



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 5th January 2021
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 1st December, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.
Proposed by: Councillor Tracy Stephens
Seconded by: Councillor Nina Bliss
Agreed by all who had been present

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

4. **Communications**

An email had been received from a resident regarding cyclists using the pavements. This comment had been forwarded to Community Safety Specialist and the PCSOs in the hope that they would take action where they saw this in future. It was noted that a PCSO had recently been seen speaking to adults cycling on the pavement on the High Street.

5. **Standing Issues**

Beaches

It was noted that the beaches were in the process of being replenished.

It was reported that some of the flaps on the sea wall on the Esplanade did not seem to be functioning well, as stones were still coming through onto the pavement side.

Action: Clerk to contact KCC Highways

Transport, highways and parking

It was noted that although the Clerk had contacted FHDC Transportation regarding questions concerning any limitations of usage of the echelon bays at Riviera Court, after the proposed siting of an electric vehicle charging point there, no response had yet been received.

Action: Clerk to follow up.

It was noted that cyclists regularly exit Castle Road Car Park and turn right against traffic on this one-way street. Committee asked whether more signage could be added to make it clearer that this was an illegal action.

Action: Clerk to contact Fred Miller to ask about available directional signage.

It was noted that a previous request to highways regarding motorcycle parking on the 'toast rack' at Riviera now needed to be followed up upon.

Action: Clerk to contact Highways

It was noted that Cllr Prater had had a meeting with the Highway Steward to discuss traffic speeding/dangerous driving issues in Enbrook Valley and Romney Avenue. It had been agreed that bollards would be placed along the curb line on the outside of the "bend" in Enbrook Valley, and a line painted to mark the edge of the road on that bend. Romney Avenue would also have lines repainted and central line added, as without this addition, the width perspective makes the road appear wide.

It was noted that lining team would be undertake works on Sandgate High Street, with 30 mph roundels at either end, and repainting of the Zebra crossing to make it more apparent. Wilberforce Road and the Crescent would have the addition of a 'slow down' sign at the junction of the two roads, plus white and yellow lines refreshed in that area.

It was noted that gas network works would be taking place on Granville Road East between 18th-22nd January, with a road closure. There are more details at <https://one.network/custom/kent/>

Location: O/S NO.4 IN THE C/WAY & F/WAY

Description: LAY NEW SERVICE FROM F/S C/WAY TO SITE = 4m PUBLIC

Business and Tourism

It was noted that support grants for businesses forced to close because of the pandemic restrictions had commenced again, with an initial payment for the Tier 3 lockdown having been made to eligible businesses in November.

<https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/local-restrictions-support>

It was noted that there had been payments of £667 for the fortnight from 16th December, for businesses being forced to close, and that additional £667 payments were to go out to businesses approximately fortnightly, until the lockdown was lifted.

A new grant had also been announced, this one-off top-up to be granted to closed businesses -

- £4,000 for businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or under
- £6,000 for businesses with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000
- £9,000 for businesses with a rateable value of over £51,000

Detailed rules regarding the application process for top-up grants to councils were not yet known and it was recommended that businesses should regularly check <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/covi.../business-support> for more details of grants and how to apply.

Signage, bins, noticeboards

There was noted that there was increased activity in the Castle Road Car park at night and that there should be additional signage put up regarding CCTV in that area.

Other environmental issues affecting the parish

It was noted that the net from the tennis court in the Sandgate Recreation Ground had been removed adhering to the lockdown regulations but the park remained open.

6. Planters

It was agreed that the existing arrangement of planters and baskets in the parish was acceptable, but it was noted that it was felt that it would be beneficial to ask Leonie Wootton for any comments regarding strategic planting to encourage bees, and other pollinators.

8. Information

Cllr Stephens asked that a formal discussion of next year's Christmas event be added to the next agenda, as she had a number of ideas for a community event.

Action: To be put on February's agenda

9. Tuesday 2nd February at 6.00pm.

Signed by the Environment Committee Chairman.....