

Minutes of the Meeting of Sandymoor Parish Council

Held 27th November 2025

Hazlehurst, Acton's Wood Lane

Part A

1/11/5 Present

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

Borough Councillor N Connolly
5 members of the public

2/11/25 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs T Willett and P Wright and Borough Councillor Sian Davidson.

3/11/25 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

4/11/25 Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October 2025

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

5/11/25 Community Engagement.

No questions had been received in advance from the public

6/11/25 PCSO written report.

A written report from the PCSO was receiving highlighting the following issues:

Police were trying to identify several youths from incidents at the Co-op in Windmill Hill. These may be the same ones who had been involved in issues also in Sandymoor Co-op. Police had also arranged with some parents of these youths, to attend the Police Station for interviews the following week.

Members noted that there would be no PCSOs in the area in the following financial year but four new beat police officers were anticipated.

Signed Chair 18th December 2025

7/11/25 Clerk's Report

The Clerk submitted a written report.

The Council approved actions taken under Financial Regulation 5.12 regarding cutting back of trees near Potton Close.

Council noted that the Police had requested Tagmasters to be situated on Newmoore Lane. However, it was now felt that the road between the shops and the next roundabout would be a better location.

The remainder of the report was noted.

8/11/25 Working Group updates

Cllr Schon reported on a recent meeting of the Health and Safety Working Group.

Whilst the group were supportive of the campaign for a crossing on Newmoore Lane they felt that attention needed to be given immediately to the condition of the Village Centre at Otterburn Street.

It was suggested that 'Welcome to Sandymoor' signs be approved with a reference to the 30 mph limit – this was agreed.

9/11/25 Borough Council Report including Highways issues

Cllr Connolly reported that all cones had now been removed from the A56 and that checking work was underway which accounted for some of the temporary speed limits.

Wharford Lane flood relief seemed to be working. HBC were waiting for approval to re-gravel a section of footpath to complete the work.

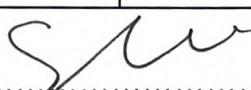
10/11/25 Planning Applications

With regard to planning application 25/00485/OUTEIA the Council wished to express concern about another village centre without any proposed health facilities such as a GP surgery or a dentist.

11/11/25 Accounts for payment

The following schedule of November payments was approved

Name	Description	Ex VAT	VAT	Total
Staff	Salaries	1418.88	0.00	1418.88

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HMRC	Employer Tax & NI Payments	358.75	0.00	358.75
Cheshire Pensions	Employer Pension Payment	469.19	0.00	469.19
A L Neil	Expenses		0.00	71.99
Microsoft	Office 365 Package	24.99	5.00	29.99
CLM Ltd	Tree Pruning	1170.00	234.00	1404.00
Northwich TC	Christmas Tree supply & installation	1755.00	351.00	2106.00
BCMw Ltd	Remembrance Benches x 3	1222.50	244.50	1467.00
UK Land Registry	Land Registry Documents	64.97	0.00	64.97
Breakthrough Communications	Local Council Data Protection Toolkit	595.00	119.00	714.00
	Totals	7145.61	959.16	8104.77

12/11/25 Finance Report

The RFO presented the following Financial Report

Current Account:

Precept: £15,177.82

Excess POS Dividends (In Current A/C): £19,449.13

Sink Fund Dividends & Rent (In Current A/C): £436.82

Total: **£35,063.77**

Savings Accounts:

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

POS Money in Charity Account: £55,532.26

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 (21st October 2025 – 24th November 2025):

Expenditure: £4,533.55

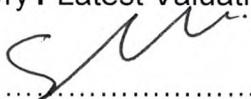
Transfers from Current to Savings: £0

Income: £9,386.60

Transfers from Savings to Current: £0.00

Investments:

POS Dowry1 Latest Valuation: £709,354.71

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Dividend Received for Quarter (31st Oct 2025): £7949.78

Sink Fund2 Latest Valuation: £38,977.37

Dividend Received for Quarter (31st Oct 2025): £436.82

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.

Cllr Graves reported that CCLA was being acquired by Jupiter Funds Management plc. There were not expected to be any changes to how the fund interacted with the Parish Council. The Clerk would ask ChALC and NALC if there were any observations from the Parish Council sector.

It was agreed to purchase the Local Council Data Protection Toolkit at a cost of £714.00 inc VAT

13/11/25 Budget 2026-2027

The Council considered the draft budget previously discussed by the Finance Working Group and presented by the RFO.

Resolved that the precept for 2026-2027 be £50,587 a Band D charge of £29.09, unchanged from the current year

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

PART B

Public Open Space Report

1. The Clerk reported on recent work with Bloor and Morris which it was hoped would lead to a successful outcome soon.
2. With regard to SLA 1 which was due to complete at the end of March 2026, it was agreed that if the council was not able to confirm transfers of other land by the December meeting, that the Clerk would issue an ITT for this in early January. It was agreed that work on trees as approved in minute 7/11/25 would be excluded from the ITT.

Next Meeting Thursday 18th December

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Clerk's Report November 2025

Potton Close

Our contractor has carried out works in the area cutting back trees which were causing problems/potential problems for residents. This was authorised under Financial Regulation 5.12 and should now be formally approved by the Council.

I have asked our insurers if we have a claim and they are looking into it.

Village Centre

I've had several complaints about the general state of the area and particularly the builders' material left there. These have been passed on.

Poppies

We have had much favourable comment on the poppies. I'll be arranging for their removal second week in December. It has suggested we purchase another 20 for 2026 which I think we could manage.

Anti- Social Behaviour

I've had the following message from a resident via the website:

Just wanted to make the parish council aware, we've had to report an incident to the police, twice in the matter of days we've had our front door kicked at at night. Quite frightening, we thought somebody was trying to break in. I've also done a little search online and noticed Thames Valley Police have put an alert out on the same problem in their area. TREND WARNING: DOOR KICKING CHALLENGE – Thames Valley Alert <https://share.google/DVwEpXekISyHmPujl>

The (local) Police also mentioned there have been no reports of anti- social behaviour in the area, and want to encourage people to report any incidents of any anti- social nature.

Tagmasters

We had an offer from the Police for Tagmasters to monitor traffic in the area. We have asked for them to be installed near the Keckwick brook crossing on Newmoore Lane and the PCSO has made the request. Information received from this may help with our request for a pedestrian crossing on the lane.

Christmas Tree

Northwich Town Council arrived to install on 19th November to find that the area had now been planted with small shrubs. Ashall's have agreed that we can move them but it means that Northwich TC will have to make another trip and some additional work will be involved.

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I have asked for an update on maintenance, repair and moving.

Arthur Neil,

Clerk 19th November 2025