

**Minutes of the meeting of Sandymoor Parish Council held 28th November 2024 at
Hazlehurst, Acton's Wood Lane 7.00 pm**

Present

Cllr S Mahon, Chair T Willett, Vice Chair, C Lowe, J Secker, B Schon, S Hurst and P Wright
Arthur Neil, Clerk,

Five members of the public plus two police officers

Borough Councillors Ryan and Connolly

1/11/24 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Graves

2/11/24 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hurst declared an interest in any issues relating to the academy

3/11/24 Guest Speaker

Dan Price, Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire. After a few words about himself
Mr Price outlined the main role of the PCC as follows

The Commissioner's main duties are to:

- Hold the Chief Constable to account on behalf of the people of Cheshire.
- Secure the effectiveness and efficiency of Cheshire Constabulary.
- Decide the budget, allocate assets and funds to the Chief Constable; and set the police council tax precept for the force area.
- Set the strategic direction and objectives of the force through the Police and Crime Plan, which must have regard to the Strategic Policing Requirement set by the Home Secretary.
- Prepare and issue an annual report on delivery against the objectives set within the Police and Crime Plan.
- Publish information to enable people to assess the performance of the Commissioner and Chief Constable.
- Monitor complaints made against officers and staff, whilst having responsibility for complaints against the Chief Constable.
- Appoint the Chief Constable.

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He also gave information on his own Policing Plan and the plan to grow the community fund budget year on year.

Several questions had been submitted by members of the council regarding concerns in the area (appendix). These were responded to by PC Amanda Moore who explained that the issues were largely down to shortage of staff but that the constabulary were examining ways in which they could help.

Consideration was also being given to ways in which Parish Councils might help fund additional PCSO activity in their areas.

4/11/24 No questions had been submitted by the public

5/11/24 Minutes of the October meeting

These were approved as a correct record

6/11/24 Clerk's Report

The Clerk had submitted a written report. The Christmas tree had been welcomed but had been subject to vandalism shortly after being put up. Northwich Town Council had repaired the damage and suggested an insurance of £400 to correct any further acts of vandalism.

7/11/24 Borough Councillors' Report

Cllr Connolly reported on a meeting convened by HBC Highways to discuss the Ride. It was hoped that the surfacing issue would be resolved as soon as Vistry had appointed a contractor.

Cllr Connolly also updated those present on other issues he and the Borough Councillors had been dealing with.

8/11/24 Planning Applications

The Council considered the following applications

24/00422/FUL

single storey extension at 26 Rudheath Lane

24/00438/REM

Signed 

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reserved matters re residential dwellings x199 - Sandymoor South Phase 2. Scale, appearance and landscaping

The Council had no objections to either application.

9/11/24 Accounts for payment

The Council approved the following accounts for payment

Payee	Description	Ex VAT	VAT	Total
Staff	Salaries	1417.08		1417.08
HMRC	Tax and NI	283.46		283.46
Cheshire Pensions	Employer Pension payment	469.19		469.19
A Neil	Expenses	36.00		36.00
Microsoft	365 Standard	20.60	4.12	24.72
Microsoft	365 Basic	4.90	0.98	5.88
Business Waste Co	Bin emptying	156.00	31.20	187.20
CLM Ltd	Pond Clearance	1990.00	398.00	2388.00
Ryman	Photocopying	12.50	2.50	15.00
Tesco	Printer paper	8.40		8.40
Northwich TC	Christmas Tree	2480.00	496.00	2976.00
Total		6878.13	932.80	7810.93

10/11/24 Finance Report

The RFO gave the following report

Current Bank Balance*: £137,385.12

Reserves in Savings Account: £51,463.58

Total Bank Balance: £188,849.30

Of which:

Excess POS Dividends (Held in Bank): £43,952.59

Sink Fund Dividends & Rent (Held in Bank): £30,530.88

General Reserves (Held in Savings): £51,463.58

Precept: £62,902.25

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Expenditure (19th Sept – 14th Oct 2024): £2,445.92

Income (19th Sept – 14th Oct 2024): £10,109.05

POS Dowry1: £693,993.18

Dividend Received for Quarter (31 October 2024): £8,634.61

Sink Fund2: £38133.29

Dividend Received for Quarter (31 October 2024): £474.44

*Current Account

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

2Sink 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.

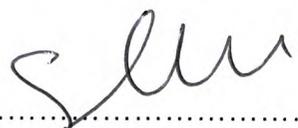
In accordance with the Local Government Act to resolve to conduct the rest of the meeting in Part B

11/11/24 Update on Public Outdoor Space transfers

The Chair updated members on the progress made including a meeting held with Taylor Rose the previous day.

It was also agreed that at the December Council meeting the Council would consider a policy for the issue of ITTs and receipt and approval of tenders

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed Chair, 19th December 2024