

# Minutes of the meeting of Sandymoor Parish Council held 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

## At Hazlehurst, Acton's Wood Lane

### Present

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

Arthur Neil, Clerk, Louise Irvine, RFO.

Borough Councillor N Connolly.

Four members of the public.

### 1/4/26 Apologies for absence

An apology was received from Cllr Graves.

### 2/4/26 Declarations of Interest

Cllr C Lowe declared an interest in the Academy

### 3/4/26 Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

### 4/4/26 Community Engagement.

The following items were discussed:

The issue re the duck feeders had been resolved as HBC did not feel there was an issue at Godstow and they weren't needed;

Mr Newnes had entered the latest SID data on to a spreadsheet and it showed an average of 36% of motorists exceeding the speed limit. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with PC Lines and to also explore the potential for 20mph limits on the estate;

A resident had suggested some new style posters as used in Murdishaw to deter littering. The council were to pursue with HBC their readiness to allow the posters to be positioned on lamp posts.

### 5/4/26 PCSO report.

There was no Police officer present but written updates from PC Lines had been shared on social media

### 6/4/26 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's written report was received.

Particular attention was given to a bollard which had been removed from Otterburn Streety and was appearing at different places. Cllr Connolly agreed to speak to Mr Ashall, the likely owner of the bollard to get the matter resolved.

Signed ..... Chair 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026

HBC Chief Executive had been invited to a future meeting.  
The polytunnel was now in use at Hazlehurst.

**7/4/26 Working Group updates**

There were none

**8/4/26 Borough Council Report including Highways issues**

Cllr Connolly was to further pursue issue of an apparent change in planning permission for vehicles using Walsingham Drive;  
He would also appeal to HBC officers regarding any possible solutions to problems at Dorchester and Halford Moss.

**9/4/26 Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications to consider.

**10/4/26 Accounts for payment**

The following payments were approved

Payee	Description	Ex VAT	VAT	Total
Staff	Salaries	1470.87	0.00	1470.87
HMRC	Employer Tax & NI Payments	371.75	0.00	371.75
Cheshire Pensions	Employer Pension Payment	144.59	0.00	144.59
A L Neil	Expenses			9.00
Microsoft	Office 365 Package	24.99	5.00	29.99
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>2021.20</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>2026.20</b>

**11/4/26 Finance Report**

The RFO gave the following report

Current Account:

Precept: £64,404.22  
Excess POS Dividends (In Current A/C): £3,704.91  
Sink Fund Dividends & Rent (In Current A/C): £3,439.63  
Total: £71,548.76

Savings Accounts:

General Reserves in Co-op Savings Account: £37,459.01  
POS Money in Charity Account: £70,190.61  
Sink Fund Money in Cambridge Account: £45,823.98  
Precept Money in Unity Account: £20,387.48  
Precept Money in Hinkley & Rugby

Signed ..... Chair 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Account: £20,204.06

Current Account Income & Outgoings (25th Mar 2026 - 20th Apr 2026):

Expenditure: £6,330.82

Transfers from Current to Savings: £0.00

Income: £50,587.00

Transfers from Savings to Current: £0.00

Investments:

POS Dowry1 Latest Valuation: £708,506.01

Dividend Received for Quarter (31st Jan 2026) £8,000.97

Sink Fund2 Latest Valuation: £38,930.73

Dividend Received for Quarter (31st Jan 2026) £439.63

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

2Sink 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.

## **Q4 Report**

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report was approved

The following policies were agreed – Freedom of Information, Data Retention and IT.

The **Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)** was approved and signed

**12/4/26 In accordance with the Local Government Act it was resolved to conduct the rest of the meeting in Part B**

## **PART B**

### **13/4/26 Public Open Space Report.**

All legal issues were now with the solicitors of the various developers, ours having completed our side.

### **14/4/26 Youth Facilities.**

The Chair outlined various options for new facilities for young people which it was agreed to explore further.

**The meeting closed at 8.50**

Signed  .....Chair 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026