



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 4th April 2017

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**Present:** Chairman Robert Bliss (*Cllr Bliss was nominated to chair the meeting in the absence of Cllr Findlay-Stone*)  
Nina Bliss, Adrian Watts, Gary Fuller, Tim Prater, Kurt Stephens & Guy Valentine-Neale

**Clerk:** Mrs G Thomas

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

Meeting started 7.00pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Marjorie Findlay-Stone, Michael Fitch & Nabin Siwa,
2. **Declarations of interest** – none declared
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 7th March, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.
Proposed by: Cllr Tim Prater
Seconded by: Cllr Kurt Stephens
Agreed unanimously
4. **Communications received** *addressed in agenda items 7 & 11*
5. **Business community update**
Cllr K Stephens gave an update to the committee; Orchard Lane hoped to open on Good Friday. A business had been reported to KCC for placing furniture in the road.
6. **Renaming of the Recreation Ground**
Cllr Valentine-Neale said that the project was now completed and a clear winner had been identified. This would be ratified at the main council meeting on 11th April.
7. **Traffic and Parking Group**
 - 7.1 27th -28th March emails from Cllrs Findlay-Stone & Holben regarding the parking of large commercial vehicles on Radnor Cliff Crescent. Cllr Holben said that is an ongoing problem which SDC have advised they can do very little to ameliorate.
 - 7.2 28th March email from Fred Miller copied to us indicated that, when SDC began reviewing parking in Sandgate, options regarding possibly restricting parking of commercial vans will be considered.

Action: Fred Miller to be invited to a private meeting with the councillors to give a briefing regarding the reviewing of parking, prior to any decision being made by SDC.

- 8 Defibrillator** – The purchase of the defibrillator had been agreed at the previous Finance Committee meeting. The positioning of it on the Boat House was agreed and signage would be placed in Sandgate to indicate its presence. The clerk was asked to arrange further training.
- 9 Update to SDS review** – The amendments and possibility of an additional appendix were discussed. It was agreed to defer discussions on this matter until a presentation for the members by a colleague from SDC had been arranged.

10 Beach management Group

Numerous correspondence had been received regarding the appearance of a plethora of signage on the walkway:

10.1 14th March – email received from Fred Miller commenting on the Cinque Port Cycleway plans. He had asked the Highways engineer David Pletcher to also give his views and advice.

10.2 15th-17th March email received from Joanna Ames expressing concern about signage and the possibility of the gangway becoming an official cycle route

10.3 21st March email received from Damian Collins supporting the idea of a widening of the walkway via a boardwalk

10.4 29th March email received from Russell Boorman that he would be reviewing all the signage along the full length of the scheme to ensure compliance to SPC's wishes and concerns. He confirmed that the process for consultation on the zebra crossing would commence early April.

11 Environmental Improvements

11.1 Wheelie Bins – Cllr Findlay-Stone reported that Riviera Court post code does not fall under Veolia's grant scheme and Roger De Haan has been contacted but it is unlikely that he will commit funds

Cllr Prater said that he had met a representative from Orbit South, who confirmed that they did have some finance for different works. Clerk to send the ARC wheelie bin plans to Orbit South and it was hoped that further visits from their management would occur.

11.3 Street cleaning fly-posting/drains/litter/ faults – Businesses have been asked to sweep outside their own shops and keep the pavements and shop fronts clean and tidy

11.4 War Memorial Board - Cllr Stephens advised that he was awaiting a final agreement. The positioning of the boards next to the war memorial and possible removal of other signage to the green was discussed.

11.5 Hanging baskets and flags – Businesses had been encouraged to take part in the scheme. Some of the buildings could not have hanging baskets but would be willing to pay for plant pots/planters.

Action: Clerk to contact Longacres for prices

The clerk gave an update regarding the repainting of lampposts on the Esplanade. Further delays in hanging baskets and flags would be caused by the requirement for all lampposts to be load tested before permission would be given.

12 Sandgate Society

Cllr Valentine-Neale said that the Barn Dance on the 7th April was sold out. The Sandgate Society had agreed in principle to open discussions with the Trustees of the Chichester Memorial Hall to improve access for everyone.

13 Information

There was none at this time

14 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 2nd May

The meeting ended at 8:20pm

Signed by the Environment Committee Chairman.....