

Minutes of the meeting of Sandymoor Parish Council Held 26th June 2025

At Hazlehurst, Acton's Wood Lane

Present

Cllr S Mahon, Chair, T Willett, Vice Chair, M Graves, C Lowe, B Schon, J Secker and P Wright

Arthur Neil, Clerk, Louise Irvine, RFO

Borough Councillor N Connolly

Seven members of the public

1/6/25 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Hurst

2/6/25 Declarations of Interest

Declarations were received from Cllr Lowe re any items relating to the Sandymoor Academy

3/6/25 Minutes of the May 22nd Annual meeting

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

4/6/25 Community Engagement. To discuss questions raised by the public.

A resident from Manor Farm attended and asked some questions about integrating the area more into the parish. She had been given a copy of the Chair's Annual Report and told the council would consider her request for a planter in her area.

Another resident asked re the end of the path at Otterburn Street which had not been completed. The Clerk and Cllr Connolly would look into this.

5/6/25 Clerk's Report

The Clerk submitted a written report updating members on the polytunnel project, youth engagement and speeding. It was noted that Halton BC would discuss the Art Trail project and other possible joint initiatives at the September meeting.

Regarding the proposed Strategy meeting the Clerk would suggest dates and see which were the most suitable.

The Clerk and HBC's Community Development Officer were to meet with the Student Voice group in the next term.

It was agreed to purchase 50 lamp post poppies from the British Legion.

Signed:  Chair 24th July 2025

6/6/25 Speeding in Sandymoor

The Council received the report of the Health and Safety group and accepted their recommendations.

It was noted that almost a quarter of vehicles registered exceeded the speed limit, some by a considerable margin. The SID was due to be re-located to its intended position.

The Police had agreed to lend the hand- held SID but had not been able to attend that evening.

7/6/25 Borough Council Report including Highways Issues

Cllr Connolly updated members on highways matters. All works appeared to be on schedule

8/6/25 Planning Applications

The Council had no comments to make on the planning applications it had received.

With regard to the scoping reports on Social Value etc the Clerk would re-circulate and collate any responses.

9/6/25 Accounts for payment

The following payments were approved:

Payee	Reason	Ex Vat	Vat	Total
Staff	Salaries	1418.88		1418.88
HMRC	Tax and NI	358.75		358.75
Cheshire Pensions	Employer Pension Payment	469.19		469.19
A Neil	Expenses	28.80		28.80
Microsoft	365 Standard	20.60	4.12	24.72
Microsoft	365 Basic	4.90	0.98	5.88
Marbury Hall Nursery	Plants for planters	48.51	9.70	58.21
Totals		6094.08	743.69	6847.77

10/6/25 Finance Report

The RFO gave the following report:

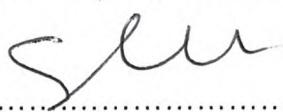
Current Account:

Precept: £53,016.39

Excess POS Dividends (In Current A/C): £14,131.29

Sink Fund Dividends & Rent (In Current A/C): £6,927.76

Total: £74,075.44

Signed:  Chair 24th July 2025

Accounts:

General Reserves in Co-op Savings Account: £51,849.25
POS Money in Charity Account: £35,006.84
Sink Fund Money in Cambridge Account: £31,530.00
Precept Money in Unity Account: £20,000.00
Precept Money in Hinkley & Rugby Account: £20,000.00

Current Account Income and Outgoings (20th May 2025 – 25th June 2025):

Expenditure: £3,573.84
Transfers from Current to Savings: £20,000.00
Income: £1,000.00
Transfers from Savings to Current: £0.00

Investments:

POS Dowry¹ Latest Valuation: £708,251.04
Dividend Received for Quarter (30th Apr 2025): £8,221.31
Sink Fund² Latest Valuation: £38,916.72
Dividend Received for Quarter (30th Apr 2025): £451.73

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 it was resolved to conduct the rest of the meeting in Part B

PART B

11/6/25 Public Open Space Report

The Clerk reported on a meeting he and the Chair had had with our solicitors. Progress was being made.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.


Signed: Chair 24th July 2025

Clerk's Report June 2025

Pedestrian Crossings

I have chased Halton BC and received the reply which I have previously forwarded to members. None of the sites at that point were known to have had any accidents/collisions but I have since been made aware of one at Newmoore and am seeking more information from the Police to see if would change the council's assessment.

Polytunnel

Hoping to get details of concreting costs sorted this week so we can finally order the tunnel.

Planters

All planters have been re-done now and attracted some favourable comments on social media

Youth Engagement

I have been liaising with Rachel Prime at HBC who is going to speak to students at the Academy before the end of term to give an outline of the art trail project.

She and I will be meeting with the Student Voice group in September.

Remembrance

Following the establishment of the figurines, I wondered if the council would be interested in mounting poppies on some of the lamp-posts. They are available from RBL for £5 each. We would need permission from HBC to use the lamp-posts and volunteers to put them up/take them down. Other parishes have built up a stock over a number of years. We could start with 50?

Speeding

Following the comments made by the Police at the last meeting I have asked the PCSO if we can borrow the hand-held SID.

Art Trail etc

Halton BC have suggested discussion on our projects with them to see where we can work better together. I've suggested this would be better after we've had our planning meeting in July/August.

Arthur Neil

Clerk

20th June 2025

SPC H&S GROUP MEETING - 19TH JUNE 2025

Malcolm Grave

Paul Wright

Barbara Schön

AGENDA

1. Next location of SID.
2. Speed awareness sign
3. HBC response to request for Zebra Crossing
4. Community speed 'gun'.

MINUTES

1. Data from the current SID located on Walsingham Drive, report dated 15/5/2025, continues to evidence incidences of excessive speeding. Vexc% - 24.3% exceeding 30mph speed limit. In total 37,323 vehicles were recorded to exceed the speed limit, despite the poor location of the device.

It is proposed that the next location is Pitts Heath Lane, south from the mini roundabout from Windmill Hill. To continue to educate drivers entering the estate.

2. Large 30mph sign to be erected near to the planter at Pitts Health Lane mini roundabout from Windmill Hill. HBC have advised that additional speed signs are not required, we request that SPC consider funding this sign in keeping with that at western entrance to the estate.
3. The group are disappointed that HBC have responded that a Zebra Crossing is not considered to be necessary, citing Department for Transport guidance. Maybe when an accident occurs they will reconsider this request.
4. Arthur has agreed to follow up with our Community Police Officer, the offer to use a Community Speed Gun.