



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting
held on 10th November 2025 at 6.30pm

Present:

Chair: Councillor Susan Claris

Councillors: Rosa Morris, Tim Prater, Nicola South, Guy Valentine-Neale

Clerk: Gaye Thomas

1. Apologies for Absence

There were none.

2. Declarations of Interest

Members were invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other interests in items on the agenda, in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and the Localism Act 2011.

No declarations were made.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th September, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

- Proposed by: Cllr Susan Claris
- Seconded by: Cllr Rosa Morris
- Approved by: All present

4. Update on Priority Actions

Granville Beach Initiative – Bathing Beach Designation

- The online consultation on the designation of Granville Beach as a Bathing Beach was submitted to DEFRA on 24th October 2025.

20mph Scheme

- The provisional implementation date of 5th/6th January had been advised for installation of signage and roundels.

Solar Panels on the Boat House

- The project remained stalled due to a lack of communication from UK Power Networks. *Since this meeting contact has been re-established and the project is moving forward.*

Sandgate Sprucing and Greening

- Limited sprucing in the Golden Valley area around businesses had been undertaken, led by Cllr Nicola South. It agreed that it would be ideal if a fortnightly spruce could be arranged to maintain standards, and efforts would be made to recruit a group of volunteers.
- Ownership of various parts of the area was confirmed: the car park and paved areas were owned by FHDC; ownership of the walls remained unclear.
- The paved area had been weeded.
- Susan Claris to meet the mapper for the Wild About Sandgate initiative on Thursday.
- Fremantle Park planted areas required sprucing. Lee Knight, along with home-schooled parents and teachers, continued to maintain the planters and raised beds, but all areas—including the large bank—needed attention. It was proposed that a group of members undertake this work. Councillor Nicola South to coordinate.
- Bulb planting near the Wilberforce Car Park, particularly under the bridge area, needed to be completed before winter. All volunteers were welcomed.

5. Budget – Environment Committee Budget

Ideas for items for the valley

- Signage improvements were discussed, including enhanced dog signage.
- Sandgate Car Park should have "free" added to the P sign at the entrance – and changes to parking time to 'up to 4 hours'.
- An additional parking sign was proposed for the entrance to the Castle Road Car Park. Cllr Tim Prater to speak with the nearby resident regarding possible attachment to their mesh fence.

Other small expenditure ideas

• Pathway Maintenance

The pathways between Chichester Road and Meadowbrook, and between Enbrook and Eversley Way, require attention. It was agreed that Harmers be asked to provide a quotation for the works.

While both pathways are currently serviceable and passable, the aim is to carry out a more comprehensive level of maintenance — going beyond basic clearing — to include thorough cutting back, sweeping, and surface repairs as needed, ensuring the areas are neat, well-presented, and in good condition. The small, planted area at the Meadowbrook end should also be tidied and maintained to create an attractive appearance.

- Purchase of beach-front flags for the summer months was discussed.

6. Information

- A beach toy library to be investigated.

7. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Environment Committee will be held on Monday 12th January 2026 at 6.30pm.