

**Minutes of the meeting of Sandymoor Parish Council  
held 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at Hazlehurst, Acton's Wood Lane**

**Part A**

**Present**

Cllr S Mahon, Chair, T Willett, Vice-Chair, M Graves, B Schön, P Wright, S Hurst, and J Secker.

Louise Irvine, RFO.

Borough Councillor N Connolly.

Four members of the public.

**1/3/26 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr C Lowe, Arthur Neil, Clerk, & Borough Cllr Sian Davidson.

**2/3/26 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**3/3/26 Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

These were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**4/3/26 Community Engagement.**

A resident stated that they were still awaiting the latest SID data, which Arthur has followed up twice already. This data is particularly important as it covers the days since all the large lorries for the Sandymoor South development had begun using Walsingham Drive again. The resident also questioned whether the planning application had been amended to allow these lorries to now use Walsingham Drive and if this is the case then why were the affected residents not consulted? Keepmoat's original plans that were sent to residents said they wouldn't use Walsingham Drive but there has been no consultation to any amendment. Cllr Connolly thinks Andrew Plant at HBC has made the decision to allow lorries down Walsingham Drive as the bridge on the Windmill Hill access route is having work carried out on it. Cllr Connolly said that the issue could be raised by residents at the next planning board, and he will find out when the next one is. HBC could contest that as it's a public highway and anyone can use it but concerns about the increase in numbers of large lorries with respect to road safety and local impact on residents are valid. The chair suggested that the parish council and the concerned resident could get together with HBC to discuss the issue and hopefully find a solution. Cllr Connolly agreed to try to organise this with HBC.

Signed ..........Chair 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

### **5/3/26 Youth Engagement.**

Cllr Wright provided the council with an update on his and Cllr Lowes visit to the school to engage with some of the pupils to get a better understand of what things young people do or don't want to see in the area. We also met to discuss our key priorities which focussed around:

- exploring the feasibility of setting up a youth council - The working group would be looking to arrange a meeting with Holmes Chapel parish council who have been running a youth council since 2019 in conjunction with the local comprehensive school.
- Explore local funding opportunities specifically around youth engagement activities.
- Focus on bringing together the several agencies and holding a multi-agency meeting to discuss how we can work together to bring forward youth opportunities in the area. We would be looking to bring together HBC, Vibe, Police youth engagement, Sandymoor community hall and ourselves.

This is focussed on the running of activities in the area with any capital youth engagement options to be explored by the wider council.

### **6/3/26 Local Policing Report.**

No official report has been provided to the council; however, Arthur received an email from Cheshire Police updating the council about a few initiatives carried out in the local area. Firstly, there was an officer with a stationary speed camera in Runcorn Road, in Moore. Some motorists were stopped and given a warning, with some told to expect further contact due to excessive speed. This operation will be repeated in the future. Secondly, a plain clothed officer attended an incident on the sunflower path (The Ride) where multiple youths were reported as being a nuisance but throwing food and generally misbehaving. Their names were taken and passed onto the Anti-Social Behaviour team at Halton. Any repeating offenders could receive ASB contracts to comply with. Finally, there have also been some plain clothed officers in attendance at the Co-op to catch and arrest shoplifters within the store.

### **7/3/26 Clerk's Report.**

No clerks report available.

### **8/3/26 Policy Reviews.**

The council reviewed the following policies, and agreed that no amendments were required:

Financial Risk Assessment & Management

GDPR Policy

Signed ..........Chair 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

## Data Protection Policy

The Asset & Investment list was agreed subject to the correction of the error where noticeboard 1 had been incorrectly moved to the 'Disposed of Assets' list.

### **9/3/26 Working Group Updates**

Youth Engagement Working Group – update on as separate agenda item.

H&S Working Group – to follow up on where the SID is and when it will be located on Pitts Heath Lane as well to confirm where the tagmaster will be located. Cllr Connolly mentioned that the SID & tagmaster need to be separated to get the best data out of both systems.

Finance Working Group – no meeting has been held since the last update, but the group has agreed to update the Terms of Reference to remove the quarterly meeting requirement to as needed for key finance dates throughout the year.

Staffing Working Group – Cllr Mahon reported that the annual staff appraisals have been done and circulated around the council. The group is awaiting ChALC to assign any pay reviews to apply them to the staff.

POS Working Group – a meeting will be organised to discuss the Bloor POS transfer; all councillors will be invited.

### **10/3/26 Borough Council Report including Highways Issues**

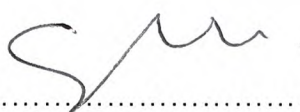
One Borough Councillor was present.

Cllr Connolly reported the following:

After last month's item raised by Cllr Mahon about the state of the fences around Sandymoor, HBC have been out and done a temporary, running repair of the broken fence on Pitts Heath Lane along the side of Dorchester Park and the brook, where it was dangerous. HBC are currently going through a paper review of all the fencing around Sandymoor. The ownership and responsibility of the fencing is very piecemeal around the area - some is mandated in the original planning, some is the responsibility of the original developer, some is insured, and some isn't. This information is being gathered and reviewed before a physical inspection of the fencing will be done. Some fencing isn't required, is in such a poor state and serves no purpose then there may be an argument to just remove it instead of replacing.

Cllr Connolly said that he noticed the Wharford Lane lamppost access panel is off and urgently needs reattaching as a matter of safety. He will raise this with HBC as well as chase the replacement of the lamppost on Pitts Heath Lane that was knocked down.

Cllr Schön asked again about repair of the Pitts Heath Lane brick sign, that Cllr Wright brought up at the February meeting. Cllr Mahon also highlighted that the Calmington Lane sign also needs repairing.

Signed  .....Chair 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

### 11/3/26 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications within the Sandymoor area.

Warrington Borough Council is running a consultation on the Draft Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) from the 25<sup>th</sup> March till the 24th April 2026. The details on how to find the draft SPD and respond will be published on the Parish Council website, in the news section, which will also be linked on our Facebook page.

### 12/3/26 Accounts for payment

The following payments were approved:

Name	Description	Ex VAT	VAT	Total
Staff	Salaries	1470.67	0.00	1470.67
HMRC	Employer Tax & NI Payments	371.95	0.00	371.95
Cheshire Pensions	Employer Pension Payment	150.15	0.00	150.15
A L Neil	Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
L A Irvine	Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Microsoft	Office 365 Package	24.99	5.00	29.99
CLM Ltd	Jubilee Forest Quarterly Maintenance	833.75	166.75	1000.50
CLM Ltd	POS Quarterly Maintenance	2746.30	549.26	3295.56
Krystal Hosting	Domain Hosting Renewal	10.00	2.00	12.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>5607.81</b>	<b>723.01</b>	<b>6330.82</b>

### 13/3/26 Finance Report

The RFO gave the following report on the financial position of the council:

**Current Account:**

Precept: £15,851.98

Excess POS Dividends (In Current A/C): £8,000.97

Sink Fund Dividends & Rent (In Current A/C): £3,439.63

**Total: £27,292.58**

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**Savings Accounts:**

General Reserves in Co-op Savings Account: £37,190.40  
POS Money in Charity Account: £69,813.59  
Sink Fund Money in Cambridge Account: £45,823.98  
Precept Money in Unity Account: £20,282.87  
Precept Money in Hinkley & Rugby Account: £20,204.06

**Current Account Income & Outgoings:** (23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026):

Expenditure: £2,687.38  
Transfers from Current to Savings: £0.00  
Income: £1,000.00  
Transfers from Savings to Current: £0.00

**Investments:**

POS Dowry<sup>1</sup> Latest Valuation: £709,360.48  
Dividend Received for Quarter (31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2026) £8,000.97  
Sink Fund<sup>2</sup> Latest Valuation: £38,977.68  
Dividend Received for Quarter (31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2026) £439.63

<sup>1</sup>POS Dowry is an investment with CCLA (Church Charities & Local Authorities) investment company from which a dividend is received on a quarterly basis.

<sup>2</sup>Sink fund is a separate investment with CCLA using monies from Sandymoor Parish Council and Sandymoor Ormiston Academy building up a fund to replace the playing field facilities when needed.

**14/3/26 In accordance with the Local Government Act it was resolved to conduct the rest of the meeting in Part B**

**PART B**

**15/3/26 Public Open Space Report**

The chair updated the council on the status of the POS contracts, with positive progress reported.

The meeting concluded at 8:45p.m.

**Next Meeting Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026**



Signed .....Chair 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026