

Minutes of the meeting of Sandymoor Parish Council

27th June 2024 Hazlehurst, Acton's Wood Lane 7 p.m.

Present

Cllrs S Mahon (Chair), T Willett (Vice Chair), S Hurst, C Lowe and B Schön
Arthur Neil (Clerk)
Six members of the public
Borough Councillors Connolly, Davidson and Ryan

1/6/24 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Graves, J Secker and P Wright and Louise Irvine (RFO)

2/6/24 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hurst declared an interest in the Academy.

3/6/24 Minutes of the May meetings

These were agreed as a correct record.

4/6/24 Grant Application

Members had received a written application form from the NorthWest Basketball Partnership and Adam Irvine attended to answer questions and promote the application.

It was agreed to donate £1000 to the organisation.

5/6/24 Community Engagement

No questions had been submitted by residents and none were raised at the meeting.

6/6/24 Appointment of Working Groups

Working Groups were appointed as follows:

Public Open Space: - Cllrs S Mahon, C Lowe, T Willett and S Hurst

Finance: - Cllrs S Mahon, M Graves, P Wright and S Hurst

Health and Safety: -Cllrs Schon and Wright + M GRAVES

Youth Engagement: - P Wright, T Willett

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7/6/24 Summer Fair

Cllr Willett reported on preparations for the fair on 6th July where over 50 stalls were expected. He and the organising group were congratulated on a great achievement.

8/6/24 Clerk's Report

The Clerk submitted a written report.

It was noted that representatives of the Youth Group at the Academy would attend the September meeting and that in view of the interest shown discussions would take place regarding the greenhouse project at Hazlehurst.

It was agreed to hold the summer strategy meeting before the July Council meeting. It was noted that the council's information leaflet and website had been appreciated by other Parish Councils.

Benches. Following an enquiry by a resident it was agreed to replace two benches on Pitts Heath Lane using the same supplier as we had used previously.

9/6/24 Borough Councillors' Report

Each of the Borough Councillors reported on their activities over the previous month.


10/6/24 Planning Applications

There were none the council wished to comment on.

11/6/24 Accounts for payment

The following payments were approved

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Vat</u>	<u>Total</u>
Staff	Salaries	1154.26		1154.26
HMRC	Employer Tax & NI Payments	169.90		169.90
Cheshire Pensions	Employer Pension Payment	375.04		375.04
A L Neil	Expenses	19.80		19.80
L A Irvine	Expenses	35.00		35.00
Microsoft	Office 365 Standard	20.60	4.12	24.72
Microsoft	Office 365 Basic	4.90	0.98	5.88
Brian Humphries	Removal & replacement of soil bund	200.00	40.00	240.00
Brandon Hire Station	Hire of crowd control barrier	282.83	56.57	339.40
Business Waste.	Bin Emptying Invoice: P1407510	156.00	31.20	187.20
CLM Ltd	Jubilee Forest Maintenance Quarterly Invoice	1080.00	216.00	1296.00

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CLM Ltd	POS Maintenance Quarterly Invoice	2571.16	514.23	3085.39
Vistaprint	Flyers & Leaflets for Fair	46.21	9.24	55.45
	Totals	6115.70	872.34	6988.04

12/6/24 Finance Report

The Clerk gave the following report:

Previous Bank Balance (20 May 2024):	£134,007.50
Total Bank Balance:	£187,953.47
Current Bank Balance (24 Jun 2024):	£136,903.53
Savings Account (24 Jun 2024):	£51,049.94
Expenditure (20 May 2024 – 24 Jun 2024):	£3,114.88
Income (20 May 2024 – 24 Jun 2024):	£6,010.91
POS Dowry ¹ :	£695,176.90
Dividend Received for Quarter (30 Apr 2024):	£9,077.28
Sink Fund ² :	£38,198.33
Dividend Received for Quarter (30 Apr 2024):	£498.78

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

13/6/24 Public Outdoor Space

A proposal from the current contractor for an increase in price was approved as it was within the contract.

14/6/24 Update on Public Outdoor Space transfers

The Chair updated members on the impending transfers of land.

The meeting closed at 8.45

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Clerk's Report to Council June 2024

Youth Engagement

I have been in touch with the Academy re the greenhouse project. The Head has agreed to put me in touch with their Eco- school's lead who she believes will be very enthusiastic when we discuss next term.

A group will also be attending our September meeting to tell us about their findings on a 'How to improve Runcorn' project.

Benches

I've been asked if the benches on Pitts Heath Lane near Dorchester belong to the Parish Council as they are somewhat dilapidated. HBC say they are not theirs. I've been advised they may have been placed there by the Parish Council approx. 10 years ago.

Sandymoor Leaflet

Apparently, our leaflet has been admired in Moore and Daresbury and I've been asked to supply a few copies to each.

Annual Strategy Meeting

Council are asked to agree venue and date for the summer strategy meeting in July or August.

Arthur Neil

Clerk