



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an **Environment Committee Meeting held**
on 14th July 2025
at 6.30pm

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Present:

Chair **Councillor Susan Claris**

Councillors: **Rosa Morris, Tim Prater & Nicola South**

1. **Election of Chair**
 Councillor Susan Claris was proposed by Councillor Tim Prater
 Seconded by Councillor Nicola South
 Agreed by all
 2. **Apologies for Absence** Cllr Peter Hickman and Kirsty Hogben
 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 12th May 2025 having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record, and signed.
 Proposed by Cllr Tim Prater
 Seconded by Cllr Nicola South
 Approved by All
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5. Update on Priority Actions

Granville Beach Initiative-Bathing Beach Designation

It was noted that an online consultation had been underway for the past three weeks and that there had been unanimous support for the designation of Granville Beach as a Bathing Beach. Letters to local stakeholders will be delivered tomorrow.

Solar Panels on the Boat House

Kingsfords Solicitors have been instructed to act on the purchase of the UK Power

Networks section of the building. All required identification has been submitted and contact details for UKPN have been provided. We are still seeking access to the building to conduct a visual inspection regarding damp and other structural issues. Cllr Simon Horton is liaising with the District Council concerning the grant, and they have indicated a flexible approach. The target completion date for the purchase is the end of August, with the aim to place the order for the solar kit in early September. Suppliers have been asked to provide an updated quote in anticipation of potential pricing changes.

Sandgate Sprucing and Greening

There was an under-delivery of four hanging baskets, which has now been resolved; however, incorrect fittings were delivered and are currently awaiting replacement. Concerns have been raised regarding the unwatered planters at the Sir John Moore Memorial, and Jana from FHDC has been contacted to address the issue.

20 is Plenty

The parish is currently awaiting pricing details for the scheme. A Combined Members Grant of approximately £4,000 is being held by the Sandgate Society, and an additional £6,000 is available in the current budget.

6. **Retrospective Agreement-** retrospective approval for the purchase of soil/compost mix at a cost of £120.00 to support various planting projects throughout the parish.

Proposed by Cllr Susan Claris

Seconded by Cllr Tim Prater

Agreed by all.

7. Information

East Kent Highways has provided an update following earlier discussions regarding pedestrian crossing facilities on Sandgate Esplanade. A full investigation into potential options has now been completed. The Parish Council was presented with a range of locations, including the installation of dropped kerbs—subject to parking restrictions to ensure clear access—or the creation of a formal crossing point on a buildout on the south side. While the buildout would result in the loss of a small number of parking spaces, it would provide a shorter and safer crossing point for pedestrians in an area with direct access to the beach. Members have expressed a preference for the buildout option, located opposite Spencer Court, which is considered the most effective overall solution, providing a crossing point for the bus stops..

East Kent Highways provided an update that following an investigation, the installation of 30mph repeater signs has been deemed feasible on Pond Hill Road, North Road, and West Road in Folkestone. For West Road, Highways initially advised that repeaters could not be installed between Nearne Way and Martello Road due to the presence of six streetlights. However, the Parish Council has confirmed that all six columns are decommissioned and unlit over a decade ago, many marked with red stickers indicating this status. Given this, the Parish requested that repeater signs be included throughout the section as part of the scheme design.

The next step is for East Kent Highways to obtain detailed designs and a cost estimate for the installation of the repeater signs. This will enable determination of the appropriate budgets for the installation. Once these details have been received, they will be shared for approval before proceeding further. There may be some requirement for a contribution by the parish.

8. Date of the Next Meeting: Monday 8th September 2025