



**SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

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**Present: Chairman Tim Prater,**  
**Cllrs Michael Fitch, Vanessa Reay, Nabin Siwa, & Lewis Whitnall**

**Clerk: G Thomas**

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**These Minutes will only be deemed to be a correct record of the meeting when approved and virtually signed at the next meeting.**

- 1. Election of chairman in the absence of Environment Committee Chairman Adrian Watts**  
**Cllr Tim Prater was proposed as Chairman of the Environment Committee**  
**Proposed by Councillor Nabin Siwa**  
**Seconded by Councillor Lewis Whitnall**
  
- 2. Apologies for absence: Cllrs Gary Fuller, Tracy Stephens & Adrian Watts**
  
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.  
**Proposed by: Councillor Nabin Siwa**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Vanessa Reay**  
**Agreed by all who had been present**
  
- 3. Declarations of interest** – none were declared.
  
- 4. Communications**
  - It was noted that numerous correspondence relating to anti-social behaviour on the beaches and in the park had been received. All of which have been reported to PCSOs and also to Jess Harman-Community Safety Team, and a record of complaints being maintained at the parish
  - It was noted that emails had been received from a resident suggesting employment of a community funded beach warden, an external urinal outside the boat house, portable toilets and 45-gallon drums buried into the beach and used then as bins.. All these suggestions had been considered but were adjudged to be impractical for different reasons.
  - It was noted that emails had been received regarding litter outside the Little Fish Shop and in the grounds of Saga. Increased litter picking had since resulted in a huge reduction of litter in both locations and the staff of the Little Fish Shop had undertaken a schedule of ensuring all litter has been picked up outside their restaurant at close of service.
  - It was noted that emails had been received regarding litter along the sea front, the number and size of litter bins. Cllr Prater had been in discussion with Veolia and FHDC regarding bin collection & beach cleaning schedules and these had resulted in an improved bin emptying schedule and additional resources made available. It was also

noted that local resilience was also useful, and the availability of bags and keys to bins should ameliorate some of the problem, if bins needed emptying after the 10.00pm collection.

- It was noted that an email had been received regarding the necessity for concealed entrance signage on Sandgate Hill. The Highway Steward erected a ‘concealed entrance’ sign within a week of notification of the resident’s concern
- It was noted that an email had been received from a resident regarding anti-social behaviour which resulted in the public bin outside his garden being ignited by a barbeque. The parish council was asked for their support in his request to have the bin moved and relocated by about ten yards westwards so that it was not next to their beech access, while still being still be outside his garden.

**Action: Cllr Siwa to look at current and proposed position and to feed back if this move was acceptable. If this was agreed, clerk to contact FHDC to ask if this could be affected.**

- It was noted that an email had been received from Cllr Prater regarding a new crossing to be built crossing Shorncliffe Road over the summer which will improve pedestrian safety accessing Folkestone West station from Sandgate
- It was noted that an email had been received from FHDC Licencing confirming that under the premises licence, there was no requirement or condition for licensed premises to only sell alcohol with food.
- It was noted that emails had been received from residents near Fremantle park offering support and participation in the upkeep of the park
- It was noted that emails had been received regarding speeding on Wilberforce Road. Kent Highways had been informed and practical traffic managements solutions sought.
- It was noted that an interactive speed sign was being obscured by foliage. FHDC and Kent Highways had been contacted to establish land ownership and to then arrange for the foliage to be removed
- It was noted that an email had been received regarding a parking and environmental issue on Prospect Road. The parking, police and environment services had all been contacted regarding this and the Highways Steward had already dealt with the most pressing issues.

## 5. Standing Issues

### Beaches

It was noted that the tide tables would be put up on the Boat House notice board

**Transport, highways and parking-** issues addressed in correspondance

### Business and Tourism

It was noted that the planters outside Riviera Court were now on a regular watering schedule. It was possible that once they were removed to their new location outside John Moore Court that they may be planted with different shrubs.

**Signage, bins, noticeboards-**issues addressed in correspondance

### Other environmental issues affecting the parish-

#### 5.1 Cyclists and speed deterrents

It was noted that the ‘slow down cyclist’ stickers had arrived and could now be adhered to the promenade. Cllrs Reay and Lewis to stick them down and report back on their efficacy.

6. **Parish Bus Shelter Grant-** Possible locations of bus shelters were discussed. One possibility of locating a shelter outside John Moore Court was raised and it was decided that during the summer, residents would be consulted about this and the owners of John Moore Court asked for their permission in principle.
  
7. **Fremantle Park**  
It was noted that a leaflet would be delivered to 500 houses in the environs, asking for the residents' views about possible additions and improvements to the park. In addition, all play equipment has been given an uplift with re painting and cleaning and an uneven manhole cover has been repaired by Southern Water
  
8. **Sandgate Park**  
8.1 It was noted that all playgrounds had been reopened as of 4<sup>th</sup> July in both parks, with appropriate signage throughout, advocating social distancing and sanitising of hands prior and after usage of any equipment.  
8.2 It was noted that large groups continued to use the park contravening the social distancing guidelines and that a free festival on the beach and coastal park had relocated into the park after being dispersed by police.  
8.3 It was noted that the new play tower should be erected in September
  
9. **Information**  
9.1 Cllr Whitnall said that he was very impressed with the refurbishment of the Royal Norfolk  
9.2 Cllr Prater informed the committee that he would be formally greeting, welcoming back and thanking shop owners in the High Street, accompanied by the Parish Clerk, on 10<sup>th</sup> July.  
9.3 It was noted that the proposals of CPZ consultation regarding changes to parking times in Radnor Cliff and Radnor Cliff and the institution of permits had been rejected by residents.
  
10. **Date of next meeting** 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 (It was noted that a decision regarding whether online meetings would continue, would be made at the Full Council meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July).

Signed by the Environment Committee Chairman.....