

**Minutes of the Meeting of Sandymoor Parish Council
Held at Hazelhurst, Acton's Wood Lane, 17th November 2022 at 7.00**

Present

Cllrs S Mahon, in the Chair, T Willett, J Secker and P Wright
Arthur Neil, Clerk Louise Irvine, RFO

Fifteen members of the public. Three Borough Councillors for the area.

2022/1/11 Apologies

Apologies were received from S Hurst, A Irvine, B Schon and R McKenry Brown

2022/2/11 Declarations of Members' Interest of a Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Nature.

There were none

2022/3/11 Rachel Pitt, Senior Planning and Enabling Manager, Homes England

Rachel Pitt described the outline planning application for development of Sandymoor South which had been submitted to Halton Borough Council as the latest phase of what previously been called the Runcorn New Town programme.

Members of the public posed questions on the need for the development, how they could oppose it and how it would affect existing developments especially through the possible impact on flood plains. Members of the public were also concerned about the possible loss of amenities for walkers and cyclists.

One member of the public had quite detailed points which he would submit to the clerk.

2022/4/11 Sandymoor Police Report (PCSO)

Freya Dunkley, PCSO and her beat sergeant took questions from the public regarding anti-social behaviour and dangerous driving in the area. Both stressed the need to report incidents to the police rather than relying on word of mouth or social media.

2022/5/11 Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Signed..........Chair

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2022/6/11 Community Engagement and Public questions

Several members of the public followed up on the need for better communication with the police and the local authority and also thanked the parish council for their work. The Clerk would also seek information on how the planning process works which could be placed on the council website to assist the public with comments on current and future applications.

2022/7/11 Primary School

In view of the likely development of Sandymoor South and Wharford Farm and the current provision of space for a school near the village centre it was agreed that the council would support the provision of a new primary school for the area. The Clerk would explore how to further this aspiration and would have the support of the Borough Councillors.

2022/8/11 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's written report was submitted. He was able to confirm that a good quality defibrillator could be purchased for approximately £2500 plus VAT. This was approved. The Co-op had agreed to it being located outside their premises.

The Council's noticeboard was to be re-located from the village green to the side of the Co-op where it would hopefully be less prone to vandalism.

The Clerk had been in touch with Halton BC to take forward agreement on additional and replacement bins.

The Academy were working on youth engagement and were happy for the Council to become involved with the leaders appointed within the school.

2022/9/11 Working Group Reports and recommendations

Finance – the Finance Group was due to meet the following wee3k to finalise the budget and precept for submission to the December meeting.

Public Open Space – the Clerk was seeking to work with The Environment Partnership (TEP) to agree the details needed for the preparation of a renewal of the existing SLA

Noise pollution group- Cllr Irvine was seeking to convene a meeting of the group to discuss next steps

2022/10/11 Borough Councillor reports

The Borough Councillors had no Sandymoor specific items to report but were happy to liaise with the Parish Council on any issues. Cllr Bradshaw offered to make further enquiries on progressing the CCTV project.

2022/12/11 Planning applications –

Planning Application 22/00538/COND from Bloor Homes Application to discharge condition nos. 8 (construction phasing/timetable for roads etc), 9 (external lighting), 18 (bird and bat boxes) and 19 (electric vehicle charging) of planning permission

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20/00573/FUL at Land Opposite Stalbridge Drive Runcorn Cheshire WA7 1LY.

Members expressed concerns about the emergency road access which presented potentially serious risks to pedestrians and also the likelihood of contractor vehicles crossing grassed areas onto Stalbridge Drive if there was no sufficient barrier to them doing so.

2022/13/11 Accounts for Payment and any income received-

The following payments were approved

Staff	Salaries	1125.00
A L Neil	Expenses	235.33
Microsoft	Office 365 Standard	22.56
Microsoft	Office 365 Basic	5.40
H-Creative	Sponsorship Leaflet Design & Artwork	300.00
Corporate Landscape Management Ltd	Swans Reach Pond Maintenance	3156.00
Co-Sign Ltd	Signs for Planters	63.00
Hazeldine GC Ltd	SLA 1 Q3 Payment (Oct-Dec)	3400.50
Handy Man with a Van	Noticeboard Repair	300.00

2022/14/ 11 Suspension of Standing Orders

It was agreed to suspend standing orders so that the meeting could continue beyond 9 p.m.

2022/15/11 Parish Council Finance Report

The RFO reported on the following balances in the Council's accounts.

Previous Bank Balance (30/09/22):	£ 62,013.61
Total Bank Balance:	£ 115,823.06
Current Bank Balance (31/10/22):	£ 65,823.06
Savings Account (17/05/22):	£ 50,000.00
Expenditure (October):	£ 5937.31
POS Dowry:	£ 872,772.05
Dividend Received for Quarter 3 (30/09/22):	£ 8,186.91
Sink Fund:	£ 47,956.76
Dividend Received for Quarter 3 (30/09/22):	£ 449.85

2022/16/11 Resolution to exclude press and public for the remainder of the agenda in accordance with The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2)

This was agreed.

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PART B

2022/17/11 Meeting with CEO of Halton Borough Council

The Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk had had a very constructive meeting with the CE of Halton Borough Council and had discussed section 106 funds, public artwork, CCTV and additional/replacement bins. He looked forward to continued helpful conversations.

The Borough Councillors offered to facilitate a visit from the Chief Executive to the Parish Council in the New Year.

2022/18/11 Domain name hosting

The RFO was seeking a new provider to host the Council's domain name

2022/19/11 Clerk's IT Requirements

Members had received an email from Cllr Irvine regarding the provision of IT for the Clerk at a cost of £865. This was approved.

The meeting closed at 9.35

Signed 

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