



		Agenda for 5 October 2026
	7 September 2026 meeting at 1600	1600
1.0	Attendees Heidi Bailey Sal Kenward Liz Smith Lizzie Smith Kevin Roberts Apologies Giles Topping Steve Blunt Eddie Grimble Leigh Chambers Rosie Sanders	Apologies
2.0	Committee & Previous Minutes The previous Minutes were reviewed and agreed. These were signed off and will be sent for publishing on the website.	
3.0	OFS The new signage "SANDGATE HERITAGE CENTRE" and the drone picture of current view/Victorian map have now gone up. It was suggested, for easier viewing, the drone photos be moved down 1m. The Shorncliffe Trust will be holding another exhibition 19-20 September, Following The Drum. It is hoped that more publicity will follow on from this exposure.	Sal to organise after next Heritage exhibition.
4.0	Reading Rooms Curtains are now re-hung and need treating with fire retardant spray. The application for the Wedding Licence is proceeding and we hope to be able to start our PR campaign around Christmas (to coincide with festive proposals). The Iranian church have now cancelled their hire, due to lack of numbers.	Sal to spray curtains

5.0	Events SLF : All going to timetable with a lot of very positive comments on the logo, events and management. Congratulations to all involved. 15 July wine tasting in Brabourne postponed to a weekend next year. Kemp monies to be refunded. Le Touquet trip – 49 seater. Full amount paid and all tickets sold. Cost based on 38 people, now extra 11 people paying although only £75 extra for coach so profit made already. Giles has asked if the coach can stop in Etaples. Sal will look at stopping places this Thursday and full itinerary will be sent to attendees shortly. No free coffees before the coach sets off but a bag of goodies will be prepared by Yaps with water, biscuits etc for cost of £30 total and he will still be open for coffee and bacon rolls. Sea Festival – personalised SanSoc blow up gazebo bought and worked as a beacon! Problem with a button for one of the legs but sorted by Colin. Second canopy to be stored in Wilberforce Rd. Sue Meaghan won adult treasurer hunt. Child winner not responding so prize to be kept for xmas. £50 made on the treasure hunt (better than selling clocks etc). Interest in Le Touquet from passers by. 2027-28 events in hand. Catherine Southon has maximum of 60. Can take items for sale if needed. She needs microphone and screen but we will use the wall. Tales from the Rails – Saga have paid for us to use the Chich. £10 and £12 tickets and we should publicise to train enthusiasts. Need to buy wine and run bar beforehand. Bingo low numbers, 11 signed up. Thought to reduce to to one event a year.	Events
6.0	Planning Smaller matters are available to read on the SPC website. Nothing of concern to discuss. Local Government Consultation plan sent round to Committee members which has since been put “in abeyance”.	

7.0	Parish Council Sandgate Sea & Food Festival 2026 - it was very unfortunate that the Saturday events had to be cancelled because of the weather, but all went ahead on Sunday as planned and was a great success. Sea Water Testing - this is underway, with the results reported on Swimfo Bathing water quality - so far there have been 17 tests (16 excellent and 1 poor). Tests will continue until the official end of the bathing season (30 September). As previously reported, the Active Travel Team at KCC has awarded FHDC £20,000 for active travel improvements in the Golden Valley following a bid developed by the Parish Council. A Walk and Talk meeting with KCC is scheduled for Friday 25 September to discuss the proposals in more detail. The works are to be completed by 31 March 2027. Solar Panels on the Boat House – still being pursued. Solarium by Sir John Moore Memorial - two round picnic tables with benches have been ordered for the Solarium and should hopefully be installed by the next meeting.	
8.0	Social Media & Communications Bench – now in situ. A follow up PR opportunity to be arranged next week after a champagne toast to Geoffrey Edmonds. There are errors on the website leading to Reading Rooms, Vicky will check other tabs and ask Prater & Raines to rectify. A new tab is needed, SanSoc Minutes, then they can be uploaded when approved each month.	Social Media & Communications Vicky to liaise with Prater & Raines
9.0	Environment & Sustainability Footprint map - now in place to be admired. Sea Festival was successful, lots of helpers and now have an affiliation with Seabrook Nature Reserve. Community Garden not represented this year. It's future is in doubt since Leonie left and there will need to be communication before the Saga plans are finalised, as there is a dedicated space reserved for the garden in their plans. Great British Litter Pick coming soon.	Environment & Sustainability

10.0	Treasurer Annual Accounts have been audited (eventually) Gift Aid rebate applied for. Smart Meter....now in place!	Treasurer
11.0	Membership Mirtha Wright and Noella Board have cancelled membership. Alan Bushell is gravely ill.	Membership
12.0	AOB - Sandgate Then and Now –editing the photos, progressing, albeit slowly. - Yaps is becoming very noisy and full at coffee times. A larger venue may need to be found, even if alternate Saturdays like the farmers’ market. Possibility is side room of The Ship. Situation to be monitored. - Storage. The lock up garage in Wilberforce Road will be sold. Sal has applied for a grant to buy it and rack it out. If this fails, she will approach local residents for help to raise the money. - Raffle prizes and Christmas carol book. Agreed to go to print if edited by Leigh. There will be a snow machine outside Provi on carol singing night, to coincide with our itinerary. Can we ask Saga re Christmas lights. - New lights in RR urgently. - When will fireworks be re-scheduled? If 5 November, the Royal Norfolk need to know. - Speaker for AGM. Maybe ask Ravi Holy or Peter from the Rainbow Centre. - Liz reported that her boiler man gives 25% discount to volunteers. - Lizzie reported that Neka dentist, Ram, gave an amazing service and should be promoted more to Members.	
13.0	Next Meting 5 October at 1600	2026 Meeting schedule Nov 9th