



**SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a**  
**PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Held on Monday 23rd February 2026**  
**At Sandgate Parish Council**  
**Offices/Library James Morris Court,**  
**Sandgate High Street**

These Minutes will only be deemed to be a correct record of the meeting when approved and signed at the next meeting.

**Present:**

**Chair** Councillor Guy Valentine-Neale

**Councillors** Hazel Barrett, Susan Claris, Simon Horton & Nicola South (arrived 6.30)

**Clerk:** Gaye Thomas

1. **Apologies for absence:** Councillors Michael Fitch & Peter Hickman
2. **Declarations of interest:** There were none
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 were circulated ahead of the meeting. They were accepted as a correct record of the meeting.  
**Proposed by Councillor Simon Horton**  
**Seconded by Councillor Tim Prater**  
**Approved by all present**
4. **Planning applications for discussion:**

26/0093/FH	23 MILITARY ROAD	Variation of Condition 1 (drawings) and 3 (buttresses) of planning permission 25/1245/FH to allow for the reduction in the number of buttresses from 6 to 4.	Comments and observations before 20/02/2026 No Objections For:6 Against:0 Int Dcl'd: 0 Abs :0
25/2265/FH	THE YARD, NORTH LANE,	Erection of a sauna.	Comments and observations before 24/02/2026. No Objections For:6 Against:0 Int Dcl'd: 0 Abs :0
26/0168/FH/PA	Willow Court, Enbrook Road	Determination as to whether the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority is required under schedule 2, part 20 - class A (General permitted development order 2015) for the erection of one storey extension on top of the existing building, to	Comments and observations before 25/02/2026 Decline to comment For:7 Agains:0 Int Dcl'd: 0 Abs :0

		<b>accommodate 4 no self contained dwellings.</b>	
<b>26/0169/FH</b>	<b>SEACROFT, BREWERS HILL,</b>	<b>New Gardeners Store</b>	<b>Comments and observations before 03/03/2026 No Objection For:7 Against:0 Int Dcl'd: 0 Abs :0</b>

It was noted with disappointment that none of the planning applications referenced the Sandgate Design Statement, a 'material consideration' in determining planning applications by the district council.

**5. Update on previous planning applications:**

25/0643/FH	17 BYBROOK FIELD,	Withdrawn by Applicant
25/2281/FH/TCA	LAND REAR CLIFFE HOUSE,	No Objections
25/2130/FH	36 & 38 Sandgate High Street,	Approve with Conditions
25/2214/FH	54 Enbrook Valley, Folkestone,	Refused

**6. Correspondence:** There was none

**7. Information:** Previously, concerns had been raised regarding the illuminated signage outside the Village Shop, given its location in a Conservation Area. Members noted that the Clerk had discussed the signage with the shop owners; however, as the Parish Council had not reached a definitive decision on any required action, these discussions had been of limited effect.

It was agreed that, to prevent this signage from setting a precedent for a proliferation of illuminated signs along the High Street, and in view of the area's conservation status, the Clerk would contact the Planning Department at FHDC to request information regarding:

- Planning requirements for signage, including size and design; and
- The implications of the sign's location within the Conservation Area

It was noted that works appeared to be taking place on the sea facing elevation on the third-to-last building (going eastwards) on The Riviera. Given that this is within a Conservation Area, it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Planning Department at Folkestone & Hythe District Council to request that the matter be investigated.

**8. Date of the next Planning Committee meeting –16<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Signed by the Planning Committee Chair ..... Date.....  
Chairman's initial & date

