



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 6pm on Tuesday 19 January 2020
Via Zoom Conferencing and broadcast live on Facebook

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| <b>Present:</b> | <b>Chairman</b>    | <b>Councillor Tim Prater</b>                                                                                                                  |
|                 | <b>Councillors</b> | <b>Nina Bliss, Michael Fitch, Gary Fuller, Nabin Siwa, Vanessa Reay, Tracy Stephens, Guy Valentine-Neale, Adrian Watts and Lewis Whitnall</b> |
|                 | <b>Clerks</b>      | <b>Clerk G Thomas &amp; RFO S Horton (left 6.25))</b>                                                                                         |

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There was no report from the PCSO.

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The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm

1. **Apologies for absence:** There were none
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 15th December 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 wished all the council a very Happy New Year
 - 4.1 It was noted that there had been incidents of graffiti at Radnor Cliff Crescent and colleagues at FHDC had been apprised of the situation and it was hoped would be able to remove this.
 - 4.2 It was noted that an email had been received from two young residents asking for parish assistance in their Happy Library project. The parish clerk/librarian alerted the councillors to some critical considerations regarding this project and it was agreed that the clerk would respond accordingly to the two residents while offering sincere thanks from the council.
 - 4.3 It was noted that roadworks would be beginning on Granville Road East but that this would not affect parking in the area and it was noted that relining of areas of Sandgate had been planned for later in the week but the wet weather may cause delays.
 - 4.4 It was noted that a new Community Garden area of the parish website had now gone live, including the weekly updates from Leonie Wootton regarding the Community Garden project in the parish.
 - 4.5 It was noted that there were a number of business grants which the district was distributing. It was imperative that anyone who had not made an application should ensure that this had taken place prior to 31st January, so that this could be actioned and backdated, as after this date backdating would not be possible. <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/covid-19/business-support>
 - 4.6 It was noted that Covid vaccinations had now started at the Civic Centre and that the site of the former Debenhams would soon be going ‘on line’ for mass vaccinations.

5. **Chairman’s Correspondence** As above

6. **Budget 2021/2**

The draft budget and proposed Precept of £80,625 were considered following the recommendation of Resources Committee. The budget proposed a 2% increase (on Band D Council Tax, an increase of 84p a year on the current £41.81), but with a lower tax base than last year: it was therefore proposed that General Reserves be used to meet a budgeted total income shortfall of £1,667. Following discussion the draft budget and Precept of £80,625 were approved.”

Proposed by: Cllr Adrian Watts

Seconded by: Cllr Tim Prater

Agreed by all present.

7. **Planning Committee** It was noted that the minutes had been circulated

8. **Environment Committee** It was noted that the minutes had been circulated. It was noted that it had been agreed to renew the existing contract for planters and hanging baskets.

9. **Resources Committee report** It was noted that the minutes of Resources Committee had been circulated.

10. **Library Committee report**

10.1 It was noted that the library continued to offer a limited click and collect service, being the only library open between Dover and Hythe. Councillors offered their thanks to the library staff who were keeping the library open during this difficult time.

10.2 It was also noted that the librarian would be seeking quotes for refitting the library with works to be paid an S106 grant, after discussion and agreement with KCC.

10.3 It was noted that a local artist had offered two poignant works for long term loan to the library.

11. **KALC-** It was noted that the application for the Community Award for 2021 had been submitted to KALC for agreement.

12. **Twinning-** no information at this time, though it was noted that France was also experiencing a very difficult time due to the ongoing pandemic.

13. **Information-** It was noted that a mast of unknown origins had been erected on Parish leased lands at Battery Point, the clerks were attempting to establish ownership

14. **Date of next meeting-** 16th February at 6.00pm via Zoom

The meeting ended at 6.40 pm.

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