



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an **Environment Committee Meeting held**
on 12th May 2025
at 6.30pm

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**Present:**

**Chair**                      **Councillor Susan Claris**  
**Councillors:**        **Rosa Morris & Nicola South**  
**Clerk:**                    **Gaye Thomas**

1.    **Apologies for Absence;** Cllr Peter Hickman and Kirsty Hogben
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 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record, and signed.  
      **Proposed by Cllr Rosa Morris**  
      **Seconded by Cllr Nicola South**  
      **Approved by All**

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**4. Update on Priority Actions**

**Sea Water**

A discussion at a previous Environment Committee meeting considered the process for designating Granville Parade as a Bathing Beach. It has since been confirmed that a full application will be required to achieve this designation. Councillor Susan Claris will develop an action plan, with support from the Clerk and non-councillor volunteers. The Clerk will confirm when the application process officially opens.

**Solar Panels on the Boat House**

A structural survey has confirmed that the roof of the Boat House is structurally sound and capable of supporting the proposed solar panels and associated ballast. Quotations have been sought from several solicitor firms to undertake the conveyancing process. This process involves the Parish Council purchasing the UK Power Networks section of the building. Prior to commencement of conveyancing, the Clerk will carry out a visual inspection of the interior of this part of the building.

## **Sandgate Sprucing and Greening**

It was reported that the horse trough near the War Memorial had been mistakenly cleared of newly planted flowers and bulbs by unknown individuals. This incident is under investigation by Folkestone & Hythe District Council (FHDC), and it is hoped that replanting will take place shortly.

## **20 is Plenty**

The formal consultation on the “20 is Plenty” campaign received only a small number of objections and was met with overwhelmingly positive feedback. It is hoped that the implementation process will now be expedited.

## **5. 2024/2025 Report**

It was noted that a report providing an overview of the Environment Committee’s activities for 2024/2025 had been previously circulated and has since been updated.

## **6. Information**

It was noted that the steps and pathway off Wellington Place are overgrown.

**Action:** Clerk to report the issue to Kent County Council (KCC).

Councillor Rosa Morris was acknowledged for her continued efforts in litter removal from the Saga grounds and for engaging with visitors at Sandgate Park, encouraging them to dispose of their litter responsibly.

**Action:** Clerk to notify Saga of the proactive efforts being made by council members to maintain the cleanliness of the grounds.

## **7. Date of the Next Meeting: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025**