



**SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

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**Present: Chairman Adrian Watts,**  
**Cllrs Michael Fitch, Tim Prater, Vanessa Reay Nabin Siwa**

**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. Apologies for absence: Cllrs Gary Fuller & Tracy Stephens**
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.  
**Proposed by: Councillor Tim Prater**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Nabin Siwa**  
**Agreed by all who had been present**

- 3. Declarations of interest** – none were declared.

- 4. Communications**

It was noted that numerous correspondence had been received over the summer and these had all been answered and actioned

**4.1 Bench on Wilberforce Green** It was noted that the bereaved family of Mrs Valerie Knight had approached the parish requesting the positioning of a bench, which they would purchase and pay for fitting, on Wilberforce Green opposite her former home. The possibility of a wooden bench or a recycled plastic bench was discussed and also the method of fitting of the item. The preference of the parish council was for a maintenance free recycled bench which could be staked into the earth.

**Action: Clerk to contact the family and discuss this preference and make arrangements.**

- 5. Standing Issues**

**Beaches**

It was noted that the beaches had been well used throughout the summer and that extra bins and regular beach cleaning had been seen to have a good effect.

It was noted that there was some graffiti on the sea wall, but a fair amount had been removed.

It was noted that litter pickers, sacks and gloves were in the library for the occasions when extra litter picking was required, the large grey bin in Granville Parade to be used for filled litter sacks.

It was noted that the recent beach works had resulted in a temporary canal being created at the bottom of the beach.

**Transport, highways and parking**

It was noted that there had been numerous communications about speeding at the junction between the Crescent and Wilberforce Green and the Highway Steward had agreed to a slowdown sign to be painted and clearer delineation of the junction. Gough Road would also be edge resurfaced

It was noted that the installation of a crossing by Folkestone West Station would soon be starting.

#### **Business and Tourism**

It was noted that all businesses were adapting very quickly to the new Covid regulations and that the Farmers Market had now returned and had 96 customers in two and a half hours..

#### **Signage, bins, noticeboards-**

It was noted there was signage on the Esplanade for cyclists to slow downs.

#### **Other environmental issues affecting the parish-**

### **6. High Street Regeneration (Riviera Court scheme) update**

It was noted that this scheme had been agreed to screen the bins and thus improve the street scheme. To assist with concerns regarding VAT liability and other matters, FHDC had agreed to taken over the project, and that works should begin in November. It was agreed that both FHDC and SPC would need to review and sign off on the work at completion, prior to SPC taking responsibility for the insurance and maintenance of the asset,

### **7. CCTV**

**7.1** It was noted that figures for the CCTV had been circulated and that the date for the work to be undertaken was dependant on a satisfactory report from Kent Highways that the lampposts were structurally sound and able to take the weight of the cameras. It was hoped that agreement should be received during the week and then work would commence.

**7.2** It was noted that some additional expenditure was proposed to enhance the current scheme which would be £890.00 and it was agreed that this should go to Full Council for agreement.

**7.3** It was noted that there had been a £10k business grant to the parish and that this would assist in future CCTV expenditure.

**7.4** It was noted that with the acquisition of Fremantle Park, there was a possible additional area that CCTV coverage would be needed, as the play area of the park had had instances of vandalism. It was agreed that this could be considered in addition to possibilities of extending the other schemes in the future.

### **8. Fremantle Park**

It was noted that there were litter problems at the park and the possibility of a paid caretaker for two hours a week to litter pick the park was discussed. It was also hoped that the community would assist with keeping the park litter free and there was litter picking equipment kept at the library for the use of any volunteers.

It was noted that the surface area of the playground needed repairs and it was proposed to Resources that this should be done as soon as possible, the financing of which, £680 plus VAT to be out of the reserve fund

**Proposed by Cllr Michael Fitch**

**Seconded by Cllr Vanessa Reay**

**Agreed by all**

#### **8.1 Community garden and planters-update**

It was noted that the planters in the Fremantle Park were resourced by SPC and Leonie was to be thanked for doing wonderful job with them. It was noted that the additional planters in the Golden Valley Car Park were assets of FHDC, and that some of the shops were sponsoring these planters under the auspices of the Sandgate Society

**9. Sandgate Park**

It was noted that it had been a very difficult summer at the park but the RFO Simon Horton had been very proactive in ensuring that issues and problems were efficiently resolved and it was also noted that the caretaker Tony Bates had worked extremely hard to keep the park tidy and litter free.

**10. Information** None at this time

**11. Date of next meeting** 6<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm

Signed by the Environment Committee Chairman.....