

**Minutes of the Meeting of Sandymoor Parish Council
Held at Hazlehurst on 23rd October 2025**

Present

Cllr S Mahon, Chair, Vice Chair, M Graves, S Hurst, C Lowe, B Schön and J Secker
Arthur Neil, Clerk, Louise Irvine, RFO

Borough Councillor S Davidson
9 members of the public

1/10/25 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs T Willett and P Wright

2/10/25 Declarations of Interest

Declarations were received from Cllrs Hurst and Lowe re any items relating to the Sandymoor Academy and the Clerk re any items referring to Northwich Town Council

3/10/25 Minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2025

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

4/10/25 Community Engagement.

A resident of Hazlehurst thanked the Council for the new polytunnel. The Clerk was in touch with the suppliers to see if the door could be adapted for wider wheelchairs.
A report from one resident re the SID had been passed to the Health and Safety Working Group for a response. It had also been forwarded to HBC.
One resident wished to thank the local volunteers who undertook litter picking around Sandymoor.

5/10/25 PCSO report.

The Chair welcomed our new PCSO Christine Hogan and PCSO Georgina Griffiths
Main concerns had been in relation to ASB at the Co-op and there had been a number of drug raids in the area and a car theft
The Police were introducing new programmes to rehabilitate local young ASB offenders.
The Police offered to secure Tagmasters which would assist with the surveillance of speeding cars in the area.

6/10/25 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's written report was received.
The Clerk was asking HBC if they could speed up the s104 application for the Morris development.
It was agreed to purchase three new remembrance benches to be situated along the bridle path at a total cost of £744 per bench including base and installation

Signed.....Chair 27th November 2025

The Chair said that enabling works on transferred POS needed to be planned soon.

7/10/25 Working Group updates

A Finance Working Group was planned for 30th October to begin preparations for the 2026-27 budget

The Safety Working Group would be meeting shortly to review the findings of the SID and the provision of a road crossing.

8/10/25 Transfer of POS to the Parish Council. To consider any updates or recommendations from Taylor Rose solicitors

The Council noted progress on the Bloor and Morris Homes developments.

9/10/25 Borough Council Report including Highways issues

Cllr Davidson reported on moves to appoint new interim senior staff and a new Chief Executive.

10/10/25 Planning Applications

Request from HBC re the Council's call for sites – no action to be taken
Application 25/00178/REM development at Daresbury Park – no comment

11/10/25 Accounts for payment

The following payments were approved

Name	Description	Ex VAT	VAT	Total
Staff	Salaries	1418.68		1418.68
HMRC	Employer Tax & NI Payments	358.95		358.95
Cheshire Pensions	Employer Pension Payment	469.19		469.19
A L Neil	Expenses	43.65		43.65
Microsoft	Office 365 Package	24.99	5.00	29.99
ThenMedia	Website Hosting & Support Annual Invoice	480.00	96.00	576.00
Marbury Hall	Plants for Planters	59.49	11.90	71.39
Marbury Hall	Plants for Planters	36.95	7.39	44.34
Marbury Hall	Plants for Planters	160.51	32.10	192.61
Tool Station	Cable Ties for Poppies	5.40	1.08	6.48
Business Waste.co.uk	Clearing outstanding final invoice	82.20	16.44	98.64
	Totals	3140.01	169.91	3309.92

12/10/25 Finance Report

The RFO reported the following

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Current Account:

Precept: £18,120.98

Excess POS Dividends (In Current A/C): £12,089.74

Sink Fund Dividends & Rent (In Current A/C): £0.00

Total: **£30,210.72**

Savings Accounts:

General Reserves in Co-op Savings Account: £52,190.40

POS Money in Charity Account: £55,006.84

Sink Fund Money in Cambridge Account: £41,892.49

Precept Money in Unity Account: £20,171.70

Precept Money in Hinkley & Rugby Account: £20,000.00

Current Account Income and Outgoings (22nd September 2025 – 20th October 2025):

Expenditure: £11,363.91

Transfers from Current to Savings: £30,362.49

Income: £25.00

Transfers from Savings to Current: £0.00

Investments:

POS Dowry¹ Latest Valuation: £710,160.00

Dividend Received for Quarter (31st July 2025): £7,911.90

Sink Fund² Latest Valuation: £39,021.62

Dividend Received for Quarter (31st July 2025): £434.73

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.

13/10/25 Quarter 2 Budget Update

The RFO presented a comprehensive report on the council's financial performance until the end of the second quarter which is an addendum to the minutes.

14/10/25 In accordance with the Local Government Act it was resolved to conduct the rest of the meeting in Part B

PART B**15/10/25 Public Open Space Report**

The council considered the confidential report of the Clerk re legal costs and accepted the recommendation

The meeting closed at 8.20

Signed



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Clerk's Report October 2025

Public Open Space

Hopefully not another false dawn but there appears to be progress with Morris and Bloor developments.

Awaiting an onsite meeting with Bloor's surveyors and am seeking confirmation that some of the conditions attached to Morris are acceptable as there is an issue around the s104 adoption. I am chasing HBC regarding this.

Xmas Tree

Confirmed for delivery around 1st December.

Manor Farm Road Planter

Arranged purchase of plants for 16th October.

Poppies

Arranging groups to install before end of October.

Residents' Issues

I continue to forward these to Borough Councillors and appropriate HBC officers.

Police Liaison

We have new officers to meet with - PCSO Christine Hogan and a new beat manager PC Ethan Lines

Academy

The Chair and I are due to meet with representatives of the Academy to re-set the regular meetings regarding the use of sport and leisure facilities.

Benches

We have the opportunity to purchase some remembrance benches at a cost of £492 each plus £252 for the provision of bases and their installation, a total of £744 each. We have £1000 in the current year's budget. Suggested locations include the bridle path.

The decision of the council is requested

Arthur Neil

Clerk

21st October 2025