



Minutes

SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Date 13th November 2012. Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Sandgate Council and Library, Sandgate High Street.

Present: **Chairman** **Cllr R Bliss**
 Cllrs **N Bliss, M Findlay-Stone, M Fitch, G Fuller, N Griffith and T Prater**
 Clerk **Ms A Oates**

There was one question from a member of the public: there are two lovely new bus shelters in the Golden Valley but only five buses a week stop at one of the stops; he queried whether something could be done to increase the bus service. Response: He was informed that Sandgate Community Trust is consulting with local people with a transport needs survey; with enough support, it is hoping to put a bid to KCC for an electric bus to operate in Sandgate. The member of the public was handed a questionnaire.

PCSO Gary Carr presented his report for October, which had been previously circulated. He was asked if he works with the dog patrol operatives. He replied that he does and he will report on this at next month's council meeting. He was asked to obtain statistics on the number of people fined for dog fouling. He was also asked about the support for his surgeries – he replied that no one came to him on the Monday morning sessions but he had had seen some people on the Saturday sessions. The Chairman invited him to stay on after the next meeting, to join the council for its annual Christmas social event; he was asked to extend this invitation to PCSO Mark Ball. The Chairman thanked GC for attending the meeting and for his work for the parish.

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

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.15pm

One member of the public was present.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Griggs, Grundy, Heselden and Holben.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of last meeting held on 9th October 2012 were proposed as a correct record.

Proposed by: Cllr G Fuller

Seconded by: Cllr T Prater

Agreed unanimously. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

4. Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman remarked that it was good to see so many councillors attend the Remembrance Day Service at St Paul's on Sunday and a contingent represented the council in France at three ceremonies – in Sangatte, at the Bleriot Memorial and at the British Cemetery.

5. Chairman's correspondence

The Chairman read out a letter received from the Sandgate Heritage Trust – it is launching a restoration fund for the Old Fire Station and asked the council to assist with suggesting ideas or support and inviting member to visit the building. The Parish Clerk was asked to acknowledge the letter.

6. Recreation ground – proposal to uphold contribution approved by previous administration

Members agreed that the £10k+ match funding given in the funding bid for the MUGA had been approved as it was incorporated within the budget set for the Land Assets Management. To clarify the approval, it was voted upon.

Proposed by: Cllr T Prater

Seconded by: Cllr R Bliss

Agreed unanimously.

7. Foreshore development update from Radnor Estates

The recent correspondence received from Charles Evans was read out. Mr Evans requested the council to establish its aspiration as to the future of the piece of land. Members of the Planning Committee pointed out that a response was given at a planning meeting last month for the Chairman to write to Radnor Estates to thank them for the consultation, that we would aspire to see where possible any land in Sandgate maximises the visitor and tourist appeal of the area and also making the point we have just taken on four plots of land on rent for exactly that purpose and we would happily consider a proposal to do the same on this plot. The Chairman would write to Radnor Estates to this effect.

8. Membership of the Environment Committee

It was proposed that the quorum be reduced to 4, not 50% of the membership.

Proposed by: Cllr R Bliss

Seconded by: Cllr N Bliss

Agreed unanimously.

9. Finance update and payments for approval – presented by the RFO/Clerk

Five cheques for signing (cheque numbers 100757 -100761) were presented and approved.

10. Finance Committee report

10.1 The Minutes of the last meeting had previously been circulated.

10.2 Setting of the precept would be done at the full council meeting in January.

10.3 The next Finance Committee meeting would be on 20th December; the finance members would then make their recommendation for the precept setting; Councillor M Fitch's objection to any raise in the precept was noted.

The report was received and approved.

11. Environment Committee report

As everyone attending the council meeting also attended the earlier Environment meeting, there were no further matters to report.

12. Planning Committee report

There had been two meetings since the last council meeting. The committee commented on the second appeal re 15 Radnor Cliff and part of land adjoining and a letter of objection was sent to the Planning Inspectorate. The committee also objected to the application re Copthorne, The Undercliff.

The report was received and approved.

13. Information

13.1 Twinning: a letter has been sent to the Mayor of Sangatte and arrangements would be made for the signing ceremony in France in January.

13.2 The December meeting would be followed by the annual festive reception. All would be welcome but invitations would be sent to selected VIPs.

14. Date of the next meeting – this was confirmed to be Tuesday 13th November 2012 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

Chairman of the Council.....

Date 11th December 2012