

**Minutes of the meeting of Sandymoor Parish Council Held at Hazlehurst,  
Acton's Wood Lane, 7 p.m. 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Present**

Cllrs S Mahon (Chair), M Graves, B Schon, J Secker, T Willett and P Wright  
Arthur Neil, Clerk and Louise Irvine RFO  
Fourteen members of the public plus Borough Councillor Ryan.

**1/10/23 Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs A Irvine, and S Hurst

**2/10/23 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3/10/23 Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

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

**4/10/23 PCSO report**

Unfortunately, there was no representative from the Police.

**5/10/23 Community Engagement.**

The Clerk had received no advance questions, but the Chair allowed those present to raise the following questions.

Difficulty in accessing pavement for scooters at Village Street.

Unadopted roads near Hazlehurst.

Continuing construction work at one access to Hazlehurst.

The Clerk would take each one up with the appropriate people.

The Chair referred to questions re speeding at the September meeting. The resident had sent in detailed questions and had detailed responses from the Borough Council. It was felt that any further queries he may have should now be referred to Halton BC.

**6/10/23 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's written report was received.

The proposed changes to charges for facilities at the Academy were approved. The Clerk was to ask if the new floodlights were an upgrade on existing.

Council noted there had been another delay in installing the defibrillator.

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The goal posts were on order.

There had been enthusiasm at Halton Housing for the greenhouse/gardening proposal. Some follow up work was needed.

### **7/10/23 Borough Councillors' Report including Highways issues**

Cllr Ryan reported on the following:

The Expressway had re-opened, but more work was still needed.

He had made several enquiries re the local bus service and a service to Hazlehurst had been turned down but one to Runcorn Station was a possibility.

Liv Housing were working with a contractor to complete the housing near the community centre.

He was concerned about the future of the pre-school at the Community Centre when a new nursery opened as the centre relied on the income from the group.

### **8/10/23 Planning Applications**

23/00417/FUL Clerk to enquire if the company involved in the fume hoods was Metrohm about who the council had previously expressed concerns.

### **9/10/23 Accounts for payment**

The following payments were approved:

Staff	Salaries	£1081.10
HMRC	Tax, NI	£ 150.44
Cheshire Pensions	Pension dues	£ 358.80
A Neil	Expenses	£ 266.65
Microsoft	Office 365 Standard	£ 24.72
Microsoft	Office 365 Basic	£ 5.88
ThenMedia	Annual Invoice for website	£ 576.00
H Hanson	Leaflet Artwork	£ 140.00
Total		£2603.59

### **10/10/23 Finance Report**

The following balances were reported.

Previous Bank Balance (25/10/23):	£89,285.87
Total Bank Balance:	£133,873.63
Current Bank Balance (20/10/23):	£83,236.25
Savings Account (20/10/23):	£50,637.38
Expenditure (October):	£7,049.62
Income (October):	£1,000
POS Dowry:	£722,404.01
Dividend Received for Quarter (31/07/23):	£8,417.29
Sink Fund:	£39,694.39

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Dividend Received for Quarter (31/07/23): £462.51

The Council also received the quarterly budget report which indicated that the Council was on target with its budget for the 2023-2024 financial year.

### **11/10/23 Finance Working Group Report**

The Council received the report of the Finance Working Group and adopted the following recommendations:

- That the Council seeks to maintain the precept at its present level.
- That the strategy discussed at the last Council meeting be proceeded with.
- That up to £50,000 not currently invested with CCLA be designated as project funding to support the strategy.

### **12/10/23 The date of the December 2023 meeting**

It was agreed that the December meeting be held on 21<sup>st</sup> December

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## **Clerk's Report October 2023**

### **Defibrillator**

Another delay I'm afraid. The person at the ambulance service who needed to approve the quote for installation sadly died and NWAS are seeking to give the role to someone else.

### **SID**

Our application for funding has been submitted to the members at Halton BC and I hope to hear soon. Acting on advice I reduced the amount applied for to £1800 to be on a par with other parish council applications.

### **Greenhouse Project**

There appears to be some enthusiasm for this project at Halton Housing. I am trying to arrange an on site meeting and we will need to ensure that there is similar enthusiasm from enough residents and students.

### **Youth Engagement**

A group will be attending our November meeting.

### **S 106 Funding Artwork**

Our presentation has been submitted to Paul Wright at HBC and we are meeting with him on Friday to discuss. The proposals have also been submitted to Homes England as they will need to approve.

### **Meeting with CE of Halton BC**

This has been arranged for November 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Goal Posts for Kickabout Area**

These have been ordered and I await confirmation of delivery.

### **Sports Facilities Fees**

I have previously circulated changes agreed between Edu-Lettings and the Academy summarised below.

#### ***The Council is asked for its views.***

An off-peak rate for residents of £10 per hour for the tennis courts. This would be available at any time that the courts are available and are open.

To try to help immediately the Academy have had this put into the booking system, but they realise the Council still need to agree it.

Arthur Neil

**Clerk**

24<sup>th</sup> October 2023