



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an **Environment** Committee Meeting held on
Monday on 8th July 2024 at 6.30pm

Present:

Chair **Councillor Susan Claris**

Councillors: **Peter Hickman, Rosa Morris and Guy Valentine-Neale**

Clerk: **Gaye Thomas**

1. **Election of Chair:**
 Councillor Susan Claris was proposed by: Cllr Guy Valentine-Neale
 Seconded by: Cllr Peter Hickman
 Agreed by all.

2. **Apologies for Absence;** Cllrs Kirsty Hogben & Nicola South

3. **Declarations of Interest:** Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Council's Code of Conduct and by the Localism Act 2011.- there were none.

4. **Minutes of the last meeting** - that the minutes of the last meeting held on 7th May 2024 having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record, and signed.
 Proposed by Cllr Guy Valentine-Neale
 Seconded by Cllr Peter Hickman

5. **Environment Committee end of year report**
 The end of year report was discussed and signed off

6. **Action List 2024/25**
 - It was noted that there was ongoing communications between the parish and UK Power Networks over the use of the Boat House roof for the placing of solar panels and that it was hoped that a formal agreement between the two parties could be reached.
 - It was noted that discussion regarding the use of the 'Solarium' area was ongoing, and the possibility of having a concrete football table was raised
 - It was noted that the Wildflower meadow was not successful so far and it was proposed to consider other options in the future.

Action: Clerk to contact Harmers to see if there were any suggestions for improving the existing area

 - It was noted that speeding vehicles on Military Road should be added to the 2024/25 list

Action: Speed Watch to be contacted to consider possible locations for the speeds to be monitored.

 - It was noted that in the Full Council meeting a proposal to provide a donation to the Folkestone Sprucer had been discussed and 'It was agreed that this would be further discussed on the 8th of July Environment Committee meeting to gain approval for the funding to come from the Environment Improvement budget.'
 It was noted that after a discussion, it was proposed that a donation of £1000 be given to the Folkestone Sprucer project.

**Proposed by Councillor Susan Claris
Seconded by Councillor Rosa Morris
Agreed by all**

It was noted that the Priorities for the Environment Committee for the forthcoming year would continue to be:

- The Solarium on the Esplanade
- 20 mph in the High Street
- Sea testing

It was agreed to add Hanging Baskets/Planting to the Priority list, as it has agreed that this year the installation had been late, and watering had also been delayed. It was agreed that other ways for watering and planting for next year should be discussed

- 7. Seawater testing & Signage** It was agreed that the proposed signage be circulated prior to Full Council so that if approved, signage could be fabricated and installed.
- 8. Village Green- cycle stands** It was noted that these had been ordered and would be installed in the very near future
- 9. Replacement of Sleepers on the Village Green.** It was noted that a quotation of £700 + vat had been received to provide and install sleepers and it was proposed that this should be agreed.
**Proposed by Councillor Peter Hickson
Seconded by Councillor Guy Valentine-Neale**
- 10. Information- none at this time**
- 11. Date of the Next Meeting:** 9th September 2024