



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 15th March 2022

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

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**Present:**      **Chairman**                      **Councillor Tim Prater**  
                         **Councillors**                      **Vicki Parsons, Guy Valentine-Neale, Adrian Watts & Lewis**  
                                                              **Whitnall**  
  
                         **Clerk**                                      **G Thomas**  
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There was no report from the PCSO.

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The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Nina Bliss, Michael Fitch, Gary Fuller, Vannessa Reay, Nabin Siwa & Tracy Stephens
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 February 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 & correspondence**
It was noted that three of the information panels at the Sir John Moore Memorial site had blown off during Storm Eunice. Cllr Prater and the Shorncliffe Trust has produced amended wording for the replacement panels and the Sandgate Society had generously agreed to replace these and have them reattached at the site for no cost to the parish council. Thanks to everyone involved.

It was noted The Hythe Imperial have owned a cannon for some years but had been seeking to donate it to Hythe Museum, this was turned down last week by the trustees of Hythe Museum. Sandgate have been offered it instead. This is an around 1790 – 1800 cannon, 6’ 10” long barrel, and of the type that would have been part of the coastal defences as organised by Sir John Moore (although it’s not a Martello Tower cannon).

There would be some limited cost to moving it, the basic renovation and ensuring it is secured to the floor.

It was proposed that the council accept the offer, and have it placed near the Sir John Moore memorial on the Esplanade as a feature, prior to the Jubilee.
This proposal was agreed by all who attended the meeting.

Action: Clerk to write to Hythe Town Council accepting this offer
Action: Clerk to contact Harmers regarding the removal and placement of the cannon

Action: Clerk to inform insurers

Matters arising from previous minutes: Cllr Prater was asked to investigate the protocol of having the wording *Sandgate Parish Council* added to any new road signage

5. June Jubilee Events and Preparation

It was noted that a number of activities and events would be taking place as part of the Jubilee Celebrations. These would include on 2nd June from 9.35pm, pipers to play ‘Diu Regnare’, then buglers to play ‘Majesty’ and beacons to be lit across the country.

Action: Mr R Grundy to be asked to light the beacon

Other activities and events would include a craft club in the library on the Saturday and some street parties on Sunday 5th. It was noted that one was being planned at the Golden Valley, which would necessitate the closure of the car park, and it was understood another would be taking place on Sunnyside Road. There would be a street party on Granville Parade (for which an authorisation for a road closure had been given), with entertainment provided by the Rowing Club. Local businesses would be invited to be involved, possibly providing hampers or refreshments for groups picnicking at the tables placed on the pavement or on the beach. An enhanced public toilet cleaning and bin collection will be undertaken.

It was noted that Saga would be offering free parking over the Jubilee weekend and all other weekend, although the car park would be locked over night from Saturday 5.00 until Sunday am. Thanks to Saga for this kind agreement.

Action: Clerk to endeavour to get the redecoration works on the Boathouse undertaken prior to this event which would include a jet wash of the toilets and the repainting of the toilet doors.

Action: It was agreed the clerks would be given latitude on minor spending for items such as the toilet cleaning, craft club and possible car park closure

6. Revised 2022/23 Expenditure Budget It was noted that some small revisions had been undertaken
Action RFO to amend some layout issue

Proposed Cllr A Watts

Seconded By Cllr T Prater

Agreed by all

(It was agreed that the PWLB loan would be discussed at a later date)

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

8. Environment Committee It was noted that no committee had taken place since the previous Main Council.

9. Resources Committee report. It was noted that no committee had taken place since the previous Main Council.

10. Library Committee report - It was noted that no committee had taken place since the previous Main Council. The clerk was seeking quotes for refurbishment works to be undertaken in the spring/summer.

11. KALC – It was noted that all KALC bulletins were being regularly received by the members

12. Twinning- No updates at present

13. Information – to bring any other matters to the Council’s attention: None at this time

14. Date of next meeting 19th April 2022

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