



**SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

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**Present:** Chairman Councillor Robert Bliss

**Councillors:** Councillors Nabin Siwa, Guy Valentine-Neale, Michael Fitch, Adrian Watts and Tim Prater

**Clerk:** 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**

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Kurt Stephens, Gary Fuller, and N Bliss
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.  
**Proposed by: Councillor Robert Bliss**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Nabin Siwa**  
**Agreed by all who had been present**
3. **Declarations of interest** – none were declared.
4. **Communications received-**  
Email received 9th Feb from Alastair Clifford regarding the shingle on the promenade after storms. SDC had now purchased a modified tractor to clear the promenade more effectively in future.  
Rosemary Sanders rang on 15th February to mention that McDonalds now have gull proof bins and to ask if this was an option for SPC. It was agreed that when SPC's present bin supplies were used up, gull proof bins would be considered.  
Email received from Mr McGrath on 16th February regarding rubbish accumulating on the path outside FSFG and requesting a bin to be positioned there.  
**Action: Clerk to contact Veolia to investigate the possibility of collections from a new bin.**
5. **Business community update**  
It was noted that the last meeting had been very well attended. Paul Mercer had attended the Business meeting in Folkestone. Mr Mercer had made contact with Anne Berry re: parking for businesses and the need for some reorganisation regarding parking and variations in costs.

**6. Traffic and Parking update**

**6.1** It was noted that the Variation of Parking Charges had been received from SDC, this included charges for Wilberforce Road Car Park. Mr Miller, Transportation Manager, had been contacted with an offer from SPC to retain the present non-charging status for Wilberforce. A response had been received from Mr Miller that Wilberforce Car Park charging would form part of the ongoing consultation.

**Action: Clerks to contact Mr Miller again regarding the offer**

**6.2** It was noted that a number of emails had been sent by Cllr Prater to Mr Miller regarding the provision of bollards on Enbrook Road. Unfortunately SDC were unable to accede to the request. Kent Highways had been contacted and it was agreed that they would be content for the provision of bollards but unable to fund them. It was agreed that further discussion would be deferred until April's meeting.

**Action: Clerks to seek clarification of the dates of the CPZ's consultations**

**7. Local Nature Reserve-** deferred until April's meeting.

**8. Beach Management Group** It was noted that the date of the next Dirt Buster beach clean had been postponed. Cllr Siwa to liaise with Giles and Dirt Busters regarding the next clean up.

**9. Environmental Improvements-**

**9.1 Cycleway incident log-** It was noted that the log had been produced by Gary and Tim, the data protection aspect to be discussed with the clerks before it would be rolled out. It was agreed it would be publicised on-line and at the Boathouse and through the Sandgate Society.

**9.2 Street cleaning fly-posting / drains / litter / faults reported to KCC/SDC** It was noted that an increasing number of burglaries had taken place in Sandgate, The provision of cameras was discussed and the attendant data protection and privacy issues. A bin outside Castle Close had been graffiti'd and rubbish not collected.

**9.3 Hanging baskets and Flags –** It was noted that flags would be flown from Easter and that hanging baskets, planters and boat hulls would be planted early summer. It was agreed that the planter sponsorship scheme would continue and businesses could obtain hanging baskets from the new providers.

**10. Sandgate Society**

10.1 It was noted that the AGM would take place on 7<sup>th</sup> March

10.2 The Appendix to the SDS had been completed, 111 properties had been noted as being of local interest. It would be passed to SDC for validation.

**11. Information** None at this time.

**Date of next meeting-** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Signed by the Environment Committee Chairman.....