

**Minutes of the Meeting of Sandymoor Parish Council,
Hazlehurst, Acton's Wood Lane 19th December 7 p.m.**

Present

Cllr S Mahon, Chair, M Graves, C Lowe, J Secker, B Schon, and P Wright
Arthur Neil, Clerk, Louise Irvine, RFO
Three members of the public plus two police officers

1/12/24 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hurst and Willett

2/12/24 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Lowe declared an interest in any issues relating to the Academy

3/12/24 Minutes of the November meeting

These were approved as a correct record

4/12/24 PCSO Report

The Police reported that there was relatively little of concern in Sandymoor but that following concerns at the November meeting they had been using speed cams at various locations to deter speeding. They had also increased their presence at local schools to advise parents of poor parking activities.

They expressed the need for those with experience of anti-social behaviour to report these via 101 or residents' voice rather than social media.

5/12/24 Community Engagement – no questions had been submitted by the public.

6/12/24 Clerk's Report

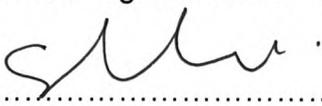
The Clerk reported that action was being planned by Bloor and HBC regarding drivers crossing open space at Swan's Reach.

North West Ambulance had been asked to check the defibrillators.

7/12/24 Relocation of SID

The working group had suggested the new location be south side of Walsingham followed by Pitts Health coming down from Windmill Hill.

The Council agreed these recommendations.

Signed..........Chair 23rd January 2025

8/12/24 Procurement Policy

The Clerk submitted a draft procurement policy which was adopted by the Council

9/12/24 Internal audit provision

It was agreed to seek quotes for the provision of this service preferably from April 2025

10/12/24 Review of payroll service provision

The RFO had secured several quotes for the provision of this service

In view of the small differences in quotes from various providers and the quality of service currently received, it was agreed to continue with the present providers for another year

11/12/24 To update Complaints Policy and General Privacy Policy

The RFO presented updated and re-formatted policies for Complaints and General Privacy which were approved by the Council

12/12/24 To consider proposals from the Finance Working Group for diversification of investments

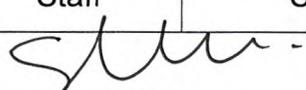
The following recommendations were approved

1. POS Money (currently ~£44k) – move to a new savings account.
2. Sink Funk Money (currently ~£30k) – move to another new savings account.
3. Precept and Reserves (currently ~£114k) – move £70k into a 3rd new savings account, keeping £30k in the Co-op savings account and the balance of £14k in the currents account to pay for the monthly outgoings.
4. The Chair of the Finance Working Group, RFO and Clerk be given delegated authority to select appropriate accounts
5. Signatories for new accounts to be Chair, Chair of Finance Working Group, RFO and Clerk

13/12/24 Accounts for payment

The following payments were approved

Payee	Purpose	Ex VAT	VAT	Total
Staff	Salaries	1417.08		1417.08



HMRC	Tax and NI	283.46		283.46
Cheshire Pensions	Staff Pensions	469.19		469.19
Microsoft	Office 365 Standard	20.60	4.12	24.72
Microsoft	Office 365 Basic	4.90	0.98	5.88
CLM	Jubilee Field Maintenance	1114.56	222.91	1337.47
CLM	POS Maintenance	2653.43	530.69	3184.12
Business Waste	Emptying Bin at Swan's Reach	104.00	20.80	124.80
Total		6067.22	779.50	6846.72

14/12/24 Finance Report

The RFO submitted the following report

Current Bank Balance*: £132,565.19

Reserves in Savings Account: £51,463.58

Total Bank Balance: £184,028.77

Of which:

Excess POS Dividends (Held in Bank): £41,564.59

Sink Fund Dividends & Rent (Held in Bank): £30,350.88

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

Precept: £60,649.72

Expenditure (20th Nov – 16th Dec 2024): £4819.93

Income (20th Nov – 16th Dec 2024): £0.00

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

Signed.....

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

15/12/24 Update on Public Outdoor Space transfers

Outstanding issues with Barratts had been resolved and the transfer was with legal services. The Chair and Clerk were to meet with Bloor in January to discuss some snagging issues. The transfer of funding for Morris Homes was in progress.

16/12/24 HBC Open Space

Chris Moir from HBC gave an update on proposals from the Borough Council and would further update the council in spring 2025.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

