

SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at 6pm on Tuesday 16th February 2021

Technical issues prevented this meeting from being lived streamed

Present: Chairman Councillor Tim Prater

Councillors Nina Bliss, Michael Fitch, Gary Fuller, Nabin Siwa, Vannessa

Reay, , Guy Valentine-Neale, Adrian Watts and Lewis Whitnall

Clerks Clerk G Thomas

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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: Cllr Tracy Stephens
- **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 19<sup>th</sup> January 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 informed the councillors that there was a now 'Problem Reporting' page on the parish website, so that all residents or councillors were able to report issues directly. It was noted that the parish office would continue to perform this service for residents as needed, but it was a useful option and enabled the immediacy of reporting rather than perhaps a more delayed period, for the occasions when the office was closed.

- 5. Chairman's Correspondence As above
- **6. Sandgate Walking Tours 2021** It was noted that the council would support a 2021 Sandgate Walking Tour scheme and agreed that the council will provide advertising and promotional support for the tours.

Proposed by Cllr Guy Valentine-Neale Seconded by Cllr Nina Bliss Agreed by All

## 7. Covid-19 Regulations

It was agreed that the 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 would email our MP to encourage them to lobby the Government to extend the regulations.

Proposed by Cllr Michael Fitch Seconded by Cllr Nabin Siwa Agreed by All

- **8. Planning Committee** It was noted that the minutes had been circulated
- **9. Environment Committee** It was noted that the minutes had been circulated, and that discussions on the Christmas event had been deferred to the next meeting date, but the Sea Festival had been discussed and provisional agreement for a one day event had been reached.
- **10. Resources Committee report** It was noted that the minutes of Resources Committee had been circulated.
- 11. Library Committee report
  - 10.1 It was noted that the library continued to offer a limited click and collect service.
  - 10.2 It was also noted that the librarian was awaiting quotes for refitting the library with works to be paid an S106 grant, after discussion and agreement with KCC
- **12. KALC** It was noted two councillors had attended KALC events.
- **Twinning** no information at this time, though it was noted that France was also experiencing a very difficult time with a slow roll out of vaccines
- 14. Information
  - **14.1** It was noted that two councillors had attended an online FHDC conference regarding ideas for a future green infrastructure. It was noted that this meeting raised many aspirational ideas for the future of the area, including possible changes in planting of verges, usage of solar panels and safe travel corridors for animals.
  - **14.2** It was noted that local residents to Napier Barracks had received a letter form the Home Secretary regarding recent events at the Barracks and actions being undertaken..
- **15. Date of next meeting-** 16<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm via Zoom

| The meeting ended at 6.40 pm. |      |
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| Signed by the Chairman        | Date |