



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 16th February 2021 Time:6.00pm

Venue: Online

To ALL MEMBERS OF SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to join a Sandgate Council virtual meeting on the date and at the time shown above.

The meeting will be open via Facebook to all the public and press.

Sandgate Parish Clerk

Sandgate Parish Council will broadcast this meeting as a video on Facebook live at the time of the meeting itself on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/sandgatepc/> Comments made on the Facebook video during the meeting will not be monitored and are not a way of feeding back to the Council.

Members of the public can ask a question at a Full Council meeting. Any questions (deemed to be reasonable) sent to clerk@sandgatepc.org.uk will be read and answered at the meeting. If a member of the public would prefer to ask their question themselves, they can do so by emailing clerk@sandgatepc.org.uk at least 2 working days before the meeting asking to put a question to Full Council. Members of the public joining a Council meeting to make a representation will be asked to follow the protocol at <https://sandgatepc.org.uk/public-speaking-at-online-meetings-of-sandgate-parish-council-protocol/>

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest** Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Council's Code of Conduct and by the Localism Act 2011.
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th January to be confirmed as a correct record and signed**
4. **Chairman's opening remarks**
5. **Chairman's correspondence**
6. **Sandgate Walking Tours 2021**

Following the successfully introduction of Sandgate Walking Tours led by Tony Quarrington in 2020, we would like to support a 2021 Sandgate Walking Tour scheme. We agree that the council will provide advertising and promotional

support for the tours by poster / flyer / email / website / Social Media promotion as in 2020, and thank Tony Quarrington for his tours which are widely appreciated.

7. **Covid-19 Regulations**

From a recent KALC email to local MPs:

“The Covid 19 Regulations that came into effect in April 2020 gave local councils the power to hold meetings remotely, the Regulations expire on 7th May by which time it may be unlikely that councillors, staff and members of the public will be prepared to meet face to face. The purpose of this email is to seek your support to ask the Government for an extension to the Regulations until the end of the calendar year to avoid any confusion as we get closer to May. Recent evidence suggests an increase in attendance online from many local councillors, including those on local councils in remote rural areas. There are also practical reasons why meetings should continue to be held remotely, including: many Parish Councillors and residents are still isolating; the rooms available to Parish Councils for meetings are too small to permit social distancing if all councillors are present, which would mean it would not be possible to admit the public; many Parish Councils do not have the technology to permit some councillors and members of the public to attend in person and also virtually; a return to physical meetings would restrict voting to those physically present and some councillors would be disenfranchised.”

Resolution: That this Council supports the lobbying of NALC and KALC to extend the Covid-19 regulations allowing (but not requiring) online Parish Council meetings until the end of 2021, and will email our MP to encourage them to lobby the Government to extend the regulations.

8. **Planning Committee report (GV)**

9. **Environment Committee report (VR)**

10. **Resources Committee report (AW)**

11. **Library Committee (GF)**

12. **KALC**

13. **Twinning-update**

14. **Information – to bring any other matters to the Council’s attention**

15. **Date of the next meeting – 16th March 2021**