

SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Present: Chairman Councillor Tim Prater

Councillors: Councillors Michael Fitch, Vannessa Reay, Nabin Siwa, and Lewis Whitnall

Clerk: G Thomas

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: Councillor Gary Fuller and Tracy Stephens.

2. Minutes of the last meeting – the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2019, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.

Proposed by: Councillor Nabin Siwa Seconded by: Councillor Lewis Whitnall Agreed by all who had been present

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

4. Communications

- **4.1** Email on 14th August from Environmental Agency re sanitary products in Enbrook Stream-The repairs to the misconnection in Cheriton had been completed and while this incident would be logged, it was felt it may be a one off. However if further reports were received then additional investigations would take place. This was noted.
- **4.2** Email from Damian Cock on 14th August to Cllr Prater regarding request for Visibility Mirrors on Chichester Road. It was felt by Kent Highways that Chichester Road was sufficient width for two vehicles to pass, well illuminated and with a 30mph speed limit and so additional safety improvements would not be offered. This was noted.
- **4.3** Email from a resident on 17th August wondering if it would be possible to position a memorial bench in Sandgate Park. It was felt that with an agreement regarding the maintenance of the bench and tenure (10 years) that would be acceptable.

Action: To be further discussed by Resources Committee.

5. Standing Issues

Beaches

It was noted that the next beach cleaning would be on Sunday 15th September.

Transport, highways and parking

It was noted that an email was received from KCC giving notice of amendments to operational hours of the CPZ in Radnor Cliff and Radnor Cliff Crescent. Also the revocation of redundant waiting restrictions in sections of Meadowbrook and the prohibition of waiting at any time in sections of Chichester Road, Enbrook Road, Meadowbrook and Valley Road where parking is not allowed. It was noted CPZ restrictions would still apply to Meadowbrook despite the removal of some lengths of yellow line restriction.

It was noted that a number of problems were being caused regularly by a couple of large vehicles parking in streets near to junctions.

Action District Councillors to raise those two issues with FHDC.

Signage, bins, noticeboards

It was noted that the Perspex on noticeboards would be renewed.

The necessity of more bin bag dispensers in the village was discussed

Action: Clerk to investigate pricing and to forward to Resources Committee for decision

It was noted that fly tipping incidents were increasing, and it was requested that all incidents should be recorded and reported to the District Council.

Action: Clerk to record incidents, report them to the District Council, and report regularly to Environment committee.

Other environmental issues affecting the parish

The Sandgate In Bloom competition had been successfully won by Jackie's Encore in the High Street--the winner had been invited to the main council to collect her prize and certificate.

It was noted that an email had been received requesting that businesses have greater involvement in the Saturday events of the Sea Festival

Action: Cllr Robert Bliss to respond

5.1 Proposal to purchase CCTV

The proposal to purchase CCTV was discussed, coverage to be over the park and in the High Street. It was felt that while live recording and monitoring was not appropriate or cost effective, that some CCTV would serve as a useful deterrent to vandals. It was agreed that initially the proposal should be further discussed by the Resources Committee, possible grant funding for the High Street system to be explored, and that the community should be consulted prior to any firm decisions to purchase equipment.

6. Reports from Sub-Committees and Working Groups

None at this time

7. Information

None at this time

8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 1st October 2019

Signed by the Environment Committee Chairman.....