

Kiosk/Café – Granville Parade, Sandgate

Following a planning application in 2016 Sandgate Parish Council awarded the contract to operate the facilities at Granville Parade. This was to some extent a trial basis in order to identify the appropriate level of operation. The professional advice given at that time was for A1 use which with the benefit of hindsight was inappropriate. Inevitably with a beachside location opportunities to use the promenade/gangway for tables and chairs would always have been preferable and should have been included in the application.

The Parish Council has always been clear however that any food and drink could only be at a restricted level and should not include the preparation of food such as chips with strong smelling cooking odours.

The first year's experience with the current tenant has been of a successful and popular café providing take away and seated food and drink of this sort. Typically the following are served:

- Hot and cold drinks
- Sandwiches and rolls, some with grilled fillings
- Ice cream
- Dog snacks
- Beach goods such as frizbees

The Parish Council is keen to enable this facility (under the current or future tenancies) to continue to thrive but at the same time to do so in a neighbourly fashion. To this end discussions have taken place to resolve the issue of the best location of the al fresco seating. The compromise previously agreed was to ensure that the westernmost table and chairs should not extend beyond the second concrete post in the fence between the gangway and Riviera Court. Tables previously sited here would be moved to the eastern end where there are currently two or three benches, which would be relocated further eastwards.

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