

SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 20th July 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, Tracy Stephens and Adrian Watts

Clerks G Thomas

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, Vicki Parsons 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 15th June 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
 - **4.1**It was noted that emails had been received regarding the position of chairs outside the Boat House and concerns of possible obstructions or the creation of a 'pinch point'. A response was sent including a copy of the agreed planning permissions for the present placement with an agreed 2.5-3 metre clearance of the gangway and confirmation of the council's approval of the highly valued facility of the Boathouse.
 - **4.2** It was noted that the 'big boat' had now been removed and that the granddaughter of the person for whom the boat was named, had taken the bow which was so enscribed. The area had been cleared and replanted and both Harmer & Sons and FHDC were to be thanked for the efficiency and quality of the works undertaken.
 - **4.3** It was noted that both Cllr Prater and the parish clerk had successfully undertaken ILCA training and it was now proposed that the clerk might undertake the more onerous CILCA training. Acquisition of CILCA would give the parish council 'Gold Standard' status with all additional benefits this would accrue. It was noted that this would be discussed at Resources.
 - **4.4** It was noted that on August 8^{th} there would be an air display by the Red Arrows 1.00pm-4.00pm.

- **4.5** Apologies were given on behalf of the District Council for the on-going problem with waste collections. It was agreed that while there may be a number of mitigating circumstances for some of the delays, this had nevertheless constituted a huge failing by Veolia.
- **4.6** It was noted that the planters as the Sir John Moore Memorial were filled with dead or dying flowers, which had been killed by the storms and salt water that had occurred immediately after their planting. FHDC had been contacted to replant.
- **4.6** It was noted that schoolgirls from FSFG had performed a litter picking activity and it was agreed that the clerk should thank the school for this undertaking.

5. Chairman's Correspondence as above

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

It was noted that Councillor Guy Valentine-Neale had attended a district Development Control meeting to speak against the 20/1356/FH, Hillboro planning application, on behalf of the Parish Council. It was noted with pleasure that the committee had voted against approving the development. It was further noted that specific reference to district planning policies appeared to provide a firmer basis for the committee to support parish objections rather than concerns about drainage, land stability and site access which seem to be dealt with by 'conditions' attached to approvals.

It was further noted that Cllr Valentine-Neale would be attending another Development Control meeting next week on behalf of the parish council, to speak against application 20/1947/FH-Shorncliffe Garrison.

7. Environment Committee It was noted that minutes had been circulated.

An update had been received from Harmer & Son regarding the benches purchased from the auction; these should be ready next week and then Cllrs Prater & Watts and the Parish Clerk would visit the proposed installation sites.

It was noted that Saga had kindly allowed 40 parking spaces for the stall holders for the Sea Festival and that the Sea Festival committee were liaising with the Welcome Back Fund respresentatives and others regarding advertising of the event.

Action: Clerk to ask Cllr Bliss if Chris Caring could have a Barber on the Beach stall.

- **8. Resources Committee report** It was noted that the minutes of Resources Committee had been circulated.
- **9. Library Committee report** It was noted that the S106 was available to draw down but that this would not be done until tenders had been agreed and a further funding stream confirmed.
- **10. KALC** All information received from KALC had been circulated as normal. It was noted that Cllr Prater had given some training on behalf of KALC.
- 11. **Twinning-** None at this time

12. Information-

It was noted that a Service of Remembrance would be taking place at St Paul's over the weekend and it was hoped that some of the councillors may be able to attend.

It was noted that Southern Water had intermittently been attending a blocked drain in Military Road; the Highway Steward was in contact with them to ensure that works were completed.

It was noted that the Trooli cable company were responsible for the works at the crossing on the Esplanade. Works appeared to have ceased although the temporary lights were still in place and creating delays for motorists; the Highway Steward was contacting them regarding this.

It was noted that the pilot park and ride scheme for Folkestone has been suspended so that regular services in the town can be maintained. A shortage of drivers had forced operators Stagecoach to concentrate on the local routes and, following discussions with Folkestone & Hythe District Council, the service stopped on Sunday.

It was noted that Cllr Prater had represented the parish at a very poignant Canada Day service.

13.	Date of next meeting- 21 st September 2021
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