

**Minutes of the meeting of Sandymoor Parish Council held 21st December 2023 at
Hazlehurst, Acton's Wood Lane**

Part A

Present

Cllrs S Mahon (Chair), M Graves, S Hurst, B Schon, J Secker and P Wright

Arthur Neil, Clerk and Louise Irvine RFO

Twenty members of the public plus Borough Councillors Bradshaw, Davidson and Ryan.

1/12/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Irvine and Willett.

2/12/23 Declarations of Interest

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Cllrs Hurst and ~~Secker~~ declared an interest in matters relating to the academy.

3/12/23 Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2023

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

4/12/23 PCSO report

Members were asked what issues they wished to raise with the PCSOs who were unable to attend the meeting.

Considerable discussion took place regarding the proposed bollards at Village Street and altercations which had taken place. Members of the public were advised to contact the Police re the latter and the Borough Councillors would seek clarification on the bollards.

5/12/23 Community Engagement Questions raised by the public.

The Clerk read questions and answers from a resident regards SIDs and speeding on Sandymoor. These are an appendix to the minutes.

Questions had been raised regarding Village Street. The Clerk had made enquiries, and it was reported that permanent bollards were to be installed to prevent cars using the route.

The building site at the rear of Hazlehurst had also been raised and Halton Housing were seeking information on when it would be cleared.

A resident expressed her concerns about access to the Linden Homes development which the Clerk had passed to the Borough Councillors. He had also referred to Linden Homes/Vistry.

S. Mahon

6/12/23 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that the SID and the additional bins were on order by Halton BC and were expected to be delivered in the new year.

The defibrillator at Chatwins had now been installed and an application had been made for a third to be installed at the Community entrance to the Academy. The defibrillator at Hazlehurst was due to be connected to power shortly.

7/12/23 Borough Council Report including Highways issues

The issues on Village Street were referenced again and Cllr Davidson undertook to look into it further. Cllr Ryan had secured some lighting on the car park by the shops and the unsightly fencing was to be removed.

8/12/23 Planning Applications

23/00491/COU Proposed change of use from agricultural land to open-air storage (Class B8) with associated access and car and cycle parking at Land to The North Of Manor Farm Road Runcorn WA7 1TD.

The Borough Councillors would make enquiries for any further information.

9/12/23 Accounts for payment

| | | Net | VAT | Total |
|-------------------|--|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Staff | Salaries | 589.70 | | 1157.15 |
| HMRC | Employer Tax & NI Payments | 159.44 | | 159.44 |
| Cheshire Pensions | Employer Pension Payment | 383.64 | | 383.64 |
| A L Neil | Expenses | 27.00 | | 27.00 |
| L A Irvine | Expenses | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Microsoft | Office 365 Standard | 20.60 | 4.12 | 24.72 |
| Microsoft | Office 365 Basic | 4.90 | 0.98 | 5.88 |
| Northwich TC | Christmas Tree & Stand | 850.00 | 170.00 | 1020.00 |
| Viking Direct | Printer Inks & Paper | 99.13 | 19.83 | 118.96 |
| Ryman | Paper & Photocopying | 8.09 | | 8.09 |
| ChALC | Internal Audit & VAT Training Courses | 60.00 | | 60.00 |
| CLM Ltd | Jubilee Forest Maintenance Quarterly Invoice | 1080.00 | 216.00 | 1296.00 |
| CLM Ltd | POS Maintenance Quarterly Invoice | 2571.16 | 514.23 | 3085.39 |
| Totals | | 6421.11 | 925.16 | 7346.27 |

10/12/23 Finance Report

The RFO gave the following report on the Council's financial position.

Chair

Previous Bank Balance (20/11/23): £91,545.20
Total Bank Balance: £140,023.97
Current Bank Balance (18/12/23): £90,386.59
Savings Account (18/12/23): £50,637.38
Expenditure (November): £2158.61
Income (November): £1000
POS Dowry1: £713,947.06
Dividend Received for Quarter (31/10/23): £9,396.25
Sink Fund2: £39,229.71

11/12/23 Budget

The council agreed the budget which had been submitted and agreed a precept of £46,718.00, maintaining the charge at Band D at the same level for the third year running.

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

Part B

13. Recommendations of the Public Outdoor Space Working Group

The discussion which had taken place at the recent meeting was reported by the Chair. It was agreed that in the interests of the overall strategy the council would aggregate the interest/dividends but list each pot against each development to keep track.

The funding/dowry offered by Bloor Homes was agreed.

14. Staff pay

The discussion of the Staffing Working Group was reported, and it was agreed that staff receive an award of an additional £1.04 per hour backdated to 1st April 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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