



**SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of an **Environment** Committee Meeting held**  
**on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
**at 6.00pm**

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**Present:**

**Chair**                      **Councillor Susan Claris**

**Councillors:**        **Peter Hickman, Kirsty Hogben, Tim Prater, Rosa Morris, Nicola South & Guy Valentine-Neale**

**Clerk:**                    **Gaye Thomas**

1.    **Apologies for Absence;** There were none.
  
2.    **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.
  
3.    **Minutes of the last meeting** - that the minutes of the last meeting held on 11th November 2024 having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record, and signed.  
      **Proposed by Cllr Peter Hickman**  
      **Seconded by Cllr Nicola South**

**4.    Update on Priority Actions:**

**20's Plenty Initiative**

It was noted that a local consultation was in the process of being conducted, to engage the community on the matter. The closing date would be 31<sup>st</sup> January. After this a formal consultation would take place and it would then be presented to the Joint Transportation Board.

It was noted that an Advisory 20 mph scheme was in place at Coolinge Lane.

**Sea Water Quality**

A discussion took place regarding the process for designating Granville Parade as a Bathing Beach. Prior to initiating a formal application, it was agreed that further clarification on the mechanism and its necessity would be sought from the Environment Agency. Currently, the area by the BP Garage at Seabrook has been designated as

‘Sandgate Beach,’ and sea testing results from this location had been previously inadvertently applied to Granville Parade.

It was proposed to establish whether it is necessary to undergo the full application process for designating a new beach area, or if both locations could be subject to a streamlined process, ultimately resulting in separate sea water testing for each. Additionally, consideration was given to the possibility of designating Granville Parade as ‘Sandgate Beach,’ while renaming the existing Sandgate Beach at Seabrook to ‘Seabrook Beach.’

### **Solar panels on the Boat House**

It was noted that arrangements were underway to conduct a structural survey to verify the integrity of the site. However, due to the lack of construction plans detailing the roof structure, it was determined that a scan of this area would be necessary. It appears that scaffolding or a railing would need to be affixed to the Boat House to facilitate safe access for contractors to perform the scan.

### **Sandgate Sprucing and greening.**

It was noted that the discussion regarding Wildflower Planting at Battery Point would take place at Full Council immediately after this meeting. A spruce would take place of the barrel planters outside the housing opposite the Providence on 28<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting), with assistance of Folkestone Sprucers.

## **5. Highways Improvement-**

It was noted that an updated Highway Improvement Plan, incorporating the parish council’s suggestions—including a pedestrian island, dropped kerbs, and repainted zebra crossings—had been submitted to the Community Engagement Officer. It is anticipated that a meeting will be arranged in the near future to discuss the potential outcomes and feasibility of these proposals.

Furthermore, it was noted that the zebra crossing on High Street was scheduled to be repainted by the end of February. Additionally, the possibility of repositioning the railings at the bottom of Brewer’s Hill was discussed, as they may be obstructing motorists’ visibility of pedestrians at the crossing.

## **6. Information-**

It was noted that at a development at Enbrook, rubbish from the site was not being removed but was littering the outskirts of the site.

## **7. Date of the Next Meeting: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025**