

SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at 5pm on Tuesday 21st July 2020

Via Zoom Conferencing and broadcast live on Facebook

Present: Chairman Councillor Tim Prater

Councillors Robert Bliss, Michael Fitch, Gary Fuller, Vannessa Reay, Guy

Valentine-Neale, Adrian Watts and Lewis Whitnall

Clerks Clerk G Thomas & RFO S Horton

There was no report from the PCSO.

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The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm

- 1. Apologies for absence: Councillors Nina Bliss, Nabin Siwa & Tracy Stephens
- **2. Declarations of Interest** Cllrs Prater and Valentine -Neale both gave non pecuniary declarations of interest in agenda item 12, both to withdraw from the meeting at that point and Cllr Robert Bliss to chair the meeting for that item
- **3. Minutes of the last meeting** the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 06 20, 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.

4. Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed the committee about the formal visit to all businesses on the High Street which he undertook in chairman's regalia on 10th July. It was noted that it was well received and that the businesses showed proper Covid awareness. Cllr Watts asked that the Golden Valley shops should also be included in a formal visit and it was noted that this would be undertaken in the near future.

5. Chairman's Correspondence

It was noted that a number of emails had been received and a summary of which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The majority of emails illustrated the ongoing problem of litter occurring in Sandgate, with the emphasis on the park, by the Little Fish Shop and beach areas. It was noted that a number of improvements including new bin collecting schedules, litter picking & additional bins were having an effect in ameliorating this problem.

It was noted that additional emails received regarding Health and Safety issues associated with a property on Sandgate Esplanade had resulted in joined up working with Highways, Community Safety and Environment Protection Services and a successful resolution of the problem.

It was noted that seagull proof bags were now available to all those who had purple sacks. The bags availability had been advertised on the parish website and Cllr Prater had already started to deliver them to those who had contacted the parish office.

It was noted that a number of emails had been received regarding a Fruit and Vegetable stall which had been operating on Golden Valley Car Park during the lockdown and now was no longer in service. It was noted that the parish had had no role in the stall's cessation of business. It was hoped that they would consider holding a stall in the re-opening Farmers' Market. It was also noted that a TRO was in place in all District car parks to prevent trading, and it was understood that any compliant came from nearby businesses.

It was suggested that a formal accounting of the costs of criminal damage, and graffiti would be useful to show to all residents the financial implications of the actions of the few anti-social individuals. It was also noted that this would be a useful tool in tracking the usefulness of CCTV when this was installed, as it would illustrate if the acts of vandalism, and therefore reparation costs, diminish.

Action: RFO to produce a spreadsheet with costs for general disseminations

Action: Cllr Prater to contact District regarding refuse bins for barbeques

It was noted that although there were indeed small outbreaks of anti-social behaviour, there were many more positive than negative events in the parish and it was important that residents should feel secure in the knowledge that the parish was a good place to live.

6. Planning Committee

It was noted that minutes had been circulated. It was noted that many new applications had been received and that the meeting next week would have a large number for consideration by the committee.

7. Environment Committee

It was noted that the minutes had been circulated and that these minutes with the addition of the chairman's earlier comments at this meeting covered all the necessary points. It was noted that Leonie Wootton had kindly weeded the planters outside Riviera Court and they were also on a watering schedule. There was a possibility that the planters would need different plants, after they had been moved to their new position outside Sir Joh Moore Court, but this was yet to be decided.

8. Resources Committee report

It was noted that the minutes of Resources Committee had been circulated. It was noted that the new accounting system was hugely impressive and produced quality information. It was also noted that the main item of discussed in the Resources Committee would be discussed in agenda item 17.

9 Library Committee report

It was noted a meeting had taken place with staff in Friday 10th July to discuss the way forward. 12 Tier 1 libraries had been opened, one per district and the Tier 2 libraries would possibly be re-opened August or September, Sandgate Library has Tier 3 status.

It was noted that a letter had been sent out to the Head of Libraries, Registration and Archives by Cllrs Prater and Fuller proposing the re-opening of the Covid compliant Sandgate Library in September for a limited service. It was noted that the Area Manager Glyn House fully supported this proposal. It was hoped that Cllr Prater and Fuller would receive a positive response.

Action: Letter to be circulated.

Cllr Watts emphasised the fact that Sandgate Library had been very successful in running a number of activities and events and that with the closure, it was felt that this was a loss felt by the community. It was agreed that perhaps outside the library hours there was a degree of flexibility for

the possibility of having some social distanced activities and events but this would all need to be looked at (and risk assessed) nearer the time.

10. Twinning- no information at this time. Emails had been sent to the Mayor Guy Allemand, but not answered, Cllr Watts to contact Olivier Dumont.

11. KALC

It was noted that all communications sent by KALC and NALC were being circulated as required. The possibility of Free Port status at Dover was mentioned.

12. Chichester Hall Trust Grant Application

It was noted that at this time both Cllrs Valentine-Neale and Prater did not contribute to this discussion and Cllr Bliss assumed the role of chairman. Cllr Watts stated that he had a number of concerns regarding the outlay of expenditure and that there were possible alternate usages of the monies. This was discussed, and the majority of councillors felt that it was an acceptable use of precept money to assist the refurbishment of a valuable community asset. It was then proposed by Cllr Gary Fuller to support the grant application with the £2000 from the Grant Fund and £500 from the Contingency Fund

Proposed by Cllr Gary Fuller Seconded by Cllr Robert Bliss Agreed by 5

Abstention by Cllr Adrian Watts

Cllrs Valentine-Neale and Prater returned to the meeting and Cllr Valentine-Neale thanked the committee for supporting the grant application. Cllr Prater then resumed the role of chairman of the committee and further confirmed that there was a sufficiency in the reserves to facilitate the outlay.

13. Meeting venues and time

It was noted that when the Schedule of Meetings had been originally compiled, it had been assumed that it would be safe for 'in person' meetings to take place in the library. It was felt that there were still members of the committee, who would feel unsafe in returning to meetings and so it was **agreed to continue meetings via zoom from September to November**. To facilitate the presence of some members, it was **further agreed to hold the zoom meetings commencing at 6.00pm**.

It was noted that residents may wish to attend in person some of the meetings, especially those relating to Planning and it was agreed that Cllrs Prater and Valentine-Neale would further discuss the protocols regarding this matter.

It was agreed that over the period that zoom had been utilised that many lessons had been learned regarding the value of streaming meetings live to everyone and also making use of technology to share documents during Planning meetings.

It was noted that some councillors wanted to be able to come into the library and to join zoom meeting from that venue and it was agreed that this would be further discussed

14. Information

It was noted that an olive tree had now been planted at the Golden Valley Car Park It was noted that the new website was felt to be a great improvement on the former

- **15. Date of next meeting-** 15th September 6.00pm via Zoom
- 16. Exclusion of the public

It was proposed to exclude the public 'on the grounds that it is likely to disclose exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12a to the Local Government Act of 1972'.

Proposed by Cllr Michael Fitch Seconded by Cllr Adrian Watts Agreed by all

17. CCTV Contracts

It was noted that the RFO had circulated a briefing note and that the recommendation from the Resources Committee was to proceed with the quote given by Company B.

After an update from the RFO and further discussion, it was proposed that the Full Council committee accept the quote from Company B on the basis that additional funding would come from the Major Project Reserve.

Proposed by Cllr Guy Valentine-Neale Seconded by Cllr Tim Prater Agreed by all

The meeting ended at 6.20 pm.	
Signed by the Chairman	Date