

**Minutes of the Meeting of Sandymoor Parish Council held 22nd February 2024
at Hazlehurst, Acton's Wood Lane**

Present

Cllrs S Mahon, Chair, T Willett, Vice Chair, S Hurst, B Schon and J Secker
Borough Councillor M Ryan, plus 5 members of the public.

1/2/24 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Graves, Irvine and Wright

2/2/24 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hurst declared an interest in any matters relating to the Sandymoor Ormiston Academy.

3/2/24 Minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2024

These were approved as a correct record

4/2/24 PCSO report

The PCSO had been unable to attend but asked the Council to let her know of any serious issues. The Clerk was trying to arrange for bi-monthly attendance by the PCSO

5/2/24 Community Engagement.

These questions had been notified to the Clerk by noon on 20th February.
Speed Indicator Device. Cllr Schon explained why the SID had been positioned as it had been. It was agreed to undertake further monitoring work to report activities by some construction traffic.

Another resident had contacted re various items. The outstanding ones were (a) the painting of the sunflowers. It was agreed to seek a quote for this and (b) the maintenance of the car park by the shops which was being pursued by Cllr Ryan

6/2/24 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's written report was received.

Following the success of the two training events, members were asked to consider what other similar activities could be undertaken.

7/2/24 Policy Reviews

It was agreed to adopt revised model Standing Orders

8/2/24 Parish Council Elections 2024

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council elections would take place on 2nd May 2024 with the Borough Council publishing the Notice on 18th March.

The Clerk had arranged to collect a supply of nomination packs which he would bring to the March meeting.

In readiness the Council agreed to publish a guide to the elections published by the Electoral Commission.

9/2/24 Summer Fair

The Chair reported that there had been an informal meeting to discuss holding a summer fair on 6th July. The Council were in agreement and any members interested in supporting were asked to contact the Clerk or Cllr Tom Willett who had agreed to Chair the working group.

10/2/24 Borough Council Report including Highways issues

Cllr Ryal reported that he was about to re-start face to face surgeries, and that the temporary traffic lights on the Expressway were now switched off when construction work was not ongoing.

11/2/24 Planning Applications

There were none to discuss

12/2/24 Accounts for payment

The following payments were approved.

		Net	VAT	Total
Staff	Salaries	1158.06		1158.06
HMRC	Employer Tax & NI Payments	171.10		171.10
Cheshire Pensions	Employer Pension Payment	383.70		383.70
A L Neil	Expenses	64.99	2.20	67.19
L A Irvine	Expenses	0.00		0.00
Microsoft	Office 365 Standard	20.60	4.12	24.72
Microsoft	Office 365 Basic	4.90	0.98	5.88
Shires Accountants	Back pay and adjustment calculations	30.00	6.00	36.00
Zurich	Insurance	581.31		581.31
	Totals	2409.66	13.30	2422.96

Previous Bank Balance (18 Jan 2024):	£83,226.92
Total Bank Balance (18 Feb 2024):	£136,717.45
Current Bank Balance (18 Feb 2024):	£86,080.07
Savings Account (18 Feb 2024):	£50,637.38
Expenditure (18 Jan 2024 – 18 Feb 2024):	£7,648.78
Income (18 Jan 2024 – 18 Feb 2024):	£10,501.93
POS Dowry1:	£707,686.66
Dividend Received for Quarter (31 Oct 2023):	£9,007.02
Sink Fund2:	£38,885.71
Dividend Received for Quarter (31 Oct 2023):	£494.91

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

14/2/24 Public Open Space

The Chair updated members on discussions with Homes England which could lead to additional land being transferred to the Parish Council.

15/2/24 Investment Strategy

Further to a meeting on Tuesday 20th of the Finance Working Group it was agreed that the Council develop a working relationship with Arlingclose for ongoing advice.

The meeting closed at 8.35



Clerk's Report February 2024

Defibrillator

The third defibrillator is now live at the Academy. If there any suggestions for the location of a fourth defibrillator I believe the Ambulance Service would be receptive.

SID

Our Speed Indicator Device has now been installed on Walsingham and will be relocated at our suggestion in three months' time. I have asked for the data from the Newmoore Lane SID.

Summer Fair

A meeting of some interested parties is being held on 19th February and will be reported to the meeting.

MP Meeting

The Chair, Vice Chair and I had a useful meeting with Mr Amesbury on 9th February. He has promised to support our ongoing endeavours to bring about improvements to the parish especially around the Public Open Space areas.

We also re-affirmed our belief in the need for a local school.

PCSO

The PCSO is unable to attend this meeting and has asked us to tell her of any issues. I am still seeking a commitment to an attendance at alternate meetings.

Residents' Issues

I regularly receive concerns about street maintenance, village centre car park, street signs etc. I am pleased to say that collaborative efforts between me and the Borough Councillors normally achieve results.

First Aid Training 30th January

This seemed to be well received by those who attended, and I was asked if the Parish Council planned any further similar events. Do the council wish to pursue this?

Arthur Neil

Clerk

20th February 2024