

7. Resources Committee

The minutes had been circulated. The minutes contained a recommendation that the following plots of land should be transferred by the District Council to the Parish Council:

- Freemantle Road Park
- Two grassed areas at the western entrance of the Parish Council area on Sandgate Esplanade
- Tarmac area and solarium surrounding the Sir John Moore memorial.

The transfer would include a one off “dowry” of £6,175 towards the running costs. There would be minor conveyancing costs.

The recommendation was approved unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Tim Prater and seconded by Councillor Adrian Watts.

9. Environment Committee report

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee had been circulated. Arising from this item it was agreed that

- FHDC be reminded of their commitment to install the rubber covers to the pavement to beach “drains” on Sandgate Esplanade once the beach reinstatement works had been completed
- Clerks to try to identify location for a “Happy to chat” bench including approaching existing memorable bench sponsors
- The addition of two dog poo bag dispensers on the promenade be noted.

10. Planning Committee report - The minutes of the meetings had been circulated. A further meeting of the Committee had been held immediately before the Council. The Chairman of the Committee reported that the Sandgate Design Statement had been the subject of correspondence and consultation and would shortly be approved by the relevant Cabinet Member at the District Council. Accordingly he was seeking the formal adoption of the design statement subject to the adoption by the district council.

Proposed by Councillor Guy Valentine-Neale, seconded by Councillor Robert Bliss and agreed unanimously.

On a separate matter councillors raised some concerns that some public footpaths were not well marked, maintained or publicised. As a first step it was agreed that the next parish council newsletter should feature a map of footpaths in the area. In the meantime residents, including the scouts and other groups, should be encouraged to use the paths and notify concerns to KCC.

11. 2019-20 Finance report

The RFO reported that expenditure and income continued to be on target. He would be working with his successor on the draft budget for 2020-21.

12. Funds from Parish Plan working group

The RFO submitted a written report containing a recommendation that Council ask the signatories to close the account and pass the proceeds to the Parish Council on the clear understanding that the money would be passed to the community garden. The Parish Council unanimously supported the proposal.

13. Twinning

Councillor Adrian Watts reported that the visit to Sangatte on 11 November 2019 had been successful despite the poor weather.

14. KALC

The RFO advised the Council that in addition to the usual circulars concerning conferences, a reply had been received in respect of the abolition of business rates on toilets. KALC had confirmed that

this had been held up by prorogation and now the general election. It would be for an incoming government to determine.

15. Information

- (1) The RFO had submitted a written report concerning the possibility of opening an account with the Charity Bank of Tonbridge. Council supported the option which would be submitted to the Resources Committee for ratification.
- (2) Shop window Christmas displays: clerks to provide 20 additional copies of the leaflet/letter for distribution.

16. Date of next meeting – 10 December 2019 at 7pm.

The meeting ended at 7.47 pm.

Signed by the Chairman.....Date.....