

**Minutes of the meeting of Sandymoor Parish Council  
held at Hazlehurst, Acton's Wood Lane 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Present**

Cllr S Mahon, Chair, M Graves, S Hurst, C Lowe, B Schon and J Secker  
Arthur Neil, Clerk, Louise Irvine, RFO

Borough Councillor Connolly  
Six members of the public

**6/5/25 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Wright and Cllr Willett

**7/5/26 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Lowe declared an interest in any issues relating to the Academy

**8/5/26 Election of Chair for municipal year 2026-2027**

Cllr S Mahon was nominated by Cllr S Hurst and seconded by Cllr C Lowe. The Council duly voted for Cllr Mahon to be Chair for the ensuing year

**9/5/26 Election of Vice-Chair for municipal year 2026-2027**

Cllr J Secker was nominated by Cllr s Mahon and seconded by Cllr S Hurst and duly elected as Vice Chair.

**10/5/26 Retiring Vice Chair**

The Council wished to place on record its appreciation of the work of Cllr Tom Willett in his four years as Vice Chair of the Council

**11/5/26 Annual Report for 2025-2026 given to Annual Parish Meeting**

The Council noted and approved the report given by the Chair to the Annual Parish Council meeting

**12/5/26 Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 2026**

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

**13/5/26 Community Engagement.**

Two items had been notified to the Clerk



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**1. Holford Moss**

Cllr Connolly updated members on this. Technically the location concerned was not in the control of the Borough Council and would need an approach to Morris Homes. It was noted too that residents had yet to be consulted on the issue

**2. Walsingham Drive**

Cllr Connolly and the Clerk would continue to press the Borough Council for an explanation as to what had happened here.

**14/5/26 Police report**

PC Lines had emailed the Council an update on his activities and this had been published on the council's website

**15/5/26 Funding Application**

An application had been received from Moore PTA to support fundraising activities. It was noted that 70% of the children at the school were from Sandymoor. The application was approved.

**16/5/26 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's written report was received and the following items were noted:  
The polytunnel project was now working well and it was hoped to establish a raised bed. Hazlehurst had requested £150 from the Parish Council which was approved.  
The notice board at Otterburn Street had been damaged and may need replacing.  
The Clerk was seeking reimbursement from the insurance company should that be necessary

**17/5/26 Borough Council Report including Highways issues**

All three bollards on Otterburn Street were to be replaced;  
Work at Keckwick lane was awaiting Redrow Homes to cover signs;  
Some additional work had been undertaken on Youth Engagement which would be reported on at a later date.

**18/5/26 Planning Applications**

Two applications had been received. There were no objections to either.

**19/5/26 Accounts for payment**

The following payments were approved

| Payee | Description | Ex VAT  | VAT | Total   |
|-------|-------------|---------|-----|---------|
| Staff | Salaries    | 1470.67 |     | 1470.67 |
| HMRC  | Tax and NI  | 371.95  |     | 371.95  |

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Cheshire Pensions         | Employer Pension Payment | 144.59         |               | 144.59         |
| A Neil                    | Expenses                 | 23.40          |               | 23.40          |
| Microsoft                 | 365 Package              | 24.99          | 5.00          | 29.99          |
| Cheshire Community Action | Annual Membership        | 55.00          |               | 55.00          |
| Sires Accountants         | Annual Payroll Fee       | 569.50         | 113.90        | 683.40         |
| JDH Business              | Internal Audit 25/26     | 341.00         | 68.20         | 409.20         |
| ICO                       | Annual Registration      | 52.00          |               | 52.00          |
| Marbury Hall              | Plants for planters      | 236.69         | 47.35         | 284.04         |
|                           |                          |                |               |                |
| <b>Total</b>              |                          | <b>3289.79</b> | <b>234.45</b> | <b>3524.24</b> |

**20/5/26 Finance Report, including internal audit and updated Terms of Reference for the Finance Group**

These were all received and approved

**Finance Report**

Current Account:

Precept: £65,410.99

Excess POS Dividends (In Current A/C): £15,452.32

Sink Fund Dividends & Rent (In Current A/C): £4,917.84

Total: £85,781.15

Savings Accounts:

General Reserves in Co-op Savings Account: £37,459.01

POS Money in Charity Account: £70,662.37

Sink Fund Money in Cambridge Account: £45,823.98

Precept Money in Unity Account: £20,387.48

Precept Money in Hinkley & Rugby Account: £20,204.06

Current Account Income & Outgoings

Expenditure: £2,362.24

Transfers from Current to Savings: £0.00

Income: £15,594.63

Transfers from Savings to Current: £0.00

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Investments:

POS Dowry1

Latest Valuation: £705,511.19

Dividend Received for Quarter (30th Apr 2026) £8,703.13

Sink Fund2 Latest Valuation: £38,766.17

Dividend Received for Quarter (30th Apr 2026) £478.21

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

received on a quarterly basis.

2 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.

**21/5/26 In accordance with the Local Government Act to resolve to conduct the rest of the meeting in Part B**

### **22/5/26 Public Open Space Report**

Further discussions had taken place with HBC and the Academy regarding possible new facilities;

Legal issues regarding the transfer of land were progressing and the Council were now asked to approve the transfer of Morris and Bloor land subject to agreement on any outstanding issues.

The transfer was approved.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm



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