



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 14th December 2021

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

Present: **Chairman** **Tim Prater**
 Councillors **Michael Fitch (arrived 6.55), Gary Fuller, Vicki Parsons, Nabin Siwa, Tracy Stephens, Guy Valentine-Neale, Vannessa Reay, Adrian Watts and Lewis Whitnall.**

Clerks **Gaye Thomas & Julie Tugwood**

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

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Nina Bliss.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.** None.
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting.** The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th November having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. **Agreed by all.**
- 4. Chairman’s opening remarks & correspondence.**

It was noted that the Chairman thanked all those involved in the successful 3rd December Christmas event, including all staff, councillors, volunteers, David & Sue Cowell at the Chichester Hall, staff and officers at Saga, and the Shorncliffe Military Wives Choir.

- 5. Planning Committee.** It was noted that the minutes had been circulated.
- 6. Environment Committee.** It was noted that the minutes had been circulated. It was noted that planting of the two orchards in the parks had now taken place. These orchards form a key part of the Parish’s contribution to the Queen’s Green Canopy and would be dedicated in June 2022.

It was agreed that a meeting in the New Year should take place.

It was noted that landscaping works had begun at Riviera Court. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact FHDC to ask if an image board of the proposed design could be erected on site.

- 7. Resources Committee report.** Adrian Watts offered his thanks to the new RFO Julie Tugwood whose industry had put the council in a good position for proposing its budget in the New Year.

8. **Library Committee report.** It was noted that no committee had taken place since the previous Main Council. It was agreed that a meeting in the new year should be organised. It was noted that works had been undertaken to reseal the roof of the library and that after initial requests from FHDC for payment towards the overall sum, an agreement was reached that the Parish Council would contribute nothing towards the works, or any future roof works, for the duration of its lease with FHDC.
9. **KALC.** It was noted that all KALC bulletins were being regularly received by the members.
10. **Twining.** No further information had been received.
11. **Contain Outbreak Management Fund.** A proposal to apply to this grant funding from central government, administered via Kent County Council. The Fund is to be used to support efforts towards preventing or containing the spread of COVID-19 and / or helping those that have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic. A range of expenditure to support remote working, ongoing broadcast of Council meetings to the public and anti-Covid transmission measures in the Library, both already made and planned, that seem eligible under the scheme were discussed and agreed to be bid for from the Fund.
Proposed by Tim Prater
Seconded by Nabin Siwa
Agreed by all.
 * It was agreed that if this application failed, that a resources discussion should take place regarding the purchase of laptops for the clerks.
12. **Information.** It was noted that 10 spaces in F&HDC's Wilberforce Road Car Park were at present closed for the connection of four electric car charges.
13. **Exclusion of the public.**
 To consider the exclusion of the public on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
Proposed by Adrian Watts
Seconded by Tracy Stephens
Agreed by all.
14. **Potential Variation to existing SPC Lease on Land at Battery Point.**
 The proposal to agree to the potential variation subject to Planning agreement and other conditions had been circulated earlier to all councillors.
Proposed by Tim Prater
Seconded by Guy Valentine-Neale
Agreed by all.
15. **Date of next meeting 11th January 2022**

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