



The
Sandgate
Society

COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

NOTES From

Agenda for 9 February 2026

12 January 2026 meeting

1.0

Attendees

Sal Kenward
Lizzie Smith
Vicky Feaver
Heidi Bailey
Rosie Sanders
Steve Blunt
Eddie Grimble

Apologies

Giles Topping
Liz Smith
Kevin Roberts
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Guy Valentine-Neale

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Sal Kenward
Steve Blunt

2.0

Committee & Previous Minutes

The previous Minutes were reviewed and agreed. Sal signed off and issued for digital filing as below.

Previous Minutes

3.0	Events Bake Off - This was moved to Yaps. Next year will be led by Hilary, details to be circulated. Christmas Party – smaller numbers worked better. The band pulled out a couple of days beforehand, and Jack Marshall was a late replacement. Although very good, the Events Team feel that using the Royal Norfolk disco this year will increase our profitability without impacting at all on the ambience of the night. The venue was agreed as suiting all – dancing in the bar, quieter in the smaller room. Carol singing around tree on Village Green – due to the weather this was moved to Yaps with around 50 people dropping in and out. Great fun had by all and agreed to include more children’s songs in the new song book due to the high number of children coming in with parents from seeing Father Christmas at the Library. New carol book to be designed (draft form already in circulation) ready for this year. Nick Varian can do 11 November 26 for his talk Tales from the Rails. Saga confirmed we are using their building; the new CEO was keen for this to happen. Midwinter Jolly planned for 15th January at the Ship in New Romney. Already sold out. Autumn spirit competition in February – 3 entries Bingo night in Providence in January.	Events
4.0	Premises and Reading Rooms Leigh has given contact details of a theatre lighting designer, Chris Wilkinson, and Sal is trying to fix a date for him to look at the Reading Rooms. A new PR campaign underway to promote the Reading Rooms, targeting Art Societies and groups. Peter Godden and Guy are in contact with the roofing companies provided by Sal. As soon as the weather allows we hope the works can commence.	Premises
5.0	Planning & Conservation SPC planning committee agenda of 12/01/2026 25/2044/FH 36 SANDGATE HILL, SANDGATE, FOLKESTONE, CT20 3AX Listed Building Consent for the installation of a boiler & flue. Consultation deadline 15/1/2026 25/2130/FH	Planning & Conservation Reporting exceptional items only.

	36 & 38 SANDGATE HIGH STREET, SANDGATE, FOLKESTONE, CT20 3AP Alterations to existing building including demolition of outbuildings and garage, removal of rear chimney stack, front canopy, replacement gates to rear and replacement outbuilding to form annex ancillary to the main residence & rebuilding of front boundary treatment. Consultation deadline 30/1/2026 25/2213/FH Land Adjacent 12, Southernwood Rise, Folkestone 2 storey detached dwelling with associated vehicular access and landscaping. Consultation deadline 12/1/2026 25/1905/FH Land adjoining 14 The Corniche Refused.	
6.0	Parish Council Sandgate High Street will be closed overnight w/c 12 January for the painting of the 20 mph signs.	Parish Council
7.0	Social Media & Communications	Social Media & Communications
8.0	Environment & Sustainability	Environment & Sustainability
9.0	Treasurer Eddie has agreed a payment plan with Octopus Energy after the negative decision given by the Ombudsman. .	Treasurer
10.0	Membership New members Muriel Ali and Bradley Hills (joint). Joining for the Christmas Party were Alan Charlton (now renewed as a joint), Ricky Hoare (again, renewed), Richard Kemp and Elsa Guichard.	Membership
11.0	Archives Archives will be moving their railway exhibition to the Library but still no update.	Archives Liz will keep an eye on the exhibition change and report to Committee.
12.0	AOB Committee looking forward to annual supper on Wednesday 14 January at the Providence with their pop-up Thai menu.	Heidi to advise re walking routes planned for autumn 2025.

13.0	Next Meeting Monday 9 February 2026 at 1700	2026 Meeting schedule March 9th April 13th May 11th June 8th July 13th Sept 7th Oct 5th Nov 9th