



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

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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, , Guy Valentine-Neale, Tracy Stephens, Adrian Watts and Lewis Whitnall</b> |
|                 | <b>Clerks</b>      | <b>Clerk G Thomas</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:** 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 16<sup>th</sup> February 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 of the sad passing of Mr Christopher Carter, a local resident and all councillors joined the Chairman in sending their condolences to Joy, his widow.
5. **Chairman’s Correspondence**
  - 5.1 It was noted that an email had been received from a member of the public commending the parish council on having open public toilet facilities. These had enabled the individual to travel from London and visit her mother in a care home, where these facilities were restricted to the sole use of the residents.
  - 5.2 It was noted that government permissions for remote meetings would run out on 6<sup>th</sup> May, both NALC, KALC and also the local MP were all making representations to government for an extension.
  - 5.3 It was noted that requests had been received for a memorial bench on Granville Parade. It had transpired that this was unregistered land and thus, whilst FHDC would replace existing benches at the end of their useful life, there would not be any new benches allowed on previously unallocated spaces.  
**Action: Clerk to contact FHDC and investigate costs of claiming the land and then report back to committee**  
A number of different possibilities were discussed, including registering the land as a village green, which would have the advantage of serving as a preventative of any future development.

It was noted that the possibility of siting memorial benches on the leased land at Battery Point was being investigated and that the further concept of a memorial wall or space would also be considered as a possibility at a future Environment meeting.

5.4 It was noted that a quantity of graffiti had been removed from the Enbrook Park area and the remainder was scheduled to be pressure washed away.

6. **Schedule of Meetings** It was noted than an amended schedule of meetings had been circulated in light of likely resumption to ‘in person’ meetings. These schedule amendments included holding an earlier, and therefore, ‘online’ APCM/APM, and changes to the occurrence of Resources meetings from the second to the fourth Tuesday every month. It was also proposed that if ‘in person’ meetings resumed, that they commence at 6.30pm.

**The amended schedule was proposed for agreement by SPC**

**Proposed by Cllr Adrian Watts**

**Seconded by Cllr Tracy Stephens**

**Agreed by all**

7. **Planning Committee** It was noted that the minutes had been circulated. It was further noted with concern, that new national planning regulations would now allow two storeys to be built on the top of certain existing, purpose build blocks under permitted development without requiring planning permission. In addition, because these alterations would fall within permitted development, it would not be possible to challenge the size of the dwellings being created within each new storey. Such a development had been discussed at a previous planning committee meeting and strong representations had been made that it should not be granted permitted development status.

8. **Environment Committee** It was noted that the minutes had been circulated. It was noted that the Christmas event & the Sea Festival had been discussed, and that it had been agreed that there would not be a Firework Event as part of the Sea Festival.

9. **Resources Committee report** It was noted that the minutes of Resources Committee had been circulated. It was noted that the new accounts software enabled enhanced transparency. It was further noted that the finances would be tight for the forthcoming financial year.

10. **Library Committee report**

**10.1** It was noted that the library would be opening for browsing on 12<sup>th</sup> April and councillors were thanked for volunteering to assist with ‘meet and greet’ on Saturdays.

**10.2** It was also noted that the next Library Committee would take place on Tuesday 23<sup>th</sup> March.

11. **KALC-** It was noted Cllr Gary Full had attended a GDPR event and that Cllr Valentine-Neale would be attending a Planning Conference.

12. **Twinning-** It was noted that France was also experiencing a very difficult time. Cllr Adrian Watts had contacted Sangatte, and it was hoped that they might play a part in this year’s Sea Festival but at present this was not clear.

13. **Information-**none at this time

14. **Date of next meeting-** 20<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00pm via Zoom

The meeting ended at 6.40 pm.

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

