



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on
Monday 12 January 2026 at 6.30pm

Present:

Chair **Councillor Susan Claris**
Councillors: **Rosa Morris & Tim Prater**
Clerk: **Gaye Thomas**

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Peter Hickman & Nicola South
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 10th November having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record, and signed.
Proposed by Cllr Susan Claris
Seconded by Cllr Rosa Morris
4. **Update on Priority Actions:**

20's Plenty Initiative

It was noted that the roundels and signage would be installed over the next couple of days, following which a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) would be made. After this, banners would be deployed to advertise the initiative. These banners would be removed after a period of four weeks.

Granville beach designation

As previously noted, the application for the formal designation of Granville Beach had been submitted to DEFRA. The Clerk would investigate the likely timescales and the schedule of relevant meetings to ascertain when a formal decision is expected to be made.

Solar panels on the Boat House

It was noted that further delays in concluding the purchase of the UK Power Networks section of the Boat House building had arisen due to a lack of contact from UK Power Networks' solicitors. The Clerk would continue to attempt to contact James Cole at UK Power Networks to progress the matter, although responses to messages and phone calls have not yet been received.

Sandgate Sprucing and greening.

Wilberforce Glen was spruced on 2 Jan by Councillors Rosa Morris and Susan Claris and thanks were given to sprucers Gemma, Amanda and Jonathan and also neighbour James who made hot drinks.

It was noted that Sandgate Park's willow tree continued to flourish.

It was agreed that the planters at the Sir John Moore Memorial would be spruced prior to the ceremony at the memorial on Saturday.

It was noted that repairs to the expansion cracks at the Memorial would be undertaken by Harmer and Sons in the short term, and a longer discussion would take place soon with FHDC regarding any further required repairs to the site. The bench, which had been damaged by the sea, would also be repaired, and the Memorial would be cleaned before the weekend.

The solarium, which had its pavers removed by the sea surge, would also be repaired. Harmer and Sons would close access to the site and relay the pavers.

Fremantle Park would be respruced in February/March, and Nicola would arrange a date for this, encouraging residents in the area to take part

5. Environment Committee budget- update

It was noted that £1,485.90 remained in the Environmental Improvement Budget. As a result of Storm Goretti, there would be significant calls on these funds, including the relaying of the Solarium and other necessary repairs in the area. However, it was noted that dog signage would be purchased, and other improvements—including the relining of the tennis court at Sandgate Park and clearing the path by the park—would also be considered.

5.1 It was proposed to give retrospective approval for the planting of bulbs in Wilberforce Road Car Park at a cost of £103.77.

Proposed by Councillor Susan Claris

Seconded by Councillor Rosa Morris

Agreed by all

6. Information

It was noted that Kieran Doble would be leaving his role as Community Engagement Officer for Highways, and that a new officer would be joining at the end of March. The Parish Council wished to express their thanks to Kieran for his help, expertise, and support, including his assistance with the 20mph initiative.

It was noted that Councillor Susan Claris would be representing the Parish Council at the Wild About Sandgate meeting on 13th January. Councillor Rosa Morris, who had attended Flood Warden training, raised the issue of the Emergency Plan and emphasized the need for it to be updated considering recent events. It was suggested that the Hythe Town Council (HTC) Emergency Plan could provide a useful basis for the updated Sandgate version.

Possible costings for the provision and installation of an outdoor table tennis table had been obtained, and a visit was proposed to assess the specific location for its placement.

7. Date of the Next Meeting: Monday March 9th, 2026 - *It was noted that the clerk apologised, as she would be unable to attend this meeting,. Councillor Rosa Morris kindly offered to act as minute taker.*