

SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on 1st November 2022 at 6.40pm on Tuesday

At Sandgate Parish Council/Library Offices
James Morris Court, Sandgate High Street, Sandgate.

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**Chairman** Councillor Tim Prater

Councillors Michael Fitch, Gary Fuller, Vicki Parsons

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Clerks G Thomas

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There was no report from the PCSO.

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- 1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Nina Bliss, Vannessa Reay, Tracy Stephens, Adrian Watts & Lewis Whitnall
- 2. **Declarations of Interest** none at this time
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 27th September having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

4. Chairman's remarks

It was noted that the formal reopening of the library had taken place and that extremely positive responses had been received from all the invitees including representatives from KCC and FHDC.

It was hoped that in the future, the windows would be replaced to complete the face lift of the library building, but for the present the renewed lighting, furnishing, art installation by David McCart, and soon to be laid, carpet, were transforming the facilities for all who visited.

It was further noted that the payment for some of the works from the High Street Improvement Fund had been agreed, and that all other expenditure for the refurbishment was being met from an S106 fund, managed by KCC.

Additionally, Sandgate Primary School would be benefiting from the donation of bookcases from the library which in turn would be replaced by mobile bookcases, to provide a more adaptive space. Thanks were given to Steve Deacy, for agreeing to deliver the bookcases to Sandgate Primary School free of charge.

Defibrillators had been given to the Golden Arrow, Sandgate Library and Sandgate Hotel to increase the coverable in the parish and thanks were given to local resident Andrew Bragg, who had promoted this increase in facilities.

The Christmas Lights event would take place on 2nd December, and the timings were just being finalised. The event would be similar to the successful one last year, and would include a Santa event in the library, the Christmas lights switch on at the Saga pavilion, with, by courtesy of Saga, complementary mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies. Plus, there would be the Craft Fayre and carols from the Shorncliffe Military Wives choir in the Chichester Hall. Local businesses had been informed and it was hoped that many would take part in the events by staying open.

It was noted that an appeal for donations for items to raffle/auction had been received for the Ukrainian Food, Arts and Culture Event in Hythe on 20th November and it was agreed that the parish would make a small donation to this.

An invitation to create a Highways Improvement Plan for Sandgate had been received and it was agreed that Cllrs Adrian Watts and Gary Fuller would complete the appropriate forms.

It was noted that tenders for painting the Boathouse would be welcomed after the last quote had lapsed, this would be advertised on the parish websites and other social media.

The possibility of installing solar panels on the Boathouse was being investigated and contractors were being invited to look at the site and produce specifications which could then be discussed. No formal decision had been at present made regarding taken this project forward, but it was important to consider ways to reduce fuel costs.

5. Correspondance- As agenda item 4

- 6. **Planning Committee** It was noted that the minutes had been circulated. A meeting would be taking place immediately after the Full Council Committee meeting. It was noted that at present there were limited numbers of planning applications being received.
- 7. **Environment Committee** There had been no meeting since the last Full Council Committee
- **Resources Committee report** It was noted that at present the parish was unable to utilise the online banking facility and the payments were being made by cheque.

It was noted that currently the HSBC account had four signatories and it was proposed that these should be increased to five being, Cllrs Tim Prater, Adrian Watts, Michael Fitch and the two clerks

Proposed by Cllr Tim Prater Seconded by Cllr Michael Fitch Agreed by all

It was noted that in the short term it was intended that Cllr Prater would become the Primary User of the account as this would expedite matters.

It was noted that there was to be a Resources Committee on 15th November and councillors were encouraged to inform the clerk of any suggestions for additional elements which they would wish to see built into the budget.

- 9. **Library Committee report** It was noted that the library was now a designated 'warm space' and that this had been added to the national website. It was hoped that after PAT testing the formerly very much appreciated, drinks machine, would be reintroduced in the library.
- 10. KALC It was noted that information and emails were being circulated as normal
- **Twinning-** It was noted that the parish had received an invitation to attend Sangatte's Remembrance Service and that an invitation had been sent to Sangatte inviting councillors to the service at St Paul's on 13th November.
- **12. Information** It was noted that it was hoped that the Shornclifffe Trust could be invited to attend the Remembrance Day service and all councillors were encouraged to inform the clerks if they wished to attend.

It was noted that the hard planting at Riviera Court would benefit from some additional planters to the East elevation, this would be discussed at a later meeting.

Declaration: it was noted that the RFO would be having some home improvements undertaken by the library's building contractor.

Signed by the Chairman	Date	

Date and time of next meeting: 6th December at 6.30pm.

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