

Minutes of the Meeting of Sandymoor Parish Council
held at Hazlehurst 23rd November 2023

Part A

Present

Cllrs S Mahon (Chair), M Graves, S Hurst, J Secker, and T Willett.

Arthur Neil, Clerk

Seven members of the public plus Borough Councillor Ryan.

1/11/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs A Irvine, P Wright, B Schon and RFO Louise Irvine

2/11/23 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hurst declared an interest in matters relating to the academy.

3/11/23 Minutes of the meeting held on 26th October 2023

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

4/11/23 Presentations

The Clerk reported that due to unforeseen circumstances the students and Fire Service were unable to attend. Both were prepared to attend future meetings.

5/11/23 PCSO report

In the absence of a report from the PCSO it was agreed that the Clerk contact Inspector Haddock to see if we could arrange some consistent way of engaging with the Police.

6/11/23 Community Engagement.

No questions had been submitted in advance. The Chair allowed questions from the floor.

One resident thanked the Clerk for the detailed response secured regarding speeding. He asked when the SID would be installed and where. This had not yet been determined. Several residents expressed concern about the condition of Village Street. Councillor Ryan undertook to investigate.

Concern was also expressed about the delay in clearing access to Hazlehurst from the Sunflower path and the Clerk agreed to make enquiries.

Signed..........Chair 21st December 2023

7/11/23 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's written report was received. It was noted that the bid for a SID had been approved, the defibrillator at Chatwin's was due to be installed the following week and the additional bins were due to be installed soon. The information leaflet had now arrived and members were asked to agree delivery rounds.

8/11/23 Investment Strategy

Cllr Graves outlined the main principles of the Investment Strategy. The Council noted the recommendations of the sub-group and adopted the investment strategy which had been circulated.

9/11/23 Borough Council Report including Highways issues

Cllr Ryan reported that Delph Lane had now re-opened. Hobb Lane remained closed due to damage to the bridge.

Work was due to start on the construction of the new nursery by the community centre.

The former Lane End sites were now in the hands of two developers.

The next ward surgery would be held in Daresbury.

10/11/23 Planning Applications

The Council approved an amendment to an application by Bloor which would improve road safety from Stalbridge Drive area onto Keckwick Lane.

11/11/23 Accounts for payment

The following payments were approved.

Staff	Salaries	£1081.10
HMRC	Tax and NI	150.44
Cheshire Pensions	Employer payment	358.80
A Neil	Expenses	115.62
Microsoft	365 Standard	24.72
Microsoft	365 Basic	5.88
ChALC	Training fee	60.00
2Co Ltd	Leaflet Printing	235.00
Total		2031.56

12 /11/23 Finance Report

The Clerk read the following finance report prepared by the RFO.

Previous Bank Balance (20/10/23): £83,236.25

Total Bank Balance: £142,182.58

Current Bank Balance (20/11/23): £91,545.20

Savings Account (20/11/23): £50,637.38

Expenditure (Month): £2,603.59

Income (Month): £10,912.54

Signed..........Chair 21st December 2023

POS Dowry: £713,947.06

Dividend Received for Quarter (31/10/23): £9,396.25

Sink Fund: £39,229.71

Dividend Received for Quarter (31/10/23): £516.29

13/11/23 Christmas Tree

It had been suggested that the Council acquire a Christmas tree. The Clerk had asked Northwich Town Council who had been erecting trees for several parishes for a price. They could supply and install a thirteen-foot tree for £340. There would be another £300 cost for a stand which would be re-usable in subsequent years. There would also be a need for some solar powered lighting. The suggested location was the roundabout near the Co-op.

It was agreed to delegate the arrangements to the Clerk.

14/11/23

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

Part B

15/11/23 Artwork funds

The Chair reported on a number of meetings with Halton Borough Council which he and the Clerk had attended. These had been very encouraging regarding the S106 funding and how it spend it.

The report was received and members noted the possible need to add funds to the budget for the 2024-2025 financial year.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed..........Chair 21st December 2023

Clerk's Report November 2023

Defibrillator

The defibrillator at Chatwin's is due to be installed week commencing 27th November. There had been complications regarding payment and scheduling the work.

I have submitted a bid for a third defibrillator at the Academy.

The training had to be cancelled due to the trainer being ill. I will try to re-arrange before Christmas.

Speed Indicator Device

Our funding application for £1800 was successful and this is now on order.

Additional Bins

These are due to be installed anytime soon, I understand.

Village Green and Outdoor Facilities

The Chair and I are meeting with officers from Halton BC on Wednesday 22nd. We have also discussed with the CE of Halton at a recent meeting.

Remembrance

A wreath was laid on our behalf on Remembrance Sunday.

Sandymoor South

I have been in touch with the new contact at Homes England who has in turn told the initial developers that we would like to meet to discuss leisure facilities on the new development.

Arthur Neil

Clerk

20th November 2023