

Minutes of the Meeting of Sandymoor Parish Council 23rd July 2026

Hazlehurst, Acton's Wood Lane

Part A

Present

Cllr S Mahon, Chair, S Hurst, C Lowe, B Schon and T Willett
Arthur Neil, Clerk, Louise Irvine, RFO

Borough Councillor NH Connolly,
Four members of the public

1/7/26 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Graves and Secker

2/7/26 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Lowe declared an interest in any matters to do with the Academy

3/7/26 Minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2026

The minutes of the 25th June meeting were approved as a correct record

4/7/26 Community Engagement.

The Chair and Clerk had met with the Chief Executive of Halton and discussed a range of issues aimed at improving communications and advancing some of the concerns previously raised by the parish council.

5/7/26 Police report

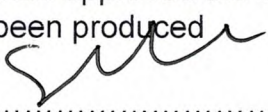
There was no report from the Police directly but the clerk reported that PC Lines had been busy in the parish. One youth had been arrested and two others had been warned of the consequences of continued anti-social behaviour.

6/7/26 Clerk's Report

The Clerk submitted a written report.

It was noted

1. The notice board at Swan's Reach had been repaired
2. A replacement had been ordered for the board at Otterburn and would be mostly funded by the insurance company following a successful claim
3. Additional poppies had been delivered ready for the Remembrance period
4. HBC had approved the litter campaign and a number of the laminated posters had now been produced

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5. The transfer of the Bloor development had been agreed and the dowry was currently with our solicitors

7/7/26 Borough Council Report including Highways issues

Cllr Connolly reported:

The van which had been parked/advertising at the village centre was due to be moved on 24th July;

The Kids Planet development would soon lead to the separate exit from the car park and the completion of some surface works;

The first stages of the new Local Plan would begin in September.

8/7/26 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to consider

9/7/26 Accounts for payment for July and advance approval for August payments

Name	Description	Ex VAT	VAT	Total
Staff	Salaries	1470.67		1470.67
HMRC	Employer Tax & NI Payments	371.95		371.95
Cheshire Pensions	Employer Pension Payment	144.59		144.59
A L Neil	Expenses	90.08	3.99	94.07
Microsoft	Office 365 Package	28.35	5.67	34.02
Myas Angels	Grant payment	800.00		800.00
RBL	Poppies	200.00	40.00	240.00
ChALC	Annual Membership	1244.00		1244.00
Plastic Sheets	Pane for Swan's Reach noticeboard	25.55	5.11	30.66
	Totals	4375.19	54.77	4429.96

10/7/26 Finance Working Group Report

Following the report from the Working Group it was resolved that the Parish Council uses the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund to deposit the 25% of the incoming dowries for short term access to be used to pay the maintenance contracts

11/7/26 Finance Report, including

Q1 Finance Report and Budget Review

Current Account:

Precept: £59,374.24

Excess POS Dividends (In Current A/C): £0.00

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Sink Fund Dividends & Rent (In Current A/C):	£0.00
Total:	£59,374.24

Savings Accounts:

General Reserves in Co-op Savings Account:	£37,459.01
POS Money in Charity Account:	£82,760.69
Sink Fund Money in Cambridge Account:	£51,741.82
Precept Money in Unity Account:	£20,486.60
Precept Money in Hinkley & Rugby Account:	£20,204.06

Current Account Income & Outgoings (23/06/26 - 20/07/26):

Expenditure:	£6,530.43
Transfers from Current to Savings:	£5,917.84
Income:	£1,000.00
Transfers from Savings to Current:	£0.00

Investments:

POS Dowry ¹ Latest Valuation:	£700,065.87
Dividend Received for Quarter (30th Apr 2026)	£8,703.13
Sink Fund ² Latest Valuation:	£38,466.97
Dividend Received for Quarter (30th Apr 2026)	£478.21

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 Sandymoor Ormiston Academy building up a fund to replace the playing field facilities where needed.

A separate report covered the Q1 position and was received, noting that the council was within budget for the first quarter.

Q1 Bank Reconciliation had been signed off by the Chair of Finance Working Group.

The Council noted the publication of AGAR and Public Rights Notice

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12/7/26 In accordance with the Local Government Act it was resolved to conduct the rest of the meeting in Part B

PART B

13/7/26 Public Open Space Report – Chair and Clerk to update

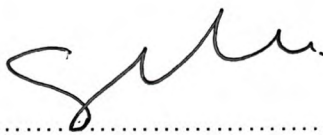
The Bloor transfer had now been agreed and the Morris transfer was now expected soon. Discussions had re-commenced with Barratt David Wilson Homes.

It was agreed that a leaflet be prepared for distribution to all homes in the Bloor development informing them of the change in ownership and management.

14/7/26 Delegate Invitations to Tender to Clerk

It was agreed that all future ITTs be delegated to the Clerk to initiate.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

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