



**SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday 3 October 2017**

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**Present:** Chairman Councillor Tim Prater

**Councillors:** Councillors Robert Bliss, Gary Fuller, Nabin Siwa, Guy Valentine-Neale, Kurt Stephens and Adrian Watts

**Clerk:** P Savage

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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 7.25pm.

**1. Election of Chairman for the meeting**

That Councillor Tim Prater be elected Chairman for this meeting of the Committee.

**Proposed by: Councillor Robert Bliss**

**Seconded by: Councillor Nabin Siwa**

**2. Apologies for absence:** Councillors Nina Bliss, Marjorie Findlay-Stone and Michael Fitch

**3. Declarations of interest – none were declared.**

**4. Minutes of the last meeting – the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2017, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.**

**Proposed by: Councillor Gary Fuller**

**Seconded by: Councillor Nabin Siwa**

**Agreed by all who had been present**

**4. Communications received-**

Email from resident in respect of potential CCTV coverage of the Castle Road car park.

**5. Business community update**

Councillor Kurt Stephens updated the Committee as to encouraging local business to dress windows and have additional lights for the Christmas period.

**6. Traffic and Parking update**

Noted that the decision notice for the controlled parking zone had been published by Shepway District Council.

**Agreed that Shepway District Council be advised that the Parish Council considers that the third phase of this programme to be unfair to residents in the roads covered, who will have six months extra parking pressure before new controls are put in place.**

**Proposed by: Councillor Tim Prater**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Guy Valentine-Neale**  
**(Voting: For 5; Against 0; Abstentions 2)**

**Action:** Clerks to email Fred Miller, copy to Councillor David Monk (Leader of Shepway District Council)

**7. Update to SDS review**

Noted that this would be ready for discussion with the officers of Shepway District Council within the next few weeks.

**8. Beach Management Group update**

Noted that new cycle signage was in place. The report from Keep Britain Tidy had been very good and had raised issue of ramp from car park and access for disabled which the clerks were already pursuing with Shepway District Council. On a separate issue, the Clerks to confirm with Councillor Nabin Siwa the dates for recommencement of volunteer beach cleaning

**9. Environmental Improvements**

**9.1 Wheelie bins – update:** Councillor Guy Valentine-Neale advised that the Sandgate Society were still keen to see an improvement to the village at this location and had sought a quotation from a fencing contractor. He would report back to a future meeting about a possible joint financing proposal.

**9.2 Street cleaning fly-posting / drains / litter / faults reported to KCC/SDC;** Councillors and Sandgate Society had been collecting photos of gutters and storm drains Parish Clerk has put together an email containing all photos and received information regarding drains and gutters and forwarded to Clive Lofting Highway Steward, also asking for a schedule of drain cleaning. In terms of graffiti the Clerks were asked to remind Shepway District Council to do everything possible to remove graffiti even on private property. This should include asking (and encouraging) householders whether they want assistance. Flyposting: Councillor Kurt Stephens passed an example of flyposting by a pilates teacher and asked the clerk to contact the pilates teacher concerned.

**9.3 War Memorial boards:** Councillor Kurt Stephens advised that the artwork had been finalised and was with the Contractor for production in time for Armistice Day commemorations. Councillor Kurt Stephens also undertook to discuss with the vicar what special mention or blessing was appropriate.

**10 Events**

**10.1 Sea Festival**

The beach cleaner had been contacted and was unwilling to undertake the post firework clean up. A meeting would be arranged to discuss the detail of the operation. The Sandgate Society had indicated that would sponsor the cleaning.

**10.2 Christmas Lights-** Christmas garlands had been received and they would be put up in November ready for the Christmas event. The Christmas event planning had commenced and a meeting had been held with Saga to discuss this. The Parish Clerk and a volunteer had agreed to run the evening, according to plans agreed by the Committee's Chairman. The choir had been booked and weather permitting the event will take place outside. More information would available at the next meeting.

**11 Sandgate Society**

The following forthcoming events were noted: Archive Exhibition on Wednesday 8 November in the Old Fire Station at 7.30 for 8.00pm; Society Christmas Party on Friday 1 December in the Chichester Memorial Hall; Vintage Bingo

**12 Information**

Councillor Tim Prater reported that the works to Esplanade, including the new crossing, were due to commence at the end of October 2017.

**13 Date of next meeting- Tuesday 7 November 2017**

Meeting ended at 8 pm

Signed by the Environment Committee Chairman.....