



**SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on at 6.40pm on Tuesday**

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

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**Present: Chairman Councillor Tim Prater**  
**Councillors Michael Fitch, Adrian Watts & Lewis Whitnall**  
**Clerk G Thomas**  
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There was no report from the PCSO.

**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 Nina Bliss, Gary Fuller, Vicki Parsons, Vannessa Reay, Nabin Siwa Tracy Stephens & Guy Valentine-Neale.
- 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 21st February 2023 having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman
- 4. Chairman’s remarks**

It was noted that Cllr Prater and Sal Kenward of the Sandgate Society had attended a meeting with the Saga CEO to discuss the future of the Saga site. Whilst no promises regarding the future were given for what would take place after the sale of the land, a commitment was given to continue to maintain the area and keep it open to the public until then. Prospective buyers were being actively sought and it was hoped, but could not be confirmed that the existing building footprint would be adhered to when plans for new builds were developed.

It was noted that the Parish Clerk – Gaye Thomas had won a KALC International Woman’s Day Award for the exemplary performance of her duties as clerk/librarian and for just being a jolly good chap.

- 5. Planning Committee**  
It was noted that the minutes would be circulated in next few days. The next meeting which would be scheduled for after Easter would contain the Burgoyne Barracks at Shorncliffe as an agenda item. There had been disappointment that a promised meeting between the developers and the Shorncliffe Trust. had not taken place.

- 6. Environment Committee** It was noted that a meeting had not taken place since the last Full Council.  
It was noted that the new Highways Steward Clive Lofting would be visiting Sandgate to be shown the ongoing problems with drains in the High Street and elsewhere.

It was noted that road cleaning and sweeping in the High Street did not seem to be of the same standard as previously and that there did not appear to be an individual pavement cleansing operative anymore. Gutter clearing operations had been patchy as the road based vehicle could only clean the gutters which were not concealed by parked vehicles.

It was noted that resurfacing works on Brewers Hill would be taking place.

7. **Resources** It was noted that the present financial position of the parish was good but next year's would be financially challenging. It was noted that a possibly CIL payment would be shortly received and that this could perhaps be used on the capital costs of play equipment.
8. **Library Committee report** It was noted that no Library Committee meeting had taken place since the previous Full Council.
9. **Civility and Respect Pledge** It was noted that 1100 parish and town councils had signed up to this pledge, which is a declaration to stand against bullying and harassment in the workplace.  
**Proposed by Cllr Tim Prater**  
**Seconded by Cllr Adrian Watts**  
**Agreed by all**
10. **KALC** – It was also noted that the clerk was undertaking a professional parish/town clerk qualification. The clerk proffered her thanks to Cllr Prater, Julie Tugwood, her deputy clerk and Simon Horton for their kind assistance and encouragement. It was agreed that in future clerk contracts that there should be a commitment to achieve the CiLCA qualification within the first twelve months.
11. **Twinning-** It was noted that Cllr Prater would investigate whether HTC and FTC had successful Twinning relations at this time.
12. **Information-** It was noted that Purdah would now begin.
13. **Date and time of next meeting:** 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023\*

\*Apologies for Cllrs Valentine-Neale and Watts were given in advance

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