

SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 15th June 2021

At Sandgate Parish Council/Library Offices James Morris Court, Sandgate High Street, Sandgate.

Present: Chairman Councillor Tim Prater

Councillors Michael Fitch, Tim Prater, Vannessa Reay, Nabin Siwa, Guy

Valentine-Neale, Vicki Parsons, and Adrian Watts

Clerks G Thomas – Simon Horton

There was no report from the PCSO.

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The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm

- 1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Nina Bliss, Gary Fuller, Tracy Stephens and Lewis Whitnall
- 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 4th May having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman Agreed by all who had been present at the meeting.

4. Chairman's opening remarks

Cllr Prater welcomed Cllr Vicki Parsons to her first attendance at a Sandgate Parish Council meeting as a councillor.

It was noted that SPC had received an invitation to take part in the Worldwide Commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year. It was agreed that the clerk would confirm the parish's participation. It was hoped that Sandgate Society might contribute to the refurbishment of the beacon and the sign.

It was noted that flags were being flown on commemorative dates, including, St Georges Day, Armed Forces Day and that the Pride Flag would fly on Folkestone Pride Day, 17th July. Numerous correspondence had been received regarding missed bin collections and it was hoped that everyone was reporting any missed collections on the FHDC website. It was noted that the new Veolia schedule had resulted in a major disruption to service delivery and Veolia would be writing to all residents to apologise. This failure by Veolia would be discussed at FHDC's Emergency Scrutiny Committee on 15th June.

It was noted that there had been numerous incidences of graffiti, most of which had now been removed, although an area on Enbrook Road still contained some.

It was noted that the Enbrook Stream had again been reported to have discolouration and debris. This had been noted in the past and reported to the Environment Agency but because of the sporadic nature of this occurrence, it was difficult for them to make a judgment regarding causation. All councillors were asked to let the clerk know if they saw any evidence of this happening.

- 5. Chairman's Correspondence As above
- **6. Planning Committee** It was noted that the minutes had been circulated and that numerous applications were now being received
- 7. Environment Committee It was noted that the minutes had been circulated. It was noted that the Sea Festival had been discussed and that this was being successfully organised and that the Incredible Edible Initiative had located an area of land in the Golden Valley which it was hoped could be utilised, all the local residents were being consulted for their views.
- **8. Resources Committee report** It was noted that the minutes of Resources Committee had been circulated.
 - **8.1** The RFO referred to the AGAR document that had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that the internal auditor had made no findings. The RFO advised that he was restating the prior year's Accounting Statements. This was being done because it had been identified that £22,000 for play equipment for Sandgate Park had not been added to the asset register in 2019 and that the approach for dealing with staff expenses had been changed and how they were reporting in AGAR required amendment to last year's return.

Cllr Prater and Watts both thanked the RFO for his hard work

1/ Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2020/21

2/ Section 2 Accounting Statements for 2020/21

The Committee considered the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21.

Proposal to adopt the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21

Proposed by: Councillor Guy Valentine-Neale

Seconded by: Councillor Vannessa Reay

Approved by all

The Chairman and RFO signed the Annual Governance Statement immediately the proposal had been adopted.

The Committee considered the Accounting Statements 2020/21.

Proposal to adopt the Accounting Statements for 2020/21

Proposed by: Councillor Michael Fitch Seconded by: Councillor Nabin Siwa

Approved by all

The Chairman signed the Accounting Statements for 2020/21 immediately the proposal had been adopted

9. Library Committee report

It was noted that permission for the S106 monies from the Shorncliffe Development to be drawn down had been given; these monies were allocated for the improvement of the library. It was noted that an additional application to the HSIF fund had also been made for the same purpose. It had been agreed to await receipt of the result of the HSIF application before tenders were submitted for works. It was noted that the clerk had viewed two possible art installations which could be permanently loaned to the library. Regretfully it was agreed that there was only sufficient space for one, and the artist would be informed of this decision and thanked for his kind offer.

It was noted that a pilot scheme for Baby Rhyme Time activities had started in four of the district's libraries. It was felt that it would have been helpful if Sandgate Library had been given the opportunity to take part in the scheme.

- **10. Committee Membership** It was agreed that Cllr Vicki Parsons would attend all the committees prior to making a decision on the one(s) which she would wish to join.
- 11. Replacement of benches at Sandgate Park and addition of new benches at Fremantle Park
 It was noted that benches had been purchased at auction for £520 + costs and recoverable VAT, but
 the auctioneer was facing some uncertainty regarding ownership, which should be addressed at the
 law court on 17th June.

It was proposed that the four benches be placed in Sandgate Park & two in Fremantle Park and that Harmer & Sons be instructed

- To collect them from "The Grand" and transport to Harmers yard, find the 6 best, rub down and coat £500.00 total.
- To remove the 4 from Sandgate park, dispose of the same, install 4 of these, anchored down-£200.00 total.
- To make 2 concrete bases at Freemantle, then secure benches to them £260.00 each

It was noted that funding for the collection, repairs and siting to come from the Environmental Improvement Fund and Reserve.

Proposed by Cllr Tim Prater Seconded by Cllr Adrian Watts Agreed by all

It was agreed that prior to the placement of four benches in Sandgate Park that the parish clerk and councillors Prater and Watts would visit Sandgate Park to confirm that all four benches needed immediate replacement & also visit Fremantle Park to agree the exact placement of the new benches there.

Cllr Watts would also approach the Boules Club regarding possible siting of benches near the pitch in Sandgate Park and ascertain if any funding would be available from the club or the Sandgate Society for the concrete bases.

- 12. KALC All information received from KALC circulated as normal
- 13. Twinning- None at this time

The meeting ended at 7.20 pm.

- **14. Information-** None at this time
- 15. Date of next meeting- 20th July 2021

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Signed by the Chairman		.Date