rate refunds would be forthcoming but this would need to be confirmed by FHDC
- 7.8 Cllr Prater noted that the Small Business Grant had been widely advertised to all businesses in Sandgate and many had already benefited. It was agreed to check with the Boat House whether they had claimed.

8. Environment Committee report

The Environment Committee last met on Tuesday 10 March and minutes of that meeting had been circulated. The next meeting of the committee would be scheduled to take place via Zoom on Tuesday 5th May at 5pm.

- 8.1 It was noted that the area from the garage near Seabrook Road to the John Moore Memorial would not appear to have been swept. It was agreed to contact FHDC to organise this
- 8.2 It was noted that over the Easter break a number of the benches on the seafront and on the green had been taped by the parish council, these tapes had now been removed on receipt of the new information from NPCC
- 8.3 It was noted that instead for flags being flown all along the High Street to mark VE day, a small number of flags would now be flown around the War Memorial. These would all be safely installed by Harmers and all care and attention to social distancing would be adhered to.

9 Planning Committee report

The minutes of last meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March had been circulated. It was noted that for the present, planning applications would be sent to the individual members of the Planning Committee for their comments; responses received will then be collated and a report written by the Planning Chairman and Clerk submitted to the members before being sent to FHDC Planning. It was further agreed that if large numbers or contentious applications were received then these would be discussed at a zoom meeting.

10. Twinning

Councillor Adrian Watts reported that Guy Allemand had been re-elected as Mayor with an increased majority and that he had sent the parish council's congratulation

11. KALC

It was noted that all communications sent by KALC and NALC were being circulated as required.

12. Information

- 12.1 The clerk asked that all councillors sent their committee membership preferences in a week prior to the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 19th May, the present committee memberships to be sent to all councillors

12.2 It was noted that the Sea Festival had been cancelled for this year, it would take place on a date next year which is to be confirmed

13. Date of next meeting – 19th May 2020 at 5.00

The meeting ended at 5.40 pm.

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