

**Minutes of the meeting of Sandymoor Parish Council 26th September 2024
Hazlehurst, Acton's Wood Lane 7 p.m.**

Present

Cllrs S Mahon, Chair, T Willett, Vice Chair, M Graves, C Lowe, J Secker and P Wright
Arthur Neil, Clerk, and Louise Irvine, RFO

Eight members of the public.

Borough Councillors Connelly and Davidson.

1/9/24 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hurst and Schon

2/9/24 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3/9/24 Minutes of the July meeting

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

4/9/24 Community Engagement – questions raised by the public.

No questions had been submitted in advance but the Chair allowed questions from the floor regarding Village Street, bus services and the lack of a primary school.

5/9/24 Appointment of Working Group Chairs

The following were appointed as Chairs the Working Groups as follows

POS and Community Arts Development – Steve Mahon

Finance – Malcolm Graves

Health and Safety - Barbara Schon

Youth Engagement – Paul Wright

Staffing – Tom Willett

6/9/24 Clerk's Report inc. summer strategy report

Arising from the Clerk's Report it was agreed to further explore the provision of some additional benches; the Clerk would continue to seek two more quotes for the Xmas Tree and ask permission from Ashall's to locate in on the land by the C0-op again. The Police and Crime Commissioner and Halton BC's Chief Executive would be invited to future meetings



The December meeting would be moved to 19th December.

7/9/24 Borough Councillors' Report

Cllrs Connelly and Davidson updated members on their recent activities.

8/9/24 Planning Applications

An application for a hot food take-away at the village centre. It was agreed the clerk should contact HBC to express some concerns re smells, litter and possible anti-social behaviour.

9/9/24 Accounts for payment

The following payments were approved

Payee	Description	Ex VAT	VAT	Total
Staff	Salaries	1154.26		1154.26
HMRC	Tax and NI	169.90		169.90
Cheshire Pensions	Pensions Payment	375.36		375.36
A Neil	Expenses	133.16		133.16
Microsoft	Office 365 Standard	20.60	4.12	24.72
Microsoft	Office 365 Basic	4.90	.98	5.88
CLM	Jubilee Forest Quarterly Maintenance	1114.56	222.91	1337.41
CLM	POS Quarterly Maintenance	2653.43	530.69	3184.12
Business Waste UK	Bin Emptying	104.00	20.80	124.80
ChALC	Chairman Training	25.00		25.00
SLCC	Clerks Conference	35.00		35.00
Marbury Garden Centre	Plants for planters	66.89	13.38	80.27
Halton Housing	Charge for additional meetings	66.64	13.38	79.97
	Totals	5857.06	792.88	6649.94

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10/9/24 Finance Report

The RFO gave the following report

Previous Bank Balance* (19 Jul 2024): £129,696.12
Total Bank Balance: £186,501.84
Current Bank Balance* (19 Sept 2024): £135,451.90
Savings Account (19 Sept 2024): £51,049.94
Expenditure (19 Jul – 19 Sept 2024): £6363.04
Income (19 Jul – 19 Sept 2024): £12,118.82
POS Dowry¹: £692,436.30
Dividend Received for Quarter (31 July 2024): £9383.44
Sink Fund²: £38,047.74
Dividend Received for Quarter (31 July 2024): £515.60

*Current account figures

1 POS Dowry is an investment with CCLA (Church Charities & Local Authorities) investment company from which a dividend is received on a quarterly basis.

2 Sink fund is a separate investment with CCLA using monies from Sandymoor Parish Council and Sandymoor Ormiston Academy building up a fund to replace the playing field facilities when needed.

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

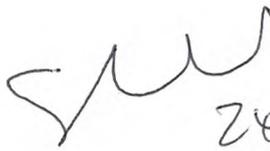
11/9/24 Update on Public Outdoor Space transfers

The Chair and Clerk reported that progress was being made but that discussions were taking place with developers to ensure all sites were properly ready for the Parish Council to take over

12/9/24 Recommendations from the Staffing Working Group

It was agreed to support the recommendations of the Working Group to give the Clerk an additional five hours per week.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.


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