

4th February 2013

At an Ordinary Meeting of Sandwich Town Council this day present: -

The Mayor (in the Chair)

Councillor Bragg

- “ Butcher
- “ Carter
- “ Mrs Dunay
- “ Graeme
- “ Mrs Laslett
- “ Mrs Liote
- “ Moorhouse
- “ Mrs Russell
- “ Scollard
- “ Scott
- “ Sneller
- “ Trussler

1. The Mayor informed all those present that in the event of a fire the means of escape are down the stairs by the Mayor's Parlour, out through the side door of the building and onto the Guildhall Forecourt.
2. Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Daw due to a holiday Commitment and Councillor Leith due to a work commitment. Apologies were also received from Revd Canon Roberts.
3. There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and other Significant Interests.
4. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting, held on 21st January 2013 were confirmed and signed.
5. The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting, held on 28th January 2013 were confirmed and signed.
6. The schedule of payments, totalling £2,593.91 was received, approved and Signed.
7. PC Ian Woodland presented a police report, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes. PC Woodland confirmed that he and PSCO Norton are still having to book on and off at Deal Police Station but are remaining in Sandwich during their shift.
8. It was RESOLVED that Standing Order 1(d) 'Public participation is permitted so long as written notice of the desire to exercise the right to speak and of the topic to be addressed is received by the Town Clerk by 4pm on the Friday before the meeting. Electors will be heard in strict order of notification for a maximum of three minutes each. A fifteen minute time allowance for this purpose is to be allowed'.

A resident of Sandwich spoke to councillors expressing his concerns over

the Dover District Council Land Allocations Local Plan for Land adjacent to Sandwich Technology School, Deal Road, Sandwich. A detailed response will be made via the Town Clerk's Office.

9. The following decisions on planning applications were made for transmission to Dover District Council.
 - DOV/13/00023-Installation of 800 ground mounted solar panels and erection of perimeter fencing-Land at, Woodnesborough Road, Sandwich, CT13 0LY.
NO OBJECTION ON CONDITION THAT BETTER SCREENING IS INSTALLED AND THE FOOTPATH/BRIDLEPATH IS PRESERVED
 - DOV/12/00985-Insertion of replacement windows-Manwood Grange, Sandown Road, Sandwich.
NO OBJECTION
 - DOV/12/00955-Installation of replacement windows-23 Bowling Street, Sandwich, CT13 9EY.
NO OBJECTION
10. The following planning decisions were reported: -
 - DOV/12/00980-To fell two Sycamore trees and to reduce three Sycamore trees by approximately 25%-Rose House, 6 St. Georges Place, Sandwich, CT13 9LW.
GRANTED PERMISSION
 - DOV/12/00964-Installation of an ATM and non-illuminated sign-16-20 Market Street, Sandwich, CT13 9DA.
GRANTED LISTED BUILDING CONSENT
 - DOV/12/00962-Display of a non-illuminated sign-16-20 Market Street, Sandwich, CT13 9DA.
GRANTED PERMISSION
 - DOV/12/00656-Construction of new flood defences and improvements to existing with associated works, landscaping, creation of two flood relief area and wetland habitat-Sandwich Tidal Flood Defences, Sandwich, CT13.
GRANTED PERMISSION
 - DOV/12/00762-Display of four non-illuminated signs-Ramsgate Road, The Causeway (Ash Road), Woodnesborough Road & Deal Road, Sandwich, CT13.
REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSION
 - DOV/12/00942-Installation of a replacement door-26 Tannery Lane, Sandwich, CT13 9FX.
REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSION
 - DOV/12/00838-Removal of condition 4 of planning permission DO/82/1030 to allow caravan, camping and leisure park to open all year round-Sandwich Leisure Park, Site A, Woodnesborough Road, Sandwich, CT13 0AA.
GRANTED PERMISSION
 - DOV/12/00924-Removal of conditions 3 and 4 of planning permission STD/89/00006 to allow caravan, camping and leisure park to open all year round-Sandwich Leisure Park, Site B, Woodnesborough Road, Sandwich, CT13 0AA.
GRANTED PERMISSION
 - DOV/12/00925-Removal of condition 4 of planning permission DOV/96/0490 to allow caravan, camping and leisure park to open all year round-Sandwich Leisure Park, Site C, Woodnesborough Road, Sandwich, CT13 0AA.
GRANTED PERMISSION
11. There was no planning correspondence to report.
12. Councillor Carter reported on the Dover District Cycle Meeting, held on 31st

January 2013. The meeting mainly focused on the 20 is plenty campaign in Deal, which Deal Town Council and the Dover District Cycle Forum are pushing forward. A meeting about the 20 is plenty campaign will be held at Warden House School, Deal on 27th February at 7pm.

The Northdowns Way cycle route is being extended from Dover to Deal.

Government have promised £62 million for cycling infrastructure and the Cycle Forum intends to apply for funding to be used in the district.

The next meeting of the forum will be held on 14th March 2013.

13. The correspondence from Williamson and Barnes regarding access road to Cow Leas Meadow was considered. It was RESOLVED that this item be deferred to a meeting of the Advisory Committee to discuss the matter in depth.
14. Councillor Carter stated that he had been in correspondence with County Cllr Leyland Ridings regarding a request County Cllr Ridings has received for monies towards accommodating Police Staff in Sandwich. It has been agreed that the PC and PCSO for Sandwich can be accommodated for £2,500 a year in the Phoenix Centre. County Cllr Ridings has agreed to fund the first year on the condition that the town council can fund further years. It was RESOLVED that this matter be put before the Finance Committee.
15. The minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Group meeting, held on 28th January 2013 were received. The Mayor stated that he has now spoken to Mr Barber at the Discovery Park. Mr Barber wishes for the Discovery Park to be included in the designated area and take part in production of the Neighbourhood Plan. Now that this information has been received the letter to David Whittington at DDC, as per the councils resolution at the previous council meeting, can be sent off.
16. The town council's response to the Dover District Council Land Allocations Pre Submission Local Plan Public Consultation was revisited and expanded upon. A copy of the response will be held in the Town Clerk's Office.
17. The following correspondence was reported from: -
 - (a) Capt. Williams re. Sandwich Tours. RESOLVED that further information be sought before a decision is made.
 - (b) Local Resident re. Road and grass verge from Sandwich Toll Bridge to Industrial Estate entrance. RESOLVED that a letter be written to John Burr at Kent Highways and Nigel Collar at DDC. It also to be requested that this item be placed on the next agenda of the Dover Joint Transportation Board Meeting.
 - (c) Sandwich Police Department USA re. 250th Anniversary. RESOLVED that a letter be written to be included in the 250th Anniversary book. Some memorabilia to also be sent to be placed in the time capsule.
18. District Councillors Butcher and Carter had nothing of interest to Sandwich to report.
District Councillor Mrs Russell reported on various issues, a copy of her report is attached to the official minutes.
19. There was no additional correspondence to report.

Police Report to Sandwich Town Council

Monday 4th February 2013

Published Crime Figures

Between 1st April 2012 and the end of December 2012 there were 222 crimes reported in the Sandwich Electoral Ward compared to 311 crimes for the same period in 2011, a reduction of 89 crimes or -32.5%.

There were 8 burglaries to people's homes, and the burglary rate to non-dwellings had increased by 4 crimes to 30 so far this year. Violent crimes have increased by only 1 offence. Vehicle crime had increased by 4 crimes to 26. Criminal damage reports fell by 40 incidents or -43%. The theft rate fell by 41 crimes or -53.2%.

The large reduction in the rate of theft and criminal damage is sustained, and I expect this to be the case at year end 31st March 2013.

As a note of caution, next year's reported crime in the Sandwich Ward will be judged against this year's good reductions. This makes the prospect of a sustained reduction into next year extremely challenging, and this should be borne in mind. Whilst it is accepted that the crime categories where we have seen a slight rise this year can be reduced, it is going to be far more challenging to impact upon very low damage and theft reports.

The only current crime issue from recent reports concerns criminal damage targeting motor cars. There were 3 vehicles parked in St. George's Road, Sandwich during the recent snow when their front windscreens were smashed. Wing mirrors have been kicked off in Fordwich Place, and other damage reported in the area of Laburnum Avenue. As a result of this, and recent reports of antisocial behaviour at Sandwich railway station, officers from Deal police station have been providing additional patrolling of the area, and last week dealt with 3 young adult males for possession of cannabis at the railway station.

Local issues

Following the closure of Sandwich police office, I am pleased to report to the Council that progress is being made locally to secure the use of facilities that will enable PCSO Ian Norton and I to remain in the Sandwich area throughout much of each shift. It must be emphasised that this facility is not in replacement of our previous accommodation, and members of the public will not be able to make personal contact with us there. I will be pleased to update the Council with further details once formal arrangements are in place.

PC Ian Woodland.