



**SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 at 6.30pm**

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**Present: Chair Vanessa Reay**

**Cllrs Gary Fuller, Tim Prater, Nabin Siwa, Adrian Watts & Lewis Whitnall**

**Clerk: Gaye Thomas & Julie Tugwood**

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**These Minutes will only be deemed to be a correct record of the meeting when approved and virtually signed at the next meeting.**

**1. Apologies for Absence - Cllrs Nina Bliss, Michael Fitch, Tracy Stephens & Guy Valentine-Neale (ex-officio).**

**2. Declarations of interest – none declared.**

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September, having been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.

**Proposed by: Councillor Tim Prater**

**Seconded by: Councillor Adrian Watts**

**Agreed by all who had been present.**

**4. Sandgate Christmas Lights Event**

It was noted that a number of events would be taking place on 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 5.00pm, including:

- A Christmas Craft Fayre in the Chichester Hall from 5.30pm-8.00pm which would include carols from the Shorncliffe Military Wives Choir – (times for which to be confirmed).
- Christmas Light Switch on at SAGA from 6.00pm-6.30pm with mulled wine and mince pies
- Santa in Sandgate Library (time to be confirmed), all socially distanced

A Christmas windows competition would take place, with prizes for the best dressed windows of residential and business premises.

It was agreed that parking could potentially be a problem but that Castle Road Car Park and Wilberforce Road Car Park have free parking from 6pm.

**\*Action- Clerk to ask SAGA about possibility of free parking for the evening**

**\*Action- Clerk to ask FHDC if they had any Slow Down signs available**

It was noted that many councillors and library volunteers would be asked to assist with marshalling both outside and in the library, on the evening.

Local businesses would be encouraged to stay open late that night.

It was noted that after the event there would be a small gathering to thank those that had assisted the parish over the past year,

**5. Budget 2022-23**

It was noted that there would be a small increase in the precept in 2022-23 with increased numbers of new builds bringing additional residents into the area.

It was noted the project for around 10 fruit trees to be planted in each of Sandgate Park and Fremantle Park over the winter, would begin soon. This would cost in the region of £1,500 as previously agreed by full Council which would be met by virement from the New Services Reserve. It was noted that some of these costs may be mitigated by 'adopt a tree' schemes & donations.

It was noted that funding towards a defibrillator at the Golden Valley could be considered, with contributions from businesses and the parish towards its purchase and on costs.

It was also noted that previous discussions had taken place regarding increasing the number of CCTV cameras

**\*Action-Clerk to investigate possibility of the addition of an electrical socket in the Castle Road Car Park for use in events and activities including the Sea Festival**

It was noted that the beacon would need painting prior to the Queen's Jubilee event, it was hoped that this cost might be met from a donation

It was agreed that the dog waste bag dispenser on the sea front needed replacement, clerk to arrange same.

**6. Information**

It was noted that the Tower Theatre had commenced a very successful run of shows.

**7. Date and time of next meeting**

TBC

Signed by the Environment Committee Chairman.....