

SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at 6pm on Tuesday 17th November 2020

Via Zoom Conferencing and broadcast live on Facebook

Present: Chairman Councillor Tim Prater

Councillors Michael Fitch, Nabin Siwa, Tracy Stephens, Guy Valentine-Neale,

Adrian Watts and Lewis Whitnall

Clerks Clerk G Thomas

There was no report from the PCSO.

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The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm

- 1. Apologies for absence: Councillors Nina Bliss, Gary Fuller, Vannessa Reay
- 2. **Declarations of Interest** none at this time
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th October, 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 offered thanks to all those who took part in the commemoration of Remembrance Day, noting that councillors attended the War Memorial at different times of the day to adhere to strict social distancing. It was noted that many residents left poppies at the memorial and that a service took place for invited guests outside St Paul's, which Cllr Prater had attended on behalf of the parish council. The poppy collection box in the library contained nearly £78.00 and these monies would go to the Royal British Legion charity.

It was noted that Leonie Wootton had received the KALC Community Award for her community garden in Saga's grounds and Incredible Edible Garden activities throughout the parish and that Chairman Prater had presented her with the certificate and a bottle of wine.

It was noted that the CCTV installation was heading towards completion and that cameras had been installed in Sandgate Park, the Golden Valley and High Street. Christmas lights would be installed during the next two weeks and turned on during the first week of December.

It was noted that winter planting of the planters around Sir John Moore Memorial and at the big boat had taken place.

It was noted that the beach replenishment was well underway, with clearance of the maintenance gangway to take place after completion.

It was noted that Cllr Prater had met with residents in Enbrook Valley and also Romney Avenue regarding traffic speeding/dangerous driving issues and would be seeking Kent Highway's support to deal with these issues.

It was noted that Light Up Sandgate for Christmas, has a Facebook page, which is linked to the parish website, to encourage as many people as possible to light up their windows, homes and businesses as much as possible this year.

It was noted that there is a full trail and grand prize competition being run by Sandgate Primary PTA and those who wish to take part should contact them and be included on the trail map.

In addition, the parish council would be undertaking secret judging with prizes for the best four windows/businesses, during the week before Christmas, detail of which is on the Light up Sandgate Facebook.

It was noted that there were also links on the Facebook page for those who wished to donate to Torchlight and the Shepway Food bank. and to signpost that the Providence and Golden Arrow would be taking donations for the food bank. It was noted that the Library also had a food collection bin..

5. Chairman's Correspondence As above

6. Planning Committee

It was noted that minutes had been circulated. It was noted information regarding the Certification of Lawful Development had been received which clarified the fact that this element of planning would mostly be dealt with internally by FHDC Planning and not come before the parish council for comment. Information on the Scheme of Delegation had also been received which provided some needed clarification regarding the rationale applied in the decision-making process

Action: Clerk to circulate emails to all councillors

7. Environment Committee

It was noted that the minutes had been circulated

8. Resources Committee report

It was noted that the minutes of Resources Committee had been circulated. It was noted that the new budget was to be finalised for Full Council in line with FHDC timeline for setting of precepts.

9 Library Committee report

It was noted a sum of money had been made available to the library as the result of an S106 agreement and that over the next few months a preliminary proposal of works would be submitted to KCC.

10. Dates and Times of meetings It was proposed that all council meetings take place via zoom until the Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting on 18th May. It was further proposed that the December Full Council meeting date be changed from 8th December to the 15th December

Proposed by Cllr Adrian Watts Seconded by Cllr Tracy Stephens

Agreed by all

- 11. **Training -** It was noted that Cllr Prater was to undertake ILCA training, (Cllr Prater's training to be paid for by HTC) and all councillors were also offered this opportunity
- 12. KALC- It was noted that reports were regularly being circulated.
- **13. Twinning-** no information at this time, though it was noted that France was also experiencing a very difficult time due to the ongoing pandemic.

Action: Clerk to send a Christmas Card to Sangatte

- **14. Information-** none at this time
- **15. Date of next meeting-** 1st December 6.00pm via Zoom

The meeting ended at 6.30 pm.

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