

SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 19th April 2022

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

Present: Chairman Councillor Tim Prater

Councillors Vikki Parsons, Nabin Siwa, Guy Valentine-Neale, Adrian Watts &

Lewis Whitnall

Clerks J. Tugwood

There was no report from the DCCO

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 (attending a Development Control Committee), Vannessa Reay, & 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 March 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 a letter from the Foodbank had been received thanking SPC for monies made for raffling a hamper on their behalf.

It was noted that one of the portable toilets, newly installed in the park, had been vandalised. This toilet was the property of SPC and while efforts were being made with its repair, it was unlikely that it would be reinstalled in the park this summer. It was agreed that the criminal actions of the very few would be having a profound effect on the enjoyment of the users of the park

- 5. Planning Committee It was noted that the minutes had been circulated. It was also noted that there would have been a Development Control meeting, where SPC would have been represented, to discuss the development at Hillboro, among other applications, but discussions of this application had been deferred due to administrative reasons. It was further noted that Cllr Valentine-Neale's intended attendance and presentation, had not been noted on the supplementary agenda for the meeting, although FDHC had been informed of same. Action: Clerk to ensure that this omission does not reoccur.
- **6. Environment Committee** It was noted that no committee had taken place since the previous Main Council.

- **Resources Committee report**. It was noted that the minutes had been circulated and that the parish was in a solid financial position, although it was agreed that this financial year would be difficult, as it would be for everyone, due to increased cost of living constraints.
 - **7a Salary Review** It was noted that a salary review would now begin, and that appraisals of staff would commence in the coming weeks.
- **8. Library Committee report -** It was noted that no library committee had taken place since the last Full Council.
- 9. Costs relating to the refurbishment of the library- S105 & HSIF It was noted that the tendering process was underway and that the deadline for completed tenders was 30th April. The tenders related to the creation of an accessible toilet, movement of the present library entrance a meter forward, to improve access, and the creation of a walk-in cupboard. The internal design of the library would be very much influenced by what was left of the budget from the HSIF & S106 grants.
- 10. Queen's Jubilee Events and Activities.
 - a. It was noted that plans were underway for the Jubilee event; the war memorial would be jet cleaned and the beacon painted & it was hoped the cannon from the Imperial would also be in place on the site. A piper and a bugler had volunteered for the 2^{nd of} June evening event & Richard Grundy had volunteered to light the beacon, the risk assessment of which had been sent to SPC insurers. It was noted that Hythe Town Council have purchased a movable gas beacon
 - b. There were plans for street parties in the parish including one on Granville Parade for which a road closure notice had been agreed. Businesses were to be encouraged to take part in the activities, and Saga had graciously agreed to the use of their car park over the extended Jubilee weekend (Thursday Sunday), with the caveat that it would be locked every evening at 5.00.
 - c. It was noted that it was hoped that the Boathouse & toilets would be refurbished prior to the Jubilee, and it had been agreed that during the street party event that they would have dedicated cleaning staff.
- 11. KALC It was noted that all KALC bulletins were being regularly received by the members
- **12. Twinning-** Nothing to report
- 13. Information to bring any other matters to the Council's attention:
 - **a.** It was noted that four new laptops had been purchased with the covid grant and that two were being used as dedicated meetings IT.
 - **b.** It was noted that at the Beach Advisory Group, the provision of a boardwalk had been discussed. Damian Collins had undertaken to pursue this with KCC. **Action: Clerk to write to Cllr Collins.**
 - **c.** It had been previously discussed that when road signage was replaced in the parish, they could behave the parish council logo at the bottom.. **Action: Clerk to investigate this possibility**.
- **14. Date of next meeting** 17th March 2022, which would be the Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting respectively.

Signed by the Chairman	Date