



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 3rd November 2020
Online

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**Present: Chair Vanessa Reay**  
**Cllrs Nina Bliss, Michael Fitch, Tim Prater, Nabin Siwa, Tracy Stephens, Adrian Watts and Lewis Whitnall**

**Clerk: Gaye 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: Cllr Gary Fuller**
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting** – the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th October, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.
Proposed by: Councillor Lewis Whitnall
Seconded by: Councillor Nabin Siwa
Agreed by all who had been present

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

- 4. Communications**

5.1 It was noted that, Remembrance Day guidance had been issued by the government, which allowed for a non-public socially distanced service. It was agreed that the area around the war memorial did not have enough space for a service and that it was not a good time for a formal event. A large sand box would be positioned on the war memorial, to offer residents the opportunity to come at any time and place their poppy and reflect. Union flags would also be flying around the war memorial.

5.2 It was noted that because of residents' objections, the Incredible Edible project at the back of Ross Way and Oxenden Road would not go forward.

5.2 An email had been received from Holly Godwin-Corporate Services informing the council that a cyclist had recently had an accident on Military Road and collapsed in the park. Ms Godwin wanted to express special thanks to Vic Harmer for coming to the park prior to the ambulance's arrival and opening the gates and ensuring that the paramedics could safely get the patient out of the park.

- 5. Standing Issues**

Beaches

It was noted that the beaches were in the process of being replenished. It was also noted that the amphitheatre would be cleared in the spring. Cllr Siwa was asked if perhaps his group could assist in this.

Transport, highways and parking

It was noted that an email had been received regarding the siting of an electrical charging point on Sandgate High Street at the west end of the echelon bays outside Riviera Court. It was agreed that this could take place on a trial basis.

Action: Clerk to contact FHDC Transportation regarding questions on any limitations of usage of the bay, restrictions of others' parking and so on.

Business and Tourism

It was noted that Fabulous Nellies had closed.

Signage, bins, noticeboards

There was nothing to report.

Other environmental issues affecting the parish

It was noted that CCTV equipment had now been installed in some parts the parish and that this work was ongoing.

It was noted that the street cleaners had been doing an exemplary job clearing leaves on Military Road and in the parish.

6. Fremantle Park

It was noted that a new bin was to be installed.

7. Sandgate Park

It was noted that small areas of the matting around the new play tower area needed to be re-laid and that the zipwire was being re-tensioned. It was noted that signage may be needed to remind adults that some of the equipment was expressly for children. It was hoped that the introduction of CCTV would stop some of the graffiti in the park. Due to the government's lockdown restrictions, the tennis court's net had been removed.

8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 1st December at 6.00pm.

Signed by the Environment Committee Chairman.....